



MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
PLEASANT DALE PARK DISTRICT
Tuesday, November 18, 2008 at 7:15 pm
at the Recreation Center
7425 S. Wolf Road
Burr Ridge

1. Call to order/Roll Call. The meeting was called to order at 7:17 PM. Present were Commissioners Moon, Tertell, Durham, McMurray, and Pettrone.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Open Forum: none
4. Additions/Corrections: none
5. Ordinance 2008-08: An ordinance accepting real estate pursuant to Burr Ridge Land/Cash Donation Ordinance (For Savoy Club). Commissioner Durham made a motion to accept Ordinance 2008-08. 2nd: Commissioner McMurray. Roll: Commissioner Moon: aye; Commissioner Pettrone: Aye; Commissioner McMurray: Aye; Commissioner Durham: Aye; Commissioner Tertell: aye. Motion passed. It was noted that the Park District is waiting for the title, and that the bid documents are ready.
6. Chalet: The Chalet Advisory Committee's primary recommendation is to decide if the Chalet is a community center or a health club. Currently it is considered to be both, but it is the committee's opinion that it cannot function as both. One or the other must be chosen. There was a question regarding the opinion of the Manager of the Chalet. It was noted that staff will do as the board decides.

It was commented that on Thursday, everything was going well at the Chalet. People were in the pool, on the track, using weights, the bar was packed. But we're giving the place away. It was questioned that if there are changes, will the Chalet lose the people who were there. It was noted that it is not feasible for areas to be open for the YMCA and dance and have different dues for other areas. The architecture is too open. To change this would cost too much money. Park district related programming could be moved to the park district and the programming at the Chalet would then be membership driven.

This would be phased in over time. The membership costs would be brought into line to bring in members. Programs would be found that the members would use. Spin Classes and Pilates were examples mentioned.

The board asked if the finances can be brought into line in three years. The CAC believes that in three years the Chalet can break even with minimal investment. The contracts the Chalet currently has will be examined. Newer equipment and programming is to be brought in to attract members.

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Types of memberships could include individuals, family, couples, seniors, and corporate. Summer memberships can also be created. The CAC mentioned that heating, air conditioning and some equipment needs to be invested in and that this would cost thousands not hundreds of thousands. The culture would change and grow with time. Management would have to be clear on goals and objectives. There would be accountability so that it would be seen if any issues stem from the approach or from management.

Commissioner Tertell moved to accept the CAC's recommendation numbered one. The CAC is to return with the time frame to phase in the changes. 2nd: Commissioner Moon. Roll: Commissioner Pettrone: aye; Commissioner Moon: aye; Commissioner Durham: aye; Commissioner McMurray: aye; Commissioner Tertell: aye. Motion Passed.

Current rules need to be enforced regarding membership and the new dues need to be implemented. The CAC is to return to the next Park District meeting with a written plan.

Tenants' contracts need to be examined for profitability. Everyone will have to be a member.

If there is a grievance, the individual will go first to the CAC and then to the Park District Board. The board will back up the committee. If the programming does not stick, the programming that will stick will be found.

The bar door can be closed and the bar can then be run like a restaurant.

7. Additional Items: none

8. Open Forum: none

9. Executive Session: none

10. Adjournment: Commissioner Durham moved to adjourn at 7:53 PM. 2nd: Commissioner Moon. Aye - U

Nancy McKenna
Recording Secretary

