



MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC REGULAR MEETING
PLEASANT DALE PARK DISTRICT
Tuesday, September 9, 2008 6:30 PM
at the Recreation Center
7425 S. Wolf Road
Burr Ridge

REGULAR MEETING

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM
2. Roll: Present were Commissioner Durham, Commissioner Tertell, Commissioner McMurray, Commissioner Moon and Commissioner Pettrone (arrived at 6:35 PM). Also present were Director Wendt-Epting and Attorney Eric Anderson
3. **Board Member Comments:** none
4. **Additions and Corrections:** none
5. **Open Forum:** Tom Kulawiak will speak during New Business. Max Moscal passed on comments, Ed Pechos passed on comments, Mike Sohacki asked about the YMCA use of the Chalet. How, what did they contract for swimming? Are the facilities rented hourly? The schedule is on the door, but they set up early. The private lesson instructor teaches during open swim: they need to leave lanes open so that Chalet customers may use the pool during YMCA use times. The YMCA personnel string the ropes early, and have hit a swimmer with the rope. The fliers in the pool area listing the YMCA schedule do not have the Chalet mentioned nor do they. It was noted that there is not always a person of authority available to deal with problems

The Chalet Manager, Nikki, noted that on Tuesday and Thursday the classes were pushed forward to allow pool time for members. YMCA rents the whole pool, and the YMCA has taken over the private lessons. For private lessons, there is one or two week advanced notice. If the swim session begins at 5:30, the lines should be strung at 5:30. The YMCA is to do their work on their time. The Chalet logo will be placed on YMCA fliers for program partnership with the YMCA.

6. **Consent Agenda:**
 - a. Minutes:
 - i. August 12, 2008, Regular Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Durham moved to accept the minutes. 2nd: Commissioner McMurray. Aye - U
 - ii. August 12, 2008, Executive Session Minutes. Commissioner Durham moved to accept the minutes. 2nd: Commissioner McMurray. Aye - U
 - b. **Financial Statements:**
 - i-vi. Vouchers #0082001, 0082701, & 0090301, and Chalet vouchers #0082003, 0082703, & 0090303. There was a question on page 13 regarding budget line stripping

machine and on page 19, parts for line sprayer. Commissioner Durham made a motion to approve vouchers i-vi. 2nd: Commissioner McMurray. Aye - U

7. Old Business:

- a. Chalet: none
- b. Savoy Club: Changes have been agreed to. Bid documents are being assembled. It is hoped that the park will be installed before snowfall.
- c. Hess Property: The garage had been set on fire. The ranch house has been boarded up. It was suggested that the ranch house be rented or demolished as police presence is not visible. Tom will be present on the property when the adjustor surveys the property. It was suggested that this topic be left on the agenda, and that bars be added to windows or motion detectors be added to the property.
- d. Bathroom Update: Cement has been laid but did not pass inspection. Rebar was changed. Director Wendt-Epting will keep on it. There can be a walk through on the second Tuesday of October.
- e. Other: Golf board voted on putting in sirens at the golf course for lightening storms. It may be good to tie it into the park district. Director Wendt-Epting mentioned that the City of Countryside called and that because it was not in this year's budget it should be considered for next year.

8. New Business:

- a. Resolution 2008-01: Establishing the Chalet Advisory Committee, Approving Charter and Appointing Initial Committee Members. Tom Kulawiak and Bob Foreman are the first two committee members. More members can be appointed. They would be recommended to the Park District Board, and the Board would do the appointing. Chalet Manager Nikki has two pages of people interested in sub-committees. The advisory committee will report to the Park District Board four times a year, quarterly. It is a committee of the Park District Board. They are to go to staff or if staff cannot handle the request, the issue will be presented to the board.
The Advisory Committee had the following questions:
Membership revenue decreased 67% over the last 7 years. Are you willing to take steps change that.
Reported losses are 2.08 million. Initial investment was 2.6 million. Are you committed to turn that around?
Fall program, page 35 says the Chalet is a community center, not a profit center. Which is it?
Non-resident fee is \$720.00/year. Annual swim membership is \$135.00/year but once inside they can use the whole facility. This drives away members.
Few people have their cards swiped when they enter the facility and the membership system is not integrated: it does not indicate when the membership is expired.
Swimming interferes with prime time. From 8:30 to 10 or 11 the pool is packed, and spectators set up chairs on the track. Runners are not able to use the track.

Girls in the men's locker room. Little children with parents

They want accountability for profit/loss.

Managerial presence to be maintained.

