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

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
Thursday, June 5, 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
Maryanne Lucarz, Administrative Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT: Thomas G. Hoffman, Park District Attorney (7:33 p.m.)
See Sign-in Sheet

President Barton called the Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners to order at 7:31 p.m. Administrative Assistant Lucarz then took roll call.

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

None.

At this point, President Barton introduced the new Park District Officer Anthony Raitano to the Park Board. Officer Raitano asked the Park Board to contact him if there are any questions or concerns.

President Barton moved that agenda item 7.C. "Rainbow Hospice Request" under Policy & Procedures Committee be discussed at this time. The motion was seconded by Commissioner O'Brien and passed by a voice vote. Motion carried.

Policy & Procedures Committee

Rainbow Hospice Request (Discussion)

Jackie Matthews, Rainbow Hospice Director of Special Events, reviewed the Rainbow Hospice request to place two rainbows sculptures in Hodges Park. After some discussion on location and liability, Commissioners had no objection to the placement of the two rainbow sculptures at Hodges Park.

Memorial Day Parade Update

Director Lange said the Memorial Day parade went very well and it was a fun day. Commissioner Raspanti commended staff on the shirt gift idea.

Recreation Committee

Superintendent Knouse said the pools are open; Centennial lap pools will open Saturday and progress is being made on the wading pool construction.

Review Community Center Citizens Advisory Council Agenda – Commissioner Raspanti

Commissioner Raspanti said at the last meeting there was a good exchange of ideas and is looking forward to a solid upcoming meeting. President Barton asked for an update on the fitness equipment. Superintendent Knouse said Coordinator Malak and Assistant Lucarz are working with the fitness equipment company and a date for equipment delivery will not be established until all legal requirements have been met.

Building & Grounds Committee

Centennial Park Pool – Change Order Three

Superintendent Neumann reviewed change order three that is in the amount of \$2,150. After some discussion, Attorney Hoffman mentioned that the first two change orders were actually changes that were directed by the Department of Public Health and the timing of the bid and technically, this is the first change order. He said change order three will be an agenda item up for approval at the next board meeting. Commissioner Raspanti asked for an estimated completion date for the wading pool. Director Lange said it is scheduled to open the first week of July, weather permitting. Superintendent Knouse said there are photos on the website displaying the Centennial project's work progress.

Policy & Procedures Committee

Review Environmental Impact Task Force Agenda – Commissioner Ryan

Commissioner Ryan complimented the Task Force members on being very active and they are an ideal committee. She reviewed the meeting she attended with Commissioner Raspanti and city officials on green and environmental issues.

June Regular Board Meeting Date

President Barton said he will not be able to attend the June Regular Board Meeting. After some discussion, President Barton said Commissioner O'Brien will be chairing the June Regular Board Meeting.

New Business

Commissioner Hunst handed out an example of an employee benefit package pamphlet as an education piece. Some discussion ensued.

Commissioner O'Brien said the Parks Foundation meeting was tonight and the Foundation Board of Directors was expanded to a maximum of eleven directors and Paul Sheehan and Scott Deurkop were selected as new Directors. He said Paul Sheehan is replacing Terry Majewski as Secretary since Terry is no longer on the Board. Commissioner O'Brien said the Foundation Directors plan on breaking up

into two groups which include fundraising and marketing/public relations. He said a motion was passed to come up with fundraising events to support the Park District's 2009 scholarship program.

President Barton said he has been approached by a couple organizations about volume discount purchases of membership at the Community Center. After some discussion, Superintendent Knouse said the District does offer a corporate membership.

Commissioner Ryan wondered how many parks have the recycling bins. Director Lange said all the major parks have the recycling bins. Superintendent Neumann reviewed the recycling collection process.

President Barton asked about the Abbitti paper recycling bin. Superintendent Knouse said the District has not received another check but the bin is being utilized more.

Attorney Hoffman said a legal notice will be placed in the June 12 Park Ridge Herald stating that the public hearing on the zoning map amendment application for the "little red house" will be reviewed at the Zoning Commission meeting on June 30 at the City Hall at 7:30 p.m.

Adjournment

At 8:25 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 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Wynn Ryan
Secretary

Recorded By: Maryanne Lucarz, Administrative Assistant