

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, 505 S. QUENTIN ROAD, PALATINE, ILLINOIS ON FEBRUARY 10, 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

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

John Cozza
Robert Schultz

Staff Present

Ron Gbur, Executive Director/Secretary Pro Tem
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 & Personnel
Donelda Danz, Asst. Supt. of Recreation
Andy Rose, Swim Team Coordinator
Kate Albertson, Intern
Bonnie Bennett, Secretary

Citizens and Guests

Bob Alexander, PHGA
Nick Sawyer, Commissioner Candidate
Dexter Stokes, Commissioner Candidate

Terry Ellis, Celtic Soccer
Eric Anderson. Harris Bank, NA

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Gould moved and Commissioner Cozza seconded, that the Board approve the Agenda for the regular meeting of February 10, 2009. Upon a voice vote, the agenda for the meeting was unanimously approved as submitted.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner McPherson moved, and Commissioner Gould seconded, that the Board approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 27, 2009. By a voice vote, the minutes of the prior meeting were unanimously approved as submitted.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

The Board reviewed the previously distributed Finance and Personnel Department Report. Smith highlighted that our computer supplier, Micron, has filed for bankruptcy; staff will miss them, their government prices were very good and their customer service was second to none. Commissioner Gould said that she had received a complaint that there is no internet accessibility (wireless) in the Senior Center building. Gbur said that he would speak with PTSCC Executive Director Carol Reagan.

The Board reviewed the previously distributed Recreation Department Report. Commenting on registration, Williams said that overall registration numbers for Winter programs are down but some areas are up, i.e. Fitness numbers continue to grow and neither Gymnastics nor Swim Team numbers have dropped; PYB/S and PBA numbers have increased by 80 and 40 respectively from those shown by Registration, and we anticipate some 'last minute' sign ups.

President Rogers noted there were no other Departmental Reports.

RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS

Terry Ellis, PCSC President, addressed the Board saying that the Park District put on a wonderful event Saturday (Volunteer Luncheon); great slide presentation and speech by Fred Hall. Bob Alexander, PHGA liaison, agreed saying that it was a great event with emphasis on volunteers; thank you for the party.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

President Rogers noted that there was no unfinished business to come before the Board at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

President Rogers said that In 2008 the Park District issued General Obligation (Alternate Revenue) Park Bonds in the amount of \$7,000,000 for the purpose of constructing and equipping a new recreation center at Falcon Park and building, maintaining, improving, and protecting existing facilities of the District.

The Park Board has determined that it is in the best interests of the Park District to refund a portion of those bonds. The proceeds of the bond issue under consideration this evening will be used for that purpose. I will now ask our Director to summarize for the Board the offer received by the District for purchase of the refunding bond and the terms of the proposed bond issue.

Gbur said that Harris N.A., Chicago, has offered to purchase a single bond in the principal amount of \$591,500 at par plus accrued interest at the rate of 3.25% per annum to the date of delivery. Delivery is expected to occur on or about April 15, 2009. The Bond is dated April 15, 2009 and will mature on May 1, 2009.

The Bond is being purchased by Harris N.A. for its own investment purposes and not for resale to the public. It will accept a single typewritten bond and it has agreed that the Park District can act as the registrar and paying agent, thereby saving the District money on printing costs and registrar/paying agent fees. Given current market conditions, and the size of the issue the purchase terms offered by Harris N.A. appear to be favorable, within statutory limits, and in the best interest of the Park District.

President Rogers said that she would entertain a motion to accept the offer of Harris N.A. for the purchase of the Bond pursuant to the foregoing terms, to authorize the President and Secretary to sign a purchase agreement with Harris N.A. indicating the District's acceptance, and to deliver a copy thereof to Harris N.A. Commissioner Schultz so moved and Commissioner Gould seconded the motion. Commissioner McPherson asked Eric Anderson to clarify that the bonds are due in two weeks, with a cost/interest of \$854.39. Anderson replied yes, it sounds high but it only for two weeks; this issue will bring the Park District exactly to its debt limit. Commissioner Cozza noted that other costs incurred are for use of legal council. President Rogers requested a roll call vote, the result of which follows.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

President Rogers stated that the Board would now proceed to consideration of the Bond Ordinance, Ordinance No. 09-01, copies of which have been distributed to each of the Park Commissioners present at this meeting as requested. She then requested the Director to summarize for the Board, the legal aspects of the Bond Ordinance. Gbur stated that our attorneys, Friedman & Holtz, P.C., have provided the following summary of the legal aspects of the Bond Ordinance.

The Ordinance serves essentially three purposes: 1) It serves as its own budget and appropriation ordinance with respect to the revenues generated by the issuance of the Bond; 2) It serves as its own tax levy ordinance, i.e. the County Clerk extends the taxes necessary for repayment of the Bond based on the authority provided in this Ordinance, rather than the general annual tax levy ordinance of the District; and, 3) It serves as a contract between the District and the purchaser of the Bond. The District has designated the Bond as a "qualified tax-exempt obligation" pursuant to the small issuer exemption provided by Section 265(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. I call to your attention the various representations and agreements by the District in Section 11 of the Ordinance relative to qualifying for and maintaining the tax status of the Bond.

President Rogers stated that she would now entertain a motion to pass Ordinance #09-01 entitled: "An Ordinance providing for the issue of a \$591,500 General Obligation Park Bond (Limited Tax), Series 2009, of the Palatine Park District, Cook County, Illinois, and for the levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal and interest on said bond." Commissioner McPherson so moved and Commissioner Gould seconded the motion. President Rogers requested a roll call, the result of which follows.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

President Rogers stated that this concludes the business with respect to the issuance of the \$591,500 General Obligation Park Bond (Limited Tax), Series 2009.

