

-Approved August 21, 2008-

**PARK RIDGE RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
Maine Park Leisure Center
2701 Sibley Avenue**

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
Thursday, August 7, 2008
7:30 p.m.**

COMMISSIONERS

PHYSICALLY PRESENT: Dick Barton, President
Steve Hunst
Marty Maloney
Nick Milissis
Jim O'Brien
Sal Raspanti
Mary Wynn Ryan

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Jim Lange, Director of Parks and Recreation
Christine Berman, Superintendent of Finance
Bill Neumann, Superintendent of Dev. & Operations
Lori Lovell Knouse, Superintendent of Recreation
Kathie Hahn, Manager of Marketing & Public Relations
Maryanne Lucarz, Administrative Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT: Thomas G. Hoffman, Park District Attorney
See Sign-in Sheet

President Barton called the Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners to order at 7:49 p.m. Administrative Assistant Lucarz then took roll call.

Citizens Present Wishing to Address the Board on Non-Agenda Items

None.

Finance Committee

2008 Annual Bond Issue and 2009 Prioritized Capital Projects

Commissioner O'Brien asked if there are any questions. Superintendent Berman reviewed the existing and proposed debt service. After some discussion on prioritized capital projects, the Commissioners suggested that the list of capital projects will be reviewed at the next board meeting.

2nd Quarter Review – Finance Report for Month Ended June 30, 2008

Commissioner Raspanti pointed out that the Net Fund Income Analysis figure of \$660,991 should be \$690,991. Superintendent Berman said that is correct.

Recreation Committee

2008 July 3 Fireworks Financial Summary

After a lengthy discussion on the Park District's involvement in the fireworks; the lack of recognition; costs; President Barton asked that this issue be discussed with a possible motion to cease funding of the Fireworks at the next Regular Board Meeting and he also asked that Director Lange speak with the City Manager in exploring other options.

Oakton Park Citizens Advisory Council Meeting Update – Commissioner Maloney

Commissioner Maloney said the meeting was good and items discussed include ways to spruce up Oakton; fun items to provide for next season; and discussion on the ice rink compressor issue.

Swimming Pool Attendance

Discussion ensued on swimming pool attendance figures. Commissioner Maloney asked Superintendent Knouse to ask other districts to see if their attendance figures are up this year due to people staying in town.

Fundraising/Advertising & Sponsorships

Commissioner Ryan reviewed the past Development Officer position reports. She believes there are opportunities for advertising to make some money. After some discussion on advertising ideas, past costs, possible participation by the Park Ridge Parks Foundation; ad booklet; Attorney Hoffman was asked to review the legal issues with advertising.

Commissioners Raspanti thanked Manager Hahn and Coordinator Malak for a job well done on the Community Center newsletter. He gave kudos to Centennial Pool staff and lifeguards in handling a situation over the summer very professionally. Commissioner O'Brien said he observed lifeguards at Hinkley Pool in a similar situation which was very positive.

Commissioner Hunst said a Cardinal Fitness facility will be built by Lou Malnati's which will be competition.

Building & Grounds Committee

Camp Fire Girls Fountain in Hodges Park - Discussion

Commissioner Milissis recapped the fountain discussion from a past meeting. He said after discussing ideas with Commissioner Maloney and Superintendent Neumann the two options are: 1) tear out the evergreens in both circles and replant with the same type of evergreen that is there now; or 2) tear out the evergreens in both circles and replant with Gro-Low Sumac. Commissioner Milissis said the options are whether we want to do the other circle (veteran's memorial) at the Park District's expense since the fountain circle will be done by the Garden Club. After some discussion, the Intergovernmental Committee was asked to explore if the City's TIF funds could be used for Hodges Park project. President Barton asked for Commissioners Milissis and Maloney to do further work on this project and come back to the Board at the September Committee meeting.

President Barton asked for an update on the Gypsy moth situation. Superintendent Neumann reviewed the spraying procedures that the City is providing.

Commissioner Hunst asked for an update on the South Park flooding issues. Superintendent Neumann said during last Monday night's storm, water came through the South Park doorways in the lower level and there was some water in the gymnastics room. He said South Park did not have a power failure but, there was a lightning strike on the Thor Guard system on the roof with some damage to the

system, but no damage to the roof. Superintendent Neumann said he will be meeting with Burnidge Cassell and Associates (BCA) on the possibility of placing roofs over the entranceways at South Park to help manage the water issues.

President Barton said that District 64 will be reviewing their fields.

President Barton asked where the District is at on the Community Center roof. Superintendent Neumann said the work has started on the garage roof (mechanics bay) and we would like the Community Center HVAC units installed first before the roof, but we are waiting for the delivery of the units.

Personnel Committee

Personal Statement of Benefits - Discussion

Commissioner Maloney distributed the Total Compensation Report sample that Superintendent Berman prepared. After some discussion, the consensus of the Board is to move forward on these reports per attorney's review.

After some discussion on the employee's insurance plan, Commissioner Raspanti suggested having a PDRMA representative provide a presentation to the Board on the plan.

New Business

President Barton asked about the checklist packet he received. Director Lange said the packet was provided to the Commissioners upon a request on his performance. President Barton asked the Personnel Committee to review the packet.

Commissioner Ryan asked about the Park Board Workshop date. Director Lange said the workshop is scheduled on Saturday, November 15 in the Board Room at MPLC.

Adjournment

At 9:53 p.m., President Barton moved the Board to adjourn the Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Milissis and passed by a voice vote. Motion carried.

The Committee of the Whole Meeting was adjourned at 9:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Wynn Ryan
Secretary

Recorded By: Maryanne Lucarz, Administrative Assistant