

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC REGULAR MEETING
PLEASANT DALE PARK DISTRICT
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2010 – 7:30 P.M.
RECREATION CENTER
7425 SOUTH WOLF ROAD, BURR RIDGE, ILLINOIS

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Call to order/ Roll Call: Present - Commissioners – President Brad Martin, Colleen Pettrone, Wade Brewer & Ernie Moon. Also present were: Director Katherine Parker and Attorney Vincent Cankar.

3. Consent Agenda.

MOTION

Commissioner Brewer motioned to pass Items a & b. 2nd by Commissioner Pettrone. All Commissioners present: Aye.

4. Open Forum. Commissioner Pettrone: There will be an open forum limited to 5 minutes per speaker with 15 minutes total.

Cheryl Cannistra (phonetic) indicated from the standpoint of a resident that Matt (Russian) did a great job with the football tournament this weekend. There was good feedback from members of surrounding and other communities. Good opportunity to promote this facility.

Kristen Mologosis (phonetic) questioned activities at the Chalet for the area children. There is a concern that neighboring communities are able to use the facility more so than residents in the Burr Ridge area where we pay taxes. Non-residency companies are coming in also. At previous board meetings there were residents interested in doing the same thing. Also, there were people who were interviewed and looking for jobs. The feeling in the community is there's a lot of inter-related, sister, sister-in-law, brother-in-law, things that are happening quite Springfieldish in our community.

Commissioner Pettrone indicated another Blast regarding the Chalet and activities would be sent out. There are a lot of club children coming in and they are almost out of floor space to rent in the afternoon. Personnel issues cannot be discussed. Her concerns have been heard and will be discussed, or Katherine will discuss it.

Kristen Mologosis indicated maybe Velocity has a certain relationship, and that there were talks with other interested parties which were stopped.

Commissioner Pettrone indicated maybe she was misled, and that some talks were stopped. The Board has tried to make the pricing uniform. It was suggested that Ms. Mologosis talk to Katherine Parker.

Steve Kuehn questioned the fact that there was a million and one deficit in the budget and now it's been taken care of and corrected itself. Has there been additional revenue or has there been expenses cut?

Commissioner Pettrone indicated it's a proposed budget for the year. The staff or whoever put together a budget and presented it, and it was \$1.25 million dollar deficit. It was a proposed budget. The Board went through it, item-by-item, and tried to level it out.

Katherine Parker indicated that there was not new revenue received, there were cuts made, like the solar lighting. Proposals were made for certain items, and we had to decide what we could do without.

Commissioner Moon stated they improvised the lighting for the hallway, and put it up for about 10 percent of what the list was.

Steve Kuehn questioned the amount of \$400,000 spent on the Chalet.

Katherine Parker indicated they were authorized to spend \$300,000, and it was \$270,000, which included repairing the roof, a leaking valve, a rotted beam, et cetera. The Park District didn't pass the proposed deficit budget, it passed a balanced budget. Heating and air conditioning expenses were exorbitant, and by insulating and other things done, that was cut that down as well as other expenses.

Kristen Violante questioned why they can't get information about the Chalet, that people have come to other meetings and asked that question.

(Everyone speaking at once) People have continuously asked for that information and now they have to ask through a formal request when people are paying taxes.

Commissioner Pettrone stated it's a statute, and she's not the only one paying taxes, and they have to be mindful –

Kristen Violante stated that she wanted to finish her thoughts, that people have come and asked how much money was spent on that Chalet, and not one time has anyone said how much -- you say, oh, I think it's 270. Why does it have to be such a circus to get information from here? Why did I have to do a formal request with 29 things on it, because no one will tell me the answer? That formal request is being reviewed by the Attorney General, because you didn't get back to me in the time you were supposed to.

Regarding Carol McMurray, she said she was just curious, because Ernie wasn't at that meeting, why Wade, Colleen and Brad think that their 3 votes are more important than Carol McMurray, that they changed the meeting to a day that she, who she said herself, couldn't make it? She added that there are people who voted her in and the fact that three changed it to a day where Carol cannot make it is wrong. She continued that she felt it's a slap in the face to the people that voted for her, and it's a slap in the face for someone that served this Board for 12 years.

