

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC REGULAR MEETING
PLEASANT DALE PARK DISTRICT
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 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. Absent: Ernie Moon. Also present: Executive Director Matt Russian and Attorney Michael Cainkar.

3. Consent Agenda items a, b & c Monthly Business (**Items a-c 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 February 11, 2015 Regular Meeting
- b. Executive Session Minutes of February 11, 2015 meeting
- c. Financial Statements presented to the Board of Park Commissioners for February 2015.

MOTION

Mr. Radulski made a motion to approve items a, b & c. Seconded by Mr. Johnson. All Ayes. Motion passed.

4. Old Business

Mr. Burke reported that the Daddy-Daughter dance at Flagg Creek went very well.

5. Discussion and approval of video gaming machines at Flagg Creek Golf Course

There was discussion regarding the gaming machines with the City of Countryside and Golf Course Board and the Park District Board.

MOTION

Mr. Radulski made a motion to approve the video gaming machines at the Flagg Creek Golf Course.