

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS OF THE PALATINE PARK DISTRICT, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, HELD IN THE PALATINE TOWNSHIP SENIOR CENTER, IN SAID DISTRICT, AT 505 S. QUENTIN ROAD, PALATINE, ILLINOIS ON JULY 28, 2009 AT 7:00 P.M.

These Minutes are not a verbatim record of what was said during the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER @ 7:00P.M.

Commissioners Present

Andrew McPherson, President
Susan Gould, Vice President
Jennifer Rogers, Treasurer

John Cozza
Nicholas Sawyer

Staff Present

Ron Gbur, Executive Director
Pat Moser, Supt. of Parks & Planning
Keith Williams, Supt. of Recreation
Raul Zaldivar, Supt. of Revenue Facilities

Tina Becke, Asst. Supt. of Finance
Ed Tynczuk, Asst. Supt. of Parks
Donelda Danz, Asst. Supt. of Recreation
Bonnie Bennett, Secretary

Citizens and Guests

Bob Alexander, PHGA Liaison

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Gould moved, and Commissioner Rogers seconded, that the Board approve the meeting's agenda. By a voice vote, the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of July 28, 2009 was unanimously approved as submitted.

AYE: Nicholas Sawyer, John Cozza, Jennifer Rogers, Susan Gould, Andrew McPherson

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Rogers moved, and Commissioner Gould seconded, that the Board approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 14, 2009. By a voice vote, the minutes of the prior meeting were unanimously approved as submitted.

AYE: Nicholas Sawyer, John Cozza, Jennifer Rogers, Susan Gould, Andrew McPherson

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

The Board reviewed the previously distributed written Parks and Planning Department Report. Moser highlighted the Village of Palatine's approval of both the Falcon Park electronic sign board, and the re-subdivision of property abutting Locust Park - neighbors have contacted us wanting a Bocce Ball court there; Falcon Park going along real well which commissioners will see on Saturday's tour. Responding to Commissioner Rogers, staff explained the 'proof roll' at the Falcon Park parking lot; the problem has been fixed and the parking lot passed; exact amount not known but have heard it could be as much as \$50,000. Commissioner Gould said that JULIE has flagged areas around Hamilton, i.e. along Plum Grove, Smith and Cunningham Roads; does anyone know why? Moser said that staff was not aware but would investigate.

The Board reviewed the previously distributed written Revenue Facilities Report. Zaldivar stated that June was not a very good month financially, stats for comparison were provided; brought two additional proposals for a Dundee Road sign, a company that has done work for Buffalo Park District gave an estimates of \$4,350 for one in fiberglass with embedded panel; another that uses a 'pressed' wood and has worked with Naperville Park District estimated \$3,000; a wood sign, from the company we currently use, is \$4,900 – a difference of less than \$2,000 for wood; all are two-sided. Gbur said that the Board could observe a sample of the signage during the Board Tour Saturday while in Buffalo Grove. Some discussion ensued regarding wording on the sign - DRIVING RANGE to be added – and sign location; staff considers the best place to put the sign for viewing in either direction is an area between Sanctuary Cove and Wellington, IDOT property, will need to contact them for permission; will contact the Village of Palatine as well; Golf Course Superintendent Helms will mark the spot for the Board Tour on Saturday.

Gbur said that there were no more Departmental Reports.

RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS

President McPherson gave the floor to Bob Alexander. Alexander said that members of the PHGA met with Golf Course staff and selected a location on the 16th tee to plant the tree in memory of John Dempster; PHGA extends their thanks to the Board and staff.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

President McPherson noted that there was no unfinished business to address at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board reviewed a previously distributed Board Summary pertaining to a request to change starting time for tournament games. Commissioner Cozza moved, and Commissioner Rogers seconded, that the Board approve Celtic Soccer Labor Day Committee's request to advance their game schedule at Hamilton Fields to begin at 7 a.m. for Saturday 9/5, Sunday 9/6, and Monday 9/7/09. Staff responded to questions and some discussion ensued noting that games started at 7 a.m. in the past, this was to be the first year games were not to begin before 8 a.m. at Ost Field and Hamilton Sports Fields; alternatives looked at such as using Osage Park, Sycamore Park or Cardinal Park; will only be for this year due to loss of Palatine High School fields; expect same number of teams as last year; requesting Monday games as a hedge against weather related make-up games; teams are to be advised that they cannot arrive at fields earlier than 6:30 a.m. – these are neighborhoods, also ask teams to be considerate of neighbors and use common sense. President McPherson requested a roll call vote, the result of which follows:

