

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 OCTOBER 27, 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

Nicholas Sawyer
John Cozza

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
Pam Stoltz, Recreation Manager
Jeff Greene, Theatre Coordinator
Carol Lange, Cultural Arts Coordinator
Dan Hotchkin, Head Golf Professional

Citizens and Guests

Terry Ellis, Celtic Soccer
Liz Maloney, Cub Scouts Pack 359
Betty Spartz, Cub Scouts Pack 359
David Contreras, Palatine
Chris O'Reilly, Cub Scouts Pack 359
Rajneesh Singh, Cub Scouts Pack 359
Steve Maas, Palatine Baseball Association

Gary Gray, Palatine Baseball Association
Tony Sansone, Palatine Baseball Association
Scott Jacobs, Palatine Baseball Association
Joel Kraudel, Palatine Baseball Association
Ken Mattuck, Palatine Hills Golf Association
Bob Mathieson, Palatine Hills Golf Association
Bob Alexander, Palatine Hills Golf Association

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Gould moved and Commissioner Rogers seconded, that the meeting's agenda be approved. By a voice vote, the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of October 27, 2009 was unanimously approved as submitted.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Gould moved, and Commissioner Rogers seconded, that the Board approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 12, 2009. By a voice vote, the minutes of the prior meeting were approved as submitted.

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

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

The Board reviewed the previously distributed Parks and Planning Department Report. Commissioner Cozza commented on the Colfax garage. Superintendent Moser stated the concrete floor would be poured next week. Commissioner Cozza commented that the Birchwood South Bridge was impressive and also wondered why the field drains slowly. Superintendent Moser stated Birchwood South is designed to flood. Commissioner Cozza asked if the Birchwood pool pipe damage was under warranty and Superintendent Moser said the warranty expired after one year.

The Board reviewed the previously distributed Revenue Facilities Department Report. President McPherson noted the improvements in September's rounds and revenue for Palatine Hills Golf Course. Superintendent Zaldivar agreed that September was a better month; however, next month's report will not be as positive.

The Board reviewed the previously distributed Summer Concert Series Report for 2009. Highlighting well-known acts over the number of concerts, Coordinator Lange mentioned the Sunday rain date for American English was well attended. Commissioner Rogers asked if next year's performances would include Sundays. Coordinator Lange will consider Sundays as the 2010 schedule is developed. The abundant rain throughout the series caused the Parks Department to pump water out of the Amphitheatre to keep from canceling one of the Wednesday performances. Overall attendance was reduced because of the weather. Coordinator Greene said that by not scheduling rainouts for Cutting Hall it allowed \$23,000 in revenue to be generated from 12 rentals. Commissioner Cozza said it was a great season and a job well done by all the staff involved. Commissioner Cozza especially liked the movie nights and hopes for additional movie nights in the future.

The Board reviewed the previously distributed Summer Program Evaluation Report for 2009. Superintendent Williams mentioned that camps were larger than last year, even compared to other surrounding park district camps. Fitness memberships were maintained and the Fitness Center review will be on the November 10 agenda. Commissioner Cozza noted that open gym at Birchwood was irregular. Superintendent Williams responded that the scheduling issues make it difficult to be consistent with open gym at Birchwood. Executive Director Gbur stated that the dedicated basketball players will attend the more consistently scheduled hours of open gym at Community Center.

President McPherson noted there were no other Departmental Reports.

RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS

President McPherson noted that those listed on the agenda would address the Board first and then other citizens from the audience would have their turn.

Ken Mattuck and Bob Mathiieson, representing the Palatine Hills Golf Association, reviewed a previously distributed Memo to the Board outlining their request for future course improvements at Palatine Hills Golf Course. The Board thanked Mr. Mattuck and Mr. Mathiieson for their presentation and stated that the list will be reviewed with staff. President McPherson mentioned the challenge of updating the course while staying in business. Commissioner Cozza said he thought other courses used discounts to lure players away from our course. Superintendent Zaldivar said some adverse course comments refer to amenities and practice facilities, which are not present at Palatine Hills. Commissioner Sawyer said this year's unfavorable conditions were because of the rain levels exceeding our drainage capacity. Commissioner Gould reminded the audience that Palatine Hills is an enterprise fund, which does not receive tax dollars. Commissioner Cozza noted the recent improvements to the course, which the Corporate Fund supported. Executive Director Gbur mentioned that priorities sometimes change when the leadership of our volunteer boards of our affiliates or the Golf Association changes hands, and perhaps it would be a good time to develop a five-year capital improvement plan for the golf course.

Scott Jacobs and Tony Sansone, representing the Palatine Baseball Association, reviewed an Annual Report that was previously distributed to the Board. This was Mr. Jacobs' last report as President of the association. Mr. Jacobs reported that sponsorships and players have grown in number and there was a three percent increase to the bottom line. The girls program provided most of this increase because of a team being added. Mr. Jacobs mentioned the weather as a difficulty over the season and was thankful for the Parks Department getting the fields into a playable condition. The Palatine Baseball Association plans to improve the scheduling of the fields with better communication to the Parks Department. Mr. Jacobs noted the launch of a new web site, www.pbabaseballsoftball.com, for the association, which has had over 60,000 hits through October. The travel program had some improvements with ground work begun for future years. The success of the program was because of 15 dedicated volunteers. Superintendent Williams mentioned the Palamino players that were recognized at the end of season banquet for being in the program for over 20 years. Commissioner Cozza remarked that the league is impressive.

