

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC REGULAR MEETING
PLEASANT DALE PARK DISTRICT
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 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 Cainkar.
3. Consent Agenda.
Commissioner Moon – correction under Agenda to show date of February 10, 2010 instead of January 13, 2010.

MOTION

Motion to pass Items a & b with correction noted – Martin. 2nd by Brewer. All Ayes. Motion passed.

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

Steve Kuehn questioned the balancing of the budget, purchasing of equipment without any funds available, and financial statements.

The Board indicated the budget was balanced.

Mr. Kuehn questioned how the Board can state that the budget is balanced when the numbers and documents show it's not. He questioned the grant money and bonds and taxes. He asked where the extra money is coming from to pay for the bonds and interest coming due in 2010, and what's going to happen in 2011.

Atty. Cainkar explained the bonds are an inherited problem from past boards, with bonds being issued several years ago. The district rolled over the bonds every year. The people who did bonds in the past didn't realize what they were doing, and put too much debt on the park district. Every year the park district issues half a million dollars in bonds, uses that money and also uses tax monies to pay off old bonds. The bonds that were issued in the past, whether they were right or wrong or smart, that's the way they were issued. We are stuck with them until 2027. Every year the park district will have to issue the maximum amount of bonds they can issue for

a one-year term, \$550,000 or so, depending on what the interest is at that time. There's a tax extension debt-limitation, so the Park District can't issue any more without taxpayers voting to do so. It presents a difficult situation where you have to pay for it and cut back on other items.

Kuehn: The Chalet has been operating at a loss of \$300,000 for ten years. The Chalet shows a \$637,000 loss.

Atty. Cainkar explained that money came out of capital project funds from old bonds that were sold.

Moon stated that the Board redid the budget. The original budget was every expense possible thrown into the Chalet.

Pettrone: That place was going down the tubes for several years, and we've now turned it into a profit center. In this economy, we cannot actually sell it. The previous board wanted to put \$1.2 million dollars into the project, and we did not do it. This board got that project done for \$242,000. There's the roof, heating, normal repairs that had to be done. The Chalet is full and now operating. She said that she has been here for ten years and experienced opposition from the previous Board that didn't want to do a thing with it. She added that she is very conservative and watched the money go down the drain for ten years.

Kuehn: I came to the board 10 years ago not in favor of the Chalet, because it would cost \$700,000 or \$800,000 to run that place, and all I heard was everything is fine. I know this is something you inherited. You should also have a goal on a daily or weekly basis.

Moon: It is packed and I believe we are making money there. The last two months we are seeing a savings on the operating profit.

Martin: We initiated our first park district soccer program there. Once the Chalet gets underway there will be more park district programs, volley ball, basketball, etc., and we have newer equipment. We are getting everything organized, including baseball. A lot of people are using it right now.

(WHEREUPON THE OPEN FORUM WAS ENDED)

5. Old Business

- a. Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with Pleasant Dale School
There was discussion regarding before and after care at the Chalet. Katherine indicated holding it at the Chalet would require transporting children from the school to the Chalet and back. Pettrone indicated that the majority of the children are coming from the elementary school and the board should look at the Chalet and the park district as a whole.

MOTION

Motion for approval by Martin. 2nd by Brewer. All Ayes. Motion passed.

- b. Velocity equipment.

Moon showed pictures of the new equipment. Old equipment is in an area being viewed by members who may be interested in purchasing it. Some of it may have to be scrapped. Attorney has info for the bank. Asking price was approximately \$98,000 for the equipment, and the accepted bid was \$19,998 for all of the equipment, most of which was in perfect condition.

6. New Business

- a. Changes to golf course procedures

1. Katherine indicated Billy asked for authorization to spend up to \$5,000 . He has \$20,000 in his budget for repairs to the parking lot, but needs authorization from this board and the golf board to spend it. Katherine indicated both boards need to vote to approve before he can spend that much.

Moon questioned whether it's really necessary at this time, and everything needs to be looked at very closely and prudently.

2. Time clock requirements

The golf course board voted that salaried employees would not have to use time clock (manager Billy).

Moon indicated Billy, Sue and Doug are salaried, and that it's up to Katherine to make sure Billy is working 40 hours a week.

MOTION

Motion for approval of the change in golf course time clock requirements by Martin. 2nd by Brewer. All Ayes. Motion passed.

- b. Placement of batting cages and equipment. Pettrone indicated that she made note of this item on the agenda. There was some discussion as to where the equipment can be installed.
- c. Chalet rate for seniors. There was some discussion regarding an 80s plus walking club which has been coming to the chalet and paying \$55 per person per year.

MOTION

Motion for a fee of \$100 for the 80s plus walking club by Martin. 2nd by Brewer. All Ayes. Motion passed.

- d. Next Golf Course Board Meeting is Tuesday, March 16, 2010 at Pleasant Dale Park District 6:30 p.m.

7. Staff Report – (nothing indicated)

8. Additional Items – Martin mentioned he is going through the list of disposable items, and there was a suggestion to donate what is not sold.

9. Executive Session

MOTION

Motion to go into executive session by Martin. 2nd by Brewer. All Ayes. Motion passed.

(WHEREUPON THE BOARD WENT INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION)

Regular meeting ended at approximately 8:15 p.m.