Kristen Violante continued and asked about the resolutions for vacancies for commissioners and then going into an executive session to talk about it. She asked why the Park District planned to hold a special meeting on a Monday two days before a regular meeting at 1:00 when the only people who were able to make it to that meeting were two stay-at-home Moms. She added: "And you sit up there and say you guys are doing things right. You're not. "

Commissioner Pettrone indicated they do have a Freedom of Information officer in place, and that responding to requests for information goes through that process is because there is documentation that does take

man hours and time and staffing away from their normal duties, at tax payer's expense. She added that people who want the specificsthat are not at the staff's fingertips should go through the FOIA process.

Gina Nelson questioned the special meeting scheduled for Monday the 8, and asked what was so special on Monday that it had to be discussed at 1:00? Commissioner Brewer stated they didn't have a meeting on Monday.

Gina Nelson stated that's true, because there was no proper notice given, and that's why there was no meeting and asked again what was so special on Monday.

Commissioner Pettrone indicated there was to be a discussion regarding equipment, and that there was a time constraint. None of the Commissioners wanted to come in on a Monday, but felt it was important.

(Everyone speaking at once)

Gina Nelson stated that Commissioners were elected by the public to serve the public, not to serve themselves and to be asked a million times, why is the meeting at 1:00 – well, it's convenient for Commissioners.

Commissioner Pettrone stated she is here for every resident, every tax payer and all of the constituents, not a few and not herself.

Gina Nelson stated it should be a convenient time for the public. Last month Carol submitted a resignation prior to the board meeting. Why wasn't it mentioned at the board meeting last month?

Katherine Parker indicated that it was mentioned.

Gina Nelson questioned why #11, the Resolution for Changing Appointment Procedures for Vacancies in the Park Commissioner set to be heard after the executive session?

Both Commissioner Pettrone and Katherine Parker indicated it could be moved up if she would like.

Gina Nelson said previously at the Dec. 8 meeting, it was adjourned, went into executive session, the room cleared, and then the meeting was called back to order and a meeting was set for Dec. 10 in the morning. She said the Commissioners then you voted on items that weren't even on the Dec. 8 Agenda. She didn't understand how the public can be aware of what's happening when it's not on the agenda and it's discussed in the morning when nobody is there. Commissioner Pettrone indicated anything voted on was on the agenda.

Gina Nelson stated that minutes online had been changed, because they were posted, and now they're gone. She stated that she went through the Park Policy Manual, and Commissioners have violated the policy time and time again in the last several months.

Commissioner Pettrone indicated that Gina Nelson has had her time, and they would like to move along.

Edie Zoccerro (phonetic) indicated she is shocked that everyone is so angry and disheartened. She had a baby shower at the Chalet a few weeks ago and it was wonderful and that the Chalet turned out great. She was a board member for 6 years, and stated there were countless times when they had to have meetings at 1:00 in the afternoon and at night. When she was on the Board, they were going to spend a million dollars on the Chalet. She is a taxpayer too, and she remembered having meetings until 12:00 at night, so she said "don't tell people that they can't have a meeting at 1:00" – (Everyone speaking at once) She said the Board had to change meetings for her, for Carol and for others. They worked as a board, and if you have to have a meeting at 7:30 or 1:00 in the afternoon, you have to understand that. I think it's a great facility and it's finally making money.

(Everyone speaking at once)

Carrie Golden stated that she was at the Chalet for a basketball tournament. Paul and Matt Russian did a fantastic job. She noticed the courts are not made big enough, and the basketball hoops don't fit between wall and the walkway. She also noticed that there is a split between the Chalet and the park district. They seem like two separate organizations and not one with a united purpose.

Commissioners Martin and Pettrone indicated that is their main goal trying to get everything on the same computers, and everyone is working on that.

Katherine Parker stated from the management position they are trying to coordinate training with the front desk and have people trained to have more of a customer service approach.

5. Old Business

a. Velocity Fitness Relationship

Commissioner Moon indicated he has gone over and looked at the equipment and discussed which equipment could be used, including baseball batting cages, basketball retractable hoops, power lift bench, bench press, divided nets, et cetera. There's a list of items, \$32,800 for everything, except office equipment. Extras are basketball hoops \$8,350. \$41,000 for everything is their asking price. Items may be about 5 years old, banners for approximately \$25 each. There's a lot of old equipment, and it's a safety issue. Where is the money to come from to purchase some of this equipment?

