

**PLEASANT DALE PARK DISTRICT
SPECIAL MEETING**

7425 S. Wolf Road, Burr Ridge

Friday, May 22, 2009

12:00 PM

1. Pledge of allegiance.

2. Call to Order: at 12:03 PM by President Martin.

Roll Call: Present were Commissioners Moon, Martin, Brewer, Pettrone and McMurray, via telephone. Also present were Attorney Vincent Cainkar of the law firm of Louis F. Cainkar, Ltd., Citizen Tom Kuwaliak, and newspaper reporter Rob Siebert of The Doings.

3. Board Member Comments: President Martin said the Park Board has until the end of July 2009 to approve the budget and appropriation ordinance. He stated that the current proposed budget, which shows a deficit, is not acceptable. He noted that the draft budget for the next fiscal year proposed a deficit of \$1,125,539. He stressed that a review of the finances is necessary and it was requested that an update from the outside auditor be presented at the June 9th meeting.

4. Appointment of Attorney: Louis F. Cainkar, Ltd. Represents the Alsip Park District, Burbank Park District, Central Stickney Park District, Forest View Park District, Hazel Crest Park District, Hodgkins Park District, Calumet Memorial Park District, McCook Park District, and other governmental entities. President Martin moved to appoint Louis F. Cainkar, Ltd. As attorney for the Pleasant Dale Park District. Seconded: Commissioner Pettrone. Discussion: it was asked if it is legal to appoint a new attorney without dismissing another. President Martin noted that the Park District could hire multiple attorneys. Roll: Moon: NAY; Pettrone: AYE; McMurray: NAY; Martin: AYE; Brewer: AYE. Motion passed. President Martin stated that the current attorney was not terminated and that he will continue to handle some matters on behalf of the Park District.

5. Executive Session for hiring and dismissal of personnel: President Martin moved to go into Executive Session. Seconded: Commissioner Pettrone. Roll: Moon: NAY; Pettrone: AYE; McMurray: NAY; Martin: AYE; Brewer: AYE. Motion passed.

6. Hiring and Dismissal of Personnel: President Martin moved to terminate Rosalyn Wendt-Epting as Executive Director effective immediately provided that she be provided health care insurance until June 30, 2009 and that she be given until that date to vacate the Park District residence. Seconded: Commissioner Brewer. Discussion: it was asked by Commissioner Moon if those dates had been discussed while he was out of the room, and the response was that it was not. Commissioner Pettrone moved to amend the original motion to stipulate that the attorney would negotiate a separation package with her. Seconded: Commissioner Brewer. Roll on the Amendment: Moon: NAY; Pettrone: AYE; McMurray: NAY; Martin: AYE; Brewer: AYE. Motion passed. Roll

on motion as amended to terminate Wendt-Epting effective immediately with her provided health care insurance until June 30, 2009, vacate the Park District residence by June 30, 2009 and authorize the attorney to negotiate a separation package: Moon: NAY; Pettrone: AYE; McMurray: NAY; Martin: AYE; Brewer: AYE. Motion passed. The Park District received a request for FMLA leave starting May 26, 2009 for Wendt-Epting. Attorney Vincent Cainkar stated that the request for FMLA leave was moot as she was no longer an employee of the Park District. President Martin moved to hire Katherine Parker as interim director effective immediately, subject to a background check. Seconded: Commissioner Pettrone. It was noted that the Illinois Association of Park Districts helps with the search for a new director. It was noted that Ms. Parker has not worked for a Park District and that someone else with park and recreation background could have been hired. Roll: Moon: NAY; Pettrone: AYE; McMurray: NAY; Martin: AYE; Brewer: AYE. Motion passed.

7. **Open forum:** Tom Kuwaliak noted that at the last meeting it was asked what agenda the new board had and the response was, “we’re new, we don’t have an agenda.” He noted that he has served on many boards and that the new director search is critical. He also stated that the numbers quoted about the Chalet’s financial losses are incorrect. Reporter Seibert asked why the new commissioners chose to be sworn in early. Marty Epting stated that his wife, Rosalyn Wendt-Epting, was absent because of a family emergency and that they both had devoted much to the Park District. A member of the public asked why the Senior Club budget wasn’t increased from \$5,000 to \$10,000. President Martin suggested that the Senior Club budget be discussed during budget meetings in the future.
8. **Adjournment:** President Martin moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:47 PM. Seconded: Commissioner Pettrone. Roll: Moon: NAY; Pettrone: AYE; McMurray: NAY; Martin: AYE; Brewer: AYE. Motion passed.