A resident from the audience, Liz Maloney, addressed the Board representing Cub Scout Pack 359. The Pack was observing local government in action. Ms. Maloney also addressed the Board as a concerned resident with comments about the summer camps. She would like the Park District to expand the capacity of the summer camps to accommodate wait listed participants as well as lengthen the program to cover the ten weeks in which the kids are out of school. Executive Director stated that in the past we've reviewed additional locations for camps near swimming pools but have not been able to make it happen. Gbur also mentioned our positive relationship with the local school districts within the Park District boundaries. Gbur noted the new Falcon Park Recreation Center as another location for Sports Camp next summer. President McPherson thanked Ms. Maloney for her concerns, and Executive Director Gbur said staff will review her concerns for future camps.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

NEW BUSINESS

The Board reviewed a previously distributed Board Summary pertaining to the Annexation of Territory. Commissioner Gould moved, and Commissioner Cozza seconded, that the Board of Park Commissioners adopt Ordinance #09-06 annexing certain territory (Forest Court) into the Palatine Park district.

Commissioner Gould said the subdivision was over 50 years old. Executive Director Gbur said it had been a Village of Palatine well site until about fifteen or twenty years ago and had not been put back on the tax books when sold. Commissioner Cozza thought there would have been a checks-n-balance in place. President McPherson requested a roll call vote on the motion, the result of which follows:

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

The Board reviewed a previously distributed Board Summary pertaining to the Northwest Special Recreation Association Annual Assessment. Commissioner Rogers moved, and Commissioner Cozza seconded, that the Board of Park Commissioners adopt Resolution #09-07 which ratifies the recommended 2010 assessment of \$458,303.24 with payments, one-half each, being made in January and July 2010. President McPherson requested a roll call vote on the motion, 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 September 2009. Commissioner Cozza said that current rates on short term CD's are low; however, he would like to see investments maturing 12 months or more into the future. Commissioner Cozza asked about the IPDLAF program and Asst. Superintendent Becke responded that IPDLAF uses banks across the United States and relies on FDIC insurance for investment protection; therefore, the CD rates are generally higher than local banks. Commissioner Cozza also mentioned the tax receipts comparison noting that receipts are fewer than 50% at this point in 2009 as compared to 2008. Superintendent Smith responded that in January 2008, the Park District received late tax receipts from 2007.

The Board reviewed a previously distributed list of bills. Commissioner Rogers moved that Warrant #20, in the amount of \$1,440,601.49, be approved and released for payment. Commissioner Gould seconded the motion. President McPherson requested a roll call vote on the motion, the result of which follows:

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

President McPherson noted there was no more new business to be addressed at this time.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Board reviewed the previously distributed Executive Director's Report. Highlighting item one, Executive Director Gbur praised Dave Ogorzaly, the artist who designed and painted the Park District's bench for the Chamber's "Best Seat in Town" fundraiser; the bench is now located in Towne Square but will be moved Friday, October 30. Votes for each bench are being tallied on-line and the three benches with the most votes will be included in a live auction conducted Thursday, November 12 at the Cotillion; the other 21 benches will be part of the silent auction. Ten-percent of the earnings from each bench will go back to the bench sponsor's not-for-profit cause; funds generated by the sale of the Park District's sponsored bench will go to the Palatine Park Foundation.

Superintendent Zaldivar distributed to the Board the 2010 Golf Course and Stables budgets giving a brief overview. Superintendent Zaldivar noted that the Stables budget is based on 40 boarders, with the number of school horses remaining the same as 2009. Stables 2009 capital items are being held over and included in the 2010 budget.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Rogers distributed items from the NRPA Congress that she attended October 14-16 in Salt Lake City, UT. Commissioner Rogers spoke with lightning detection and prediction companies; attended sessions with topics on marketing image for referendums, spray parks, profitable water parks, ethics, and canine turf products. Commissioner Gould commented on the letter received from Attorney Charlene Holtz regarding her changing law firms. Commissioner Gould questioned if the rates will be comparable.

President McPherson requested Future Agenda items. There were none.

President McPherson asked for comments from Cub Scout Pack 359 about attending the meeting. Superintendent Williams asked if they would attend summer camp if swimming was not included, and they responded with a resounding no. Their favorite summer camp is Birchwood. Commissioner Gould asked if they knew how the Board obtained their roles, informing them that Board members were elected volunteers.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board on this date, Commissioner Rogers moved that the regular meeting be adjourned; Commissioner Cozza seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by a voice vote at 8:08 p.m.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Becke, Acting Recording Secretary

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

/s/ Bonnie M. Bennett
Secretary

/s/ Andrew S. McPherson
President

Next scheduled Park Board meetings:

November 10, 2009
November 24, 2009
December 8, 2009
December 15, 2009 (third Tuesday of the month)

Board Tour

November 14, 2009, 9:30 a.m.