

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC REGULAR MEETING
PLEASANT DALE PARK DISTRICT
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2015
RECREATION CENTER
7425 SOUTH WOLF ROAD, BURR RIDGE, ILLINOIS

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Call to Order/Roll Call: Present: Commissioners: Kevin Burke, Mark Radulski, C. J. Johnson and Kristin Wojtulewicz . Also present: Executive Director Matt Russian and Attorney Michael Cainkar. Absent: Ernie Moon

3. Consent Agenda items a & b Monthly Business **(Items a & b on the consent agenda will be approved with one motion; Board Members with questions should call Matt prior to the meeting).**

- a. Minutes of the December 10, 2014 Regular Meeting
- b. Financial Statements presented to the Board of Park Commissioners for December 2014.

MOTION

Mr. Radulski made a motion to approve items a & b with the amendment of the December 2014 minutes to include absent members, Kevin Burke and Mark Radulski. Seconded by Mr. Johnson. All Ayes. Motion passed.

4. Old Business

- Kelly Miller Circus – Approval of Contract

Mr. Johnson reported that the circus is scheduled for September 22, 2015. There will be two shows, 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. The contract was reviewed, and there was a brief discussion regarding advertising by the circus, ticket sales and sponsors.

MOTION

Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the Kelly Miller Circus contract. Seconded by Mr. Radulski. All ayes. Motion passed.

- Master Plan, ADA Transition Plan

Mr. Russian reported to the Board that he had a meeting with John Vann from Land Tech Design. An introductory meeting was held with the Park District, and they are awaiting a proposal. ADA Transition is set to go with John McGovern and his company. They will work with all the facilities. He spoke with Sharon Peterson from Countryside, and Flagg Creek will be included in the inspection.

There was a brief discussion regarding the proposal of recommendations for some mandatory items, pricing and options. Results will be presented to the Board.

- Discussion and possible Board action relating to compensation of Executive Director

Mr. Radulski suggested it should be discussed in Executive Session.

- Hess Property/Community Garden

Mr. Russian received information from Naperville, and copies were given to the Board members. It includes pricing, structure, registration and watering. There may be a well on the Hess property which can be used for watering the community garden.

Mr. Burke and Mr. Russian will do some research with regard to the watering issue for the February meeting.

Ms. Lundin contacted Denning Park and stated they charge \$50 per plot. They had 30 plots and a wait list. Some plots are reserved for handicap and veterans with a lower rate. She was also informed that the Boy Scouts not only built the plots but purchased all the materials and assembled it. So, the only expenses would be for crushed stone for the pathways, but other materials can be used for this purpose. The only expense was the soil. The Girl Scouts indicated they would also like to get involved. This would create a lot of opportunity for community support. There was a discussion about water deterrents for the deer in the area. There was a brief discussion regarding making optimal use of the land with minimal maintenance.

Mr. Johnson questioned whether classes would be offered and when registration should begin.

Mr. Russian and Mr. Burke will check on the well for the next meeting because the watering is the main issue. Mr. Russian will get more information regarding certain issues and the Board will discuss the Community Garden at the February meeting.

5. Appointment of Flagg Creek Golf Course Advisory Board Members

Mr. Burke stated that this year the Pleasant Dale Board Members have two members on the Flagg Creek Board. At the present time Mr. Burke and Mr. Radulski are on the Golf Course Board. There was a discussion between Mr. Burke and Mr. Johnson, and they will make arrangements to attend the meetings.

MOTION

Mr. Johnson made a motion to appoint Mr. Burke and Mr. Radulski to be on the Flagg Creek Golf Course Board. Seconded by Ms. Wojtulewicz. All Ayes. Motion passed.

6. Discussion regarding video gaming machines at Flagg Creek Golf Course.

Mr. Radulski reported that the issue for allowing video gaming machines in the bar area of the Flagg Creek Golf Course was discussed during the golf course meeting. The accountants are doing research regarding liability. There was discussion regarding the location of the machines and how they would be monitored.

Mr. Radulski indicated it appears to be revenue with zero risk. There is a third party agency that puts up the machines, services them and ultimately the Golf Course would receive a percentage of the profit. There was discussion regarding the length of the contract commitment and the hours of operation. Ms. Wojtulewicz questioned whether other golf courses have the machines.

The Countryside City Attorney did some research and could not find any conflicts. Billy and Sharon from the Golf Course went to Blue Island as they have a similar set up with the park district and golf course and presently have video gaming machines.

Since more information is needed regarding the length of the contract and other issues, this proposal will be left open and addressed under Old Business before the Board votes on it.

7. Approval of the PDRMA Invoice-Property/Casualty coverage.

Mr. Radulski questioned since the park district lost the Countryside employees if there was any discount. Mr. Russian indicated there may be a slight reduction in the expenses, because the park district no longer has the golf course employees on it. Since this is a quarterly expense of more than \$10,000, it needs the approval of the Board.

MOTION

Mr. Radulski made a motion to approve the PDRMA Invoice. Seconded by Mr. Johnson. All Ayes. Motion passed.

8. Open Forum (Limited to 15 minutes, 5 minutes per speaker) – Nothing Heard

9. Staff Reports

- a. **(Staff reports are provided as information only; Board members with questions – contact Matt prior to the meeting).**

There was discussion regarding movie night in August. There was a brief discussion to utilize the larger screen. Movie night was very successful last year. Mr. Russian reported that they are working with UPS, because they used the parking lots during their busy season between Thanksgiving and Christmas. There was discussion regarding UPS agreeing to be a title sponsor utilizing UPS on the screen before the movie starts.

There was a brief discussion regarding the Father/Daughter dance the first weekend in March. Last year there was a good turnout. Mr. Johnson suggested a Mother/Son dance and there was a suggestion of a Mother/Son sports night.

11. Additional items.

Mr. Burke indicated since it is only 6 months away, he will meet with Judy and get sponsors and asked the Board Members to help out. Mr. Johnson offered to be on a sponsorship committee for the 4th of July celebration/golf course outing.

There was a brief discussion regarding the \$50,000 grant monies from the State. Mr. Russian indicated he has spoken with Mr. Ganshaw from Mr. Molaro's office. Since there are parameters for what the \$50,000 grant monies can be used for, certain projects need to be discussed, reviewed and presented.

12. Executive Session (If needed)

MOTION

Mr. Radulski made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Compensation of Personnel. Seconded by Ms. Wojtulewicz. All Ayes. Motion passed.

(Whereupon the Board went into Executive Session at approximately 7:42 p.m.)

(Whereupon the Board came out of Executive Session at approximately 7:51 p.m.)

MOTION

Mr. Radulski made a motion to approve a 2-1/2 percent Christmas bonus based on the salary of the Executive Director, Matt Russian. Seconded by Ms. Wojtulewicz. All Ayes. Motion passed.

The Board will also discuss and review the performance evaluation of the Executive Director at the February meeting. Mr. Russian's contract will expire January 31, 2016. Performance evaluation of the Executive Director will be put on the Agenda for the February meeting.

13. Hiring and firing of personnel (If needed) (Nothing Heard)

14. Adjournment

MOTION

Mr. Johnson made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Ms. Wojtulewicz. All Ayes. Motion passed.

(Whereupon the meeting ended at 7:56 p.m.)

Reported by Carmella Traverso