

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

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Thursday, December 17, 2009
7:30 p.m.**

COMMISSIONERS

PHYSICALLY PRESENT:

Jim O'Brien, President
Rick Biagi
Richard Brandt
David Herman
Stephen Vile

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

Marty Maloney
Mary Wynn Ryan

STAFF PRESENT:

Ray Ochromowicz, Executive Director
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 O'Brien called the Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners to order at 7:34 p.m. Assistant Lucarz took roll call.

CITIZENS PRESENT WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President O'Brien moved the Board approve the following minutes:

- A. Regular Board Meeting – Thursday, November 19, 2009
- B. Committee of the Whole Meeting – Thursday, December 3, 2009

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brandt and passed by a voice vote. Motion carried.

REPORTS OF PARK OFFICIALS

President Report

No report.

Attorney Report

No report.

Executive Director Report

Executive Director Ochromowicz gave a brief update on the situation at the ice arena.

President O'Brien called for the Reports of Committees.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Finance Committee

Commissioner Biagi moved the Board approve for payment Vouchers in the total amount of \$2,166,989.73. The motion was seconded by President O'Brien and was passed by a roll call vote. Motion carried.

AYES:	Biagi	NAYS:	None.
	Brandt		
	Herman	ABSENT:	Maloney
	Vile		Ryan
	O'Brien		

Monthly Report By Funds/Written Finance Report

Commissioner Biagi reviewed revenue amounts. Commissioner Herman questioned sections of the report. President O'Brien complimented staff for keeping expenses down. Commissioner Biagi asked if the Community Center rates will increase in the future. Executive Director Ochromowicz said he has not had discussions on admission fees yet.

Adoption of Ordinance No. 09-5: 2009 Tax Levy

Commissioner Biagi moved the Board adopt Ordinance No. 09-5: "AN ORDINANCE FOR THE LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF TAXES OF THE PARK RIDGE RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2009 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2009." President O'Brien seconded the motion. Superintendent Berman summarized the ordinance. The motion was passed by a roll call vote. Motion carried.

AYES:	Biagi	NAYS:	None.
	Brandt		
	Herman	ABSENT:	Maloney
	Vile		Ryan
	O'Brien		

Adoption of Ordinance No. 09-6: Abatement of Taxes

Commissioner Biagi moved the Board adopt Ordinance No. 09-6: "AN ORDINANCE ABATING THE TAX HERETOFORE LEVIED FOR THE YEAR 2009 TO PAY INTEREST ON AND A PORTION OF THE PRINCIPAL OF \$4,860,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION PARK REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 1997 (ALTERNATE REVENUE SOURCE), OF THE PARK RIDGE RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS." President O'Brien seconded the motion. Superintendent Berman said this should be the last one because the Community Center will be paid off as of December 7. The motion was passed by a roll call vote. Motion carried.

AYES:	Biagi	NAYS:	None.
	Brandt		
	Herman	ABSENT:	Maloney
	Vile		Ryan
	O'Brien		

Adoption of Resolution No. 09-4: Possible Reduction for 2009 Tax Levy and Assessment

Commissioner Biagi moved the Board adopt Resolution No. 09-4: "A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE POSSIBLE REDUCTION OF LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF TAXES FOR THE PARK RIDGE RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2009, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2009." President O'Brien seconded the motion. Superintendent Berman summarized the resolution. The motion was passed by a roll call vote. Motion carried.

AYES:	Biagi	NAYS:	None.
	Brandt		
	Herman	ABSENT:	Maloney
	Vile		Ryan
	O'Brien		

Approval of Ordinance No. 10-1: 2010 Budget & Appropriation Ordinance (In Tentative Form)

Commissioner Biagi moved the Board approve, in tentative form, Ordinance No. 10-1: "THE COMBINED ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE OF THE PARK RIDGE RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT AND THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS OF THE PARK RIDGE RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2010 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2010." President O'Brien seconded the motion. Some discussion ensued. The motion was passed by a roll call vote. Motion carried.

AYES:	Biagi	NAYS:	None.
	Brandt		
	Herman	ABSENT:	Maloney
	Vile		Ryan
	O'Brien		

President O'Brien called for the report from the Recreation Committee.

Recreation Committee

Written Recreation Report

Commissioner Vile summarized the report.

Community Center Citizens Advisory Council Meeting Update

Commissioner Vile said the walking track pass idea was discussed and Coordinator Malak will be researching other possibilities. Some discussion ensued.

Approval for Community Center Rental with Pool Admission

After some discussion, **Commissioner Vile moved the Board to approve staff recommendation for the Community Center Rental with Pool Admission as presented and any changes in the fees will be up to the Executive Director and parents or chaperones will continue to be allowed in a restricted area on the pool deck during swim lessons without charge. The motion was seconded by President O'Brien and passed by a roll call vote. Motion carried.**

AYES:	Biagi	NAYS:	None.
	Brandt		
	Herman	ABSENT:	Maloney
	Vile		Ryan
	O'Brien		

President O'Brien called for the report from the Buildings and Grounds Committee.

Buildings and Grounds Committee

Written Development & Operations Report

Commissioner Brandt asked if there are any questions. Commissioner Herman asked if there is a follow up on the damage to the Senior Center doors. Superintendent Neumann said staff is waiting for repair quotes. At this point, Commissioner Brandt discussed the Wildwood Prairie and then asked for staff to present an action report on possible usages for that area because he believes the Prairie is very badly neglected. Commissioner Brandt questioned why other civic groups have the right to plant in the District parks.

President O'Brien called for the report from the Policy and Procedures Committee.

