

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 AUGUST 25, 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

Commissioner Absent

Nicholas Sawyer

Staff Present

Ron Gbur, Executive Director
Debbie Smith, Supt. of Finance & Personnel
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
Kevin Romejko, Human Resource Mgr.
Pam Stoltz, Recreation Manager
Kelli Hedding, Falcon Recreation Center Mgr.
Deb Owen, Public Information Mgr.
Bonnie Bennett, Secretary

Citizens and Guests

Reid Ottesen, Palatine Village Manager,
Bob Alexander, PHGA Liaison
Joe Hovanec, JHG Benefits
Steve Maas, PBA
Scott Jacobs
Tony Sansone
Bruce Terry

Clint Terry, Palatine Blue Jays
Eric Paulson, Palatine Blue Jays
Zenon Kolakowski, Palatine Blue Jays
Sean Stutzman, Palatine Blue Jays
Don Torgersen, American Legion #690
Jeff Ryder, Post 690 Baseball Coach

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Gould moved, and Commissioner Cozza seconded, that the meeting's agenda be approved. By a voice vote, the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of August 25, 2009 was unanimously approved as submitted.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Nicholas Sawyer

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Rogers moved, and Commissioner Gould seconded, that the Board approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 11, 2009. By a voice vote, the minutes of the prior meeting were unanimously approved as submitted.

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

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

The Board reviewed the previously distributed written Parks and Planning Department Report. Moser highlighted *Golf Nation*, saying that they missed the deadline again; will stay on top of this; they said it would be done in September, if not, will turn it over to legal counsel.

The Board reviewed the previously distributed written Revenue Facilities Report. Zaldivar said that he was pleased with the month of July's numbers, and August is also going well so far. He highlighted two recent newspaper articles, one, in last Friday's Chicago Tribune, had a picture of Palatine Hills and comments from our Head Pro Dan Hotchkin; the Daily Herald had an overview of the Boys golf season and Fremd's Boys' Team Coach spoke of their move to Hillside indicating that the course had better, faster greens and a rougher course that would better prepare his team for state competition. Zaldivar said that he contacted the coach and expressed our displeasure saying that in the future he should have been more up-front giving his 'real' reasons for relocating his team; he felt the coach's 'public' comments were out of line since we were not aware that course conditions were a major point.

Gbur said that there were no more Departmental Reports; however the Rec Department has a new staff member to introduce. Williams then introduced Kelli Hedding who has taken the position of Falcon Park Recreation Center Manager; she comes to us from Northbrook Park District. Kelli said that she worked at Northbrook for seven years as a Leisure Services Superintendent and was excited to be here in Palatine.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board reviewed a previously distributed Board Summary pertaining to a Resolution of Recognition. Commissioner Gould moved, and Commissioner Cozza seconded, that the Board approve Resolution #09-06, recognizing and congratulating the Palatine Blue Jays and their sponsor, American Legion Post 690, upon becoming the 2009 Illinois Legion State Champions. The motion was unanimously approved by a voice vote as follows:

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

RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS

Director Gbur introduced Don Torgersen, general manager of the Palatine Blue Jays, who introduced Head Coach Jeff Ryder. Coach Ryder introduced four members of the team that had not left for school yet. President McPherson read aloud Resolution #09-06, presenting the plaque to the team on behalf of the Board recognizing their State Championship title. Ryder, on behalf of the team, expressed their thanks. Noting that the Post Commander was unable to attend, Torgersen, on the Legion's behalf, thanked the Park District for all their help and support extended during the Tourney; the accomplishment of a championship title meant a lot to the team, their families and the many volunteers; the Park District provides outstanding recreation

opportunities and areas for the community; as to raising funds, some local and regional Legion posts and parents that contributed most.

Palatine's Village Manager, Reid Ottesen, then addressed the Board giving a power-point presentation updating the Board and staff on Palatine's Tax Increment Financing (TIF) districts (copy attached to official minutes). Ottesen explained the TIFs, pointing out the various TIF districts and when established (1995-2003); how funds were spent, i.e. TIF administration, financing/studies/surveys/professional costs, property acquisition, public improvements/rehab/renovation—all within TIF districts; how EAV in these areas have grown, and a summary of business and residential redevelopment efforts. Ottesen then addressed TIF obligations and possible retirement plans, i.e. distribution of monies to the various local taxing bodies that had been affected including the effect it may have on future tax cap limitations; refilling vacated spaces before retiring, hopeful a more stable economy will bring business back; can get a TIF expert to attend the a TIF Review Board meeting to provide answers; representatives from each agency involved will be invited and should bring suggestions for the use of the TIF monies—must be in TIF area.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

ADDITIONAL NEW BUSINESS

The Board reviewed a previously distributed Board Summary pertaining to bids for 2010 quarterly catalog. Commissioner Rogers moved, and Commissioner Gould seconded, that the Board accept the bid of Action Printing in the amount of \$68,238 for the printing of the next four seasonal catalogs. Responding to questions, Owen said that the previous contractor was John S. Swift of Des Plaines, this year's low bidder is located in Wisconsin. President McPherson said that a pamphlet he received from the Village was printed out of state; not sure what we can do legally, but surely there are businesses in the northwest suburbs or at least in our state that we could use; do we have to take bids from all over? Commissioner Cozza said that a portion of city and state bids are specifically delegated to minority owned companies. President McPherson asked that we find out our options. President McPherson requested a roll call vote, the result of which follows:

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Nicholas Sawyer

Motion carried.