The Board reviewed a previously distributed Board Summary pertaining to the purchase of vehicles for the Parks Department. Commissioner Schultz moved and Commissioner McPherson seconded that the Board of Park Commissioners direct staff to issue a purchase order to Reichert Chevrolet for one (1) 2009 4x4 Pick-up; one (1) 2009 4x2 Pick-up, and one (1) 2009 Van at a total cost of \$65,888.29. Responding to commissioners' questions and comments, Moser said that the specs were written for the vehicles we wanted; our mechanic has found that the Chevy get better MPG, and the dual batteries are important for snow removal and other duties; appears under budget but costs do not include special outfitting of each vehicle. President Rogers requested a roll call vote on the motion.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

Motion approved.

The Board reviewed a previously distributed Board Summary pertaining to the purchase of an infield grooming unit. Commissioner Gould moved and Commissioner Schultz seconded that the Board of Park Commissioners direct staff to issue a purchase order in the amount of \$13,103.50 to Burris Equipment. Responding to commissioners' questions, Moser said the cost did not require written bids only quotes (State limit is \$20,000); the additional funds needed for the unit is coming from another purchase (Kubota Cab) that was under budget; all companies quoted prices for the same item, which is used to groom baseball diamonds. President Rogers requested a roll call vote on the motion.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

Motion approved.

The Board reviewed a previously distributed Monthly Financial Report dated December 2008. Commissioner Cozza noted overall receipts were up; Village Land Dedication Ordinance receipts only at 20%, Golf Course revenue is way down, but Stables doing great.

The Board reviewed a previously distributed list of bills. Commissioner McPherson moved that Warrant #3, in the amount of \$570,293.10, be approved and released for payment. Said motion was seconded by Commissioner Gould. Responding to a question, staff said that the Cutting Hall replacement doors required getting quotes. President Rogers requested a roll call vote on the motion.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

Motion approved.

President Rogers noted there was no more new business to be addressed.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Board reviewed the previously distributed Executive Director's Report. Highlighting item 3, Gbur said that Commissioner Rogers, Commissioner Gould, Superintendent Moser and he will present the Commissioner Candidate Orientation; candidates Nick Sawyer and Dexter Stokes will attend. Gbur asked for a date preference for the Golf Course Workshop; commissioners agreed upon 9 a.m. Saturday, March 14 at the Golf Course Clubhouse. Gbur said that we are looking to open Palatine Hills around March 27, so the intent of the workshop is to get a handle on projects and realistic expectations for this facility. Commissioner Gould said that there was a very good article in a recent Park & Recreation magazine on golf courses; she will send it to commissioners who may have missed it. Commissioner McPherson noted that we submitted only one 'shovel ready' project for Federal Stimulus dollars; he would prefer to submit ten; there are pools or other projects that could be moved along quickly, potentially 'shovel ready'. Gbur said that he would review the Master Plan list; any monies we could get would be a plus. Commissioner Cozza mentioned a NPRA Legislative Bulletin regarding a Congressman's proposed legislation to remove any parks/pool/recreation area type projects from stimulus funds' lists. Commissioner McPherson said that all of these projects would put people to work. Gbur noted that a new Community Center roof - estimated at \$.5M - could be added to the list; and Commissioner McPherson suggested a second story on the Falcon Park Recreation Center for a possible Fitness Center should also be added.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commenting on the Board Tour, Commissioner McPherson said that it is amazing how Falcon Park is coming along; how quickly can we start putting pictures on our Website? Gbur responded that the project's progress is on the Website, however, the DVD virtual tour isn't; right now the ground is too soft, can't work; will contact newspapers about progress.

Commissioner Schultz said that he thought it was a very good tour; improvements at the Stables look nice as does Falcon Park; great luncheon – thanks to staff.

President Rogers said that the Stimulus Package passed the Senate today; NRPA and IAPD suggests that everyone contact Senator Durbin regarding the effort to exclude parks/recreation items.

Commissioner Gould said that the Tour and luncheon went well; the slide presentation was good, thank you to Keith Williams.

Commissioner Cozza commented that the Falcon Park DVD should have been shown as a presentation at the luncheon. Gbur responded that the luncheon was to thank and honor our volunteers; there will be other opportunities to show the DVD. Commissioner Cozza continued saying that the Stables was impressive; saw the newspaper article about baseball programs losing kids due to economy, know some families would cancel vacations and other 'luxuries' to keep their kids in sports programs; lets look at our scholarship program and have affiliates look at loosening some of their reserve funds for kids that cannot afford program fees at this time. Discussion then followed with Williams explaining that the Foundation and affiliates use our guidelines and we process, families have to request assistance – we do not arbitrarily promote our scholarship program; a commissioner commented that families may be putting their kids in fewer programs – people are being very cautious; sponsorships and the need to talk with coordinators regarding programs was suggested; Gbur said that he expects summer camp programs will probably be looking at more scholarships applications than in the previous years. Commissioner Schultz said that this is a topic for a future agenda.

President Rogers requested that discussion pertaining to scholarships be on a Future Agenda. No other items were put forth.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board on this date, Commissioner Schultz moved that the regular meeting be adjourned; Commissioner McPherson seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by a voice vote at 7:40 p.m.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Bennett

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

/s/ Bonnie M. Bennett
Secretary

/s/ Andrew S. McPherson
Vice President

Next scheduled Park Board meetings:

February 24, 2009
March 10, 2009
March 14, 2009 – Golf Course Workshop
March 24, 2009