Policy and Procedures Committee

Approval of Environmental Impact Task Force Member

Commissioner Herman moved the Board to approve William Burzynski to serve as a member of the Environmental Impact Task Force. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Biagi and passed by a roll call vote. Motion carried.

AYES:	Biagi Brandt Herman Vile O'Brien	NAYS:	None.
		ABSENT:	Maloney Ryan

Approval of Community Center Citizens Advisory Council Member

Commissioner Herman moved the Board to approve Dave Horstein to serve as a member of the Community Center Citizens Advisory Council. Commissioner Biagi seconded the motion. Executive Director Ochromowicz gave a brief update on the interview process. The motion was passed by a roll call vote. Motion carried.

AYES:	Biagi Brandt Herman Vile O'Brien	NAYS:	None.
		ABSENT:	Maloney Ryan

Environmental Impact Task Force Meeting Update

Commissioner Herman said Executive Director Ochromowicz will be offering assistance to the Task Force and then asked the Park Board for their consensus on the idea of having the Task Force reach out to the City of Park Ridge and District's 64 and 207 to meet on a joint venture basis to come up with a policy statement or similar action plan for environmental communications. **Commissioner Herman moved the Board to allow the Task Force to reach out to the other entities as described to come up with a strategic environmental policy and plan. President O'Brien seconded the motion. Some discussion ensued. The motion was passed by a roll call vote. Motion carried.**

AYES:	Biagi Brandt Herman Vile O'Brien	NAYS:	None.
		ABSENT:	Maloney Ryan

Adoption of Resolution 09-3

Commissioner Herman moved the Board adopt Resolution 09-3: “A RESOLUTION PROVIDING GUIDANCE FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE ILLINOIS FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT, AS AMENDED.” The motion was seconded by President O’Brien and passed by a roll call vote. Motion carried.

AYES:	Biagi	NAYS:	None.
	Brandt		
	Herman	ABSENT:	Maloney
	Vile		Ryan
	O’Brien		

Commissioner Administrative Policy Manual – Amend Policy/Guidelines 3.080

Commissioner Herman moved Section 3.080 of the Policies/Guidelines governing the financial authority of the Director, as contained in the Administrative Policy Manual of the Park District, be deleted and that revised language in the form presented to and reviewed by the Board be substituted in its place and stead. Commissioner Biagi seconded the motion. After some discussion, Attorney Hoffman asked Commissioner Herman to restate the motion with a clarification. Commissioner Herman moved Section 3.080 of the Policies/Guidelines governing the financial authority of the Director, as contained in the Administrative Policy Manual of the Park District, be deleted and that revised language in the form presented to with taking out the word “or” after the \$20,000 in the second line and reviewed by the Board be substituted in its place and stead. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Biagi and passed by a roll call vote. Motion carried.

AYES:	Biagi	NAYS:	None.
	Brandt		
	Herman	ABSENT:	Maloney
	Vile		Ryan
	O’Brien		

President O’Brien called for the report from the Personnel Committee.

Personnel Committee

No report.

President O’Brien called for the report from the Intergovernmental Committee.

Intergovernmental Committee

No report.

COMMUNICATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Hoffman briefly reviewed Closed Meeting minutes procedures.

CLOSED MEETING

At 8:28 p.m., President O’Brien moved the Board adjourn to Closed Meeting for the purposes of discussing the Closed Meeting Minutes and the purpose of the Semi-Annual Review of Closed Meeting Minutes 2(c)(21) and to discuss collective negotiating matters 2(c)(2). We will reconvene to the Regular Board Meeting to take action, if any, on matters discussed in Closed

Session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Vile and passed by a roll call vote. Motion carried.

**AYES: Biagi
Brandt
Herman
Vile
O'Brien**

NAYS: None.

**ABSENT: Maloney
Ryan**

Reconvene to Regular Board Meeting to take action, if any, on matters discussed in Closed Session
At 10:13 p.m., President O'Brien moved to approve the Closed Meeting Minutes, as presented and discussed, of Thursday, July 16, 2009 (1); Thursday, July 16, 2009(2); Thursday, August 6, 2009; Thursday, August 20, 2009; Tuesday, August 25, 2009; Tuesday, September 8, 2009; Thursday, September 10, 2009; Thursday, September 17, 2009; Monday, September 21, 2009; Thursday, September 24, 2009; Thursday, October 15, 2009; Thursday, November 5, 2009 and Thursday, December 3, 2009 and maintain the minutes in the Closed Meeting records of the Park Ridge Recreation and Park District. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Biagi and passed by a roll call vote. Motion carried.

**AYES: Biagi
Brandt
Herman
Vile
O'Brien**

NAYS: None.

**ABSENT: Maloney
Ryan**

President O'Brien moved no additional Closed Meeting Minutes be declared and maintained in the Open Public Meeting Records of the Park Ridge Recreation and Park District, as the need for confidentiality to protect the public interest or the privacy of an individual still exists. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Biagi and passed by a roll call vote. Motion carried.

**AYES: Biagi
Brandt
Herman
Vile
O'Brien**

NAYS: None.

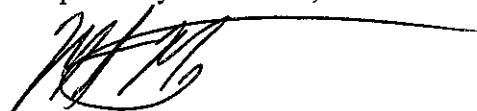
**ABSENT: Maloney
Ryan**

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:17 p.m., President O'Brien moved the Board adjourn the Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brandt and passed by a voice vote. Motion carried.

The Regular Board Meeting was adjourned at 10:17 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Marty Maloney
Secretary

Recorded By: Maryanne Lucarz, Administrative Assistant