The Board reviewed a previously distributed Board Summary pertaining to Group Health Insurance renewal. Commissioner Gould moved, and Commissioner Cozza seconded, that the Board approve the renewal of the Park District's group health program with TransAmerican (Cairnstone Underwriter) for the twelve month period beginning October 1, 2009, and ending September 30, 2010 as presented by staff and the Insurance Committee in the Board summary. Commissioners commented to the excellent job that the employees and the insurance committee did this past year and employee contributions will remain as the same; very good attendance at the HRA Wellness Lunch & Learn program, which is on the employee's time. Romejko noted that although attending three programs gave the employee a day off, several attend all five; this year's program is a 'building' program with the same presenter scheduled. Responding to questions, Hovanec said that the renewal plan shifts more risk responsibility to the employer with a stop loss at \$75,000 per individual and

\$175,000 for an ongoing claim; insurance reserve account will be used to offset incurred expenses – if any; average age of Park District employee is 50.1 years, network is the same, and yes, Blue Cross/Blue Shield did decline us. President McPherson requested a roll call vote, the result of which follows:

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Nicholas Sawyer

Motion carried.

The Board reviewed a previously distributed Monthly Financial Report dated July 2009. Smith directed the Board's attention to a new item line 'Falcon Park Recreation Center' noting that the \$875 in revenues is Basketball registration for first and second grade; Deb Owen has created a link on our website for rentals.

The Board reviewed a previously distributed list of bills. Commissioner Rogers moved that Warrant #16, in the amount of \$1,793,566.09, 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: Susan Gould, John Cozza, Jennifer Rogers, Andrew McPherson

NAY: None

ABSENT: Nicholas Sawyer

Motion carried.

Gbur stated that there was no more new business.

ACTING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Board reviewed the previously distributed Acting Director's Report. Gbur said that he would respond to any questions. Commissioner Rogers asked about a recent IAPD email pertaining to the CPI being tacked on to debt service. Gbur explained that the park districts debt service extension base will now be increased annually by the CPI and the term of a bond can now be 25 years instead of 20; a minimum percentage cap did not pass. Gbur stated that we were in need of a 'starter' for the Feet Fest on Sunday. Three commissioners were running, and Commissioner Gould was unavailable; Commissioner Sawyer will be contacted to see if he would be available.

The Board reviewed the previously distributed Pending Projects List. There were no questions or comments.

Smith distributed the 2010 Master Plan and Budget binders for the Board to look over prior to the next meeting, and Gbur distributed a hard copy of his 'PowerPoint' presentation. Highlighting the 2010 Goals & Objective process timeline, he pointed out the 'steps' and dates for the process, asking that questions be presented to him prior to the September 8 meeting; 2009 Needs and Solutions - few large projects this year other than Falcon Park which is progressing on time, in the developing process for Eagle and Willowood pools, and greens surrounds will be started in September. 2010 Pending Needs and Solutions: at least one year needed to review, and adjust Falcon Park operations; need an aquatics master plan, reactivate pools

committee; after Labor Day meet with Mayor regarding new Village Hall—important to planning Community Center roofing replacement (\$500,000); re-configure Palatine Hills to get away from flood plain, maybe move clubhouse to Dundee Road, should consult an architect - need a plan; good time to replace phone system tying everything together; convert FAC/Eagle pools' gas chlorine system to pellets - vendors can no longer sell to us.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Cozza congratulated President McPherson on his recent achievement of running everyday for ten years.

Commissioner Gould said that she got over to see the Buffalo Grove spray park; she suggested viewing the Wisconsin Dells website which has about 25 spray features, some pretty fancy.

President McPherson said that he read that Libertyville is raising property taxes to pay operational expenses for their Sports Complex; hopefully we will not.

President McPherson stated that he would like discussion of TIF items on a future agenda; there were no other items presented.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board on this date, Commissioner Gould moved that the meeting be adjourned. Commissioner Cozza seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by a voice vote at 8:17 p.m.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Nicholas Sawyer

Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie Bennett, Secretary

ATTEST:

/s/ Bonnie M. Bennett
Secretary

APPROVED:

/s/ Andrew S. McPherson
President

Next regularly scheduled Park Board meetings: September 8, 2009
September 22, 2009
September 26, 2009—Falcon Park Tour
October 12, 2009 (Monday)