AYE: Nicholas Sawyer, John Cozza, Jennifer Rogers, Andrew McPherson

NAY: Susan Gould

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

The Board reviewed a previously distributed Board Summary pertaining to a memorandum of understanding forming a network consortium. Commissioner Rogers moved, and Commissioner Cozza seconded, that the Board direct the Executive Director to sign the Northwest Suburban Network Consortium (NSNC) Memorandum of Understanding between Township High School District 211 and Palatine Park District. At the Board's request, Becke explained that this is a plan to provide for a stable infrastructure of fiber optics throughout the district reducing costs and creating a network backbone; no monies are being spent at this time excepting those by the Village of Palatine and District 211 for the initial costs in applying for a grant; twenty-one public entities in District 211 area are invited to get in on the ground floor, and we can drop out at any time; hoping this will help with wireless connections to 'outlying' facilities, e.g. pools, Stables, Golf Course, Falcon, etc.; network will be protected. The Board agreed that it would be nice to get WiFi in town. President McPherson requested a roll call vote, the result of which follows:

AYE: John Cozza, Jennifer Rogers, Susan Gould, Nicholas Sawyer, Andrew McPherson

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

The Board reviewed a previously distributed Monthly Financial Report dated June 2009. President McPherson asked why we seem to be lagging behind in tax receipts compared to 2008, and Gbur responded that in 2008 we received carry-overs from the prior year (2007).

The Board reviewed a previously distributed list of bills. Commissioner Rogers moved that Warrant #14, in the amount of \$1,695,906.64, be approved and released for payment. Commissioner Gould seconded the motion. There were no questions or comments. President McPherson requested a roll call vote, the result of which follows.

AYE: Jennifer Rogers, Susan Gould, Nicholas Sawyer, John Cozza, Andrew McPherson

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

Gbur stated that there was no more new business.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Board reviewed the previously distributed Executive Director's Report. Gbur highlighted the 'Commissioners' Letter' saying that the theme was good, touching on a lot of opportunities that the Park District offers

the public; thank you to Commissioner Cozza for putting it together this year. Some discussion ensued pertaining to the paragraph about the Community Center with commissioners commenting that we should not be saying anything regarding this Village matter; expressed concerns of overstepping our bounds with the Village, and implied “possibilities”; history of Community Center, cooperation with other governmental agencies or information about Palatine Hills fall programming would fit.

Gbur then highlighted a meeting with neighboring residents regarding Falcon Park drainage, road and parking lot construction; Moser said that the meeting went well but now neighbors want the bushes moved. Gbur said that he and Moser will meet commissioners and architect Andy Dogan at the Osage Park parking lot at 9 a.m. on Saturday then drive onto the Falcon Park site from the Hicks Road entrance; from there the group will proceed to the Spray ‘N Play at Glen Ellen, then visit the splash pad in Buffalo Grove; please allow about three hours for the tour.

COMMISSIONERS’ COMMENTS

Commissioner Rogers said that she would be attending the Park District’s Cubs trip the next day.

Commissioner Cozza said that he attended the Schaumburg Flyers/Bandits game Monday evening; stadium was packed – record crowd; the ladies won.

President McPherson requested Future Agenda Items; none were presented.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board on this date, Commissioner Rogers moved that the meeting be adjourned. Commissioner Gould seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by a voice vote at 7:47 p.m.

AYE: Nicholas Sawyer, John Cozza, Jennifer Rogers, Susan Gould, Andrew McPherson
NAY: None
ABSENT: None

Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie Bennett, Secretary

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

/s/ Bonnie M. Bennett
Secretary

/s/ Andrew S. McPherson
President

Next regularly scheduled Park Board meetings: Aug. 1, 2009 – Park Board Tour
Aug. 11, 2009
Aug. 25, 2009
Sept. 8, 2009