There was a question about the ages of employees at the Chalet. No high school students currently employed.

Commissioner Moon moved to accept Resolution 2008-01. 2nd: Commissioner Durham. Vote: Pettrone: Aye, Moon: Aye, Durham: Aye, McMurray: Aye, Tertell: Aye. Motion passed.

- b. Resolution 2008-02: Resolution calling a public hearing concerning the intent of the Board of Park Commissioners to sell not more than \$300,000 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds. Commissioner Durham made a motion to accept resolution 2008-02. 2nd: Commissioner McMurray. Vote: Commissioner Pettrone was out of the room. Durham: aye, Moon: Aye, McMurray: Aye, Tertell: aye. Motion passed.
- c. RASA License Agreement: They have the right to use the dance room from 6 AM to 10 PM every day. The Park District has the right to use the room whenever the room is not in use. RASA is to provide a schedule. The license can be terminated with a 30 day notice. There was some concerns over profitability, use of phone, photocopying, washing machine use and use of Chalet equipment. The concerns were given to the Chalet Committee to examine and to make recommendations.
- d. Geothermal Energy. John Wawak of Midwest Geothermal Engineering. This is heat exchange. Take heat out of the ground in the winter, and put it in during the summer. It is the most efficient system. It is extremely comfortable. At the Chalet, this can be installed at renovation. It could cut the air conditioning bill by 2/3. It eliminates the gas bill for heating by 100%. Payback is often in 3 years. Cost of installation is about \$500,000 - \$600,000. Midwest Geothermal can supply references from similar sized facilities and can assist in locating grant money.
- e. Chalet Kitchen. There was a suggestion to get an outside contractor to get the kitchen up and running. This issue was given to the Chalet Committee. A contractor looked at the kitchen and will work up some numbers. Their name will be given to the Committee. It was suggested that banquets and parties be added to the Chalet similar to what the Golf Course does.
- f. Streamlining Positions: Regarding the hours that staff works. Employees to have a minimum number of hours. Some work only 5 hours per week. There will be a survey to see if employees want more hours: how many can or are willing to work more hours.
- g. Roy Hobbs Baseball Request. They rent Spina field and there were price increases. They are asking for accommodation. \$162.50/hour is charged for lights. They played six games and the park district prices are comparable to other nearby facilities. They are to be notified that there will be no change. Commissioner Pettrone requested a copy of the price sheet.
- h. Spina, East and West Fields bid: This is out to bid. There is \$15,805 over budget to renovate all of Spina field. WE came in under budget \$20,000 on the land cash fund for asphalt and also under budget for the tennis court resurfacing. The bids were \$35,805. And the next bid was \$43,000. Director Wendt-Epting can provide the exact amount of the higher bid if necessary. The lower bid is from Sports Fields, Inc and they asked for no deviations from the specs. Commissioner Durham moved to accept

the bid from Sports Fields, Inc once references are listed and checked. 2nd: McMurray. Vote: Pettrone: aye, Moon: Aye, Durham: Aye, McMurray: Aye, Tertell: Aye. Motion passed

- i. Golf Course Operating Agreement: not receive any changes.
- j. Golf Course Dinner and Tour Tuesday, September 16, 2008, at 5:30 PM at Flagg Creek
- k. Next golf course meeting Tuesday, September 16, 2008, at Flagg Creek Golf Course at 6:30 PM
- l. It was asked if asphalt grindings could be used on the Chalet parking lot. As it is essentially gravel, it was decided that it would not be beneficial as it would be plowed away with the snow.
- m. It was questioned if there should be a schedule for check signing. It was determined that the current system is working well.
- n. The sticker on the Doings for the Chalet was displayed for the board. In the same issue was an article about the Touch A Truck event at the Chalet. It was suggested that better pictures of the board for the brochure.

9. Directors Report: no discussion

10. Additional Items: none

11. Open Forum: It was suggested that a dog park be added to the Hess property. Increased use may discourage vandalism. It was also mentioned that there was once a bridge over the creek that was used to access about 3 acres on the other side. It was suggested that the bridge could be replaced and a dog park be placed there and/or placed behind the house.

12. Executive Session

- a. Closed session for purposes of personnel, 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1)

Commissioner Durham made a motion to move to executive session. 2nd: Commissioner McMurray. Moved to Executive Session at 8:24 PM.

13: Adjournment: The board returned to open session at approximately 9:20 PM, with commissioner Pettrone not in attendance. Commissioner Durham moved to adjourn; 2nd Com. McMurray; passed unanimously.

Nancy McKenna
Recording Secretary