Commissioner Pettrone indicated they would be taking out a lot of things, but they do want to set up a circuit.

Commissioner Martin mentioned that is why a meeting was scheduled earlier in the week, because of the time and that an answer is needed by Thursday, because if the park doesn't buy it, it's going to go to auction.

Attorney Cainkar suggested they could borrow for two years from the bank at a small percent, paying interest only, and after two years put it into the

budget. For example if you borrow \$32,000 and get a rate of 4%, payments may be \$120 per month, interest. They can't issue bonds.

Katherine Parker indicated Dale would help with the proposal and had offered to help find someone to come in and buy the Park District's old equipment. There was further discussion regarding whether to make an offer on all the equipment and sell some off. The final approval for the money offer goes through the bank, so it doesn't have to be auctioned off. Full price is \$41,166. There are two lists. There should be a decision made whether to purchase it all or make an offer to purchase certain items.

Katherine Parker stated last year the Chalet's December revenue was \$32,000, and this year it was \$61,000. Last December the bar was down \$3,000, and this December it was up \$1,000, and in January it was \$1,100. Rentals are booked every night from 4:30 to 10:00 and on the weekends, and it's \$100/hour, with some open pockets in the schedule.

Dale explained that he lost his lease. There was a question raised whether they should talk in front of the seller, at which point Dale left the room. Whereupon the Board discussed the amounts to be offered and items on the list and funds needed and how the items could be paid for possibly using an interest-only loan.

Commissioner Martin expressed that an extremely low offer would prolong the process, with haggling back and forth.

Attorney Cainkar suggested they may have to have another meeting. An offer of \$18,500 was suggested, and if they come back, it can be dealt with at that time.

MOTION

Commissioner Moon made a motion to offer not more than \$18,500 for everything except office equipment. 2nd by Commissioner Brewer.

Commissioner Moon: Aye. Commissioner Brewer: Aye. Commissioner Pettrone: Aye. Commissioner Martin: Naye Motion Passes

Katherine Parker indicated she would talk to him.

b. Outsourcing bids

Katherine Parker indicated she had bids from two companies and requested the Board to look them over and give her direction regarding outsourcing for financial services and payroll services.

Commissioner Moon questioned if these items were outsourced, would they be eliminating jobs?

There was discussion regarding whether the park district would save money by doing this. Commissioner Moon questioned under old business, whether the board voted to accept Carol McMurray's resignation. It was noted that she had resigned and the Board did not need to accept her resignation.

Attorney Cainkar suggested that the Board advertise for the position, and stated he would put something together for the board, and put it in the newspaper with some qualifications and requirements. Applications are brought in and the Board decides. There was discussion regarding the time left, selection process, et cetera.

6. New Business.

Meeting will be at the Golf Course.

7. Staff Reports

Staff reports are provided as information only. For specific questions, contact Katherine.

(At which point #11 was heard before the Executive Session)

Resolution Changing Appointment Procedures for Vacancies in Office of Park Commissioner.

Commissioner Pettrone: A resolution of the Pleasant Dale Park District changing appointment procedures for vacancies in the Office of Park Commissioner. Do we have a motion?

Attorney Cainkar indicated that because State laws changed over the past four or five years on when there is a vacancy, and it outlines the specifics for the occasions when there is a vacancy.

MOTION

Commissioner Brewer made a motion to accept this resolution. 2nd by Commissioner Martin. All Commissioners present: Aye

Gina Nelson questioned Item #12 Acquisition of property, and Katherine indicated it was property that was discussed at the last meeting, and that nothing was going to be discussed after Executive Session. Attorney Cainkar indicated there would be no action taken after Executive Session. There would be no more voting after the Executive Session.

Executive Session

MOTION

Commissioner Pettrone motioned to go into Executive Session. 2nd by Commissioner Brewer. All Commissioners present: Aye

(WHEREUPON THE BOARD WENT INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION)

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:15 p.m.
Next Regular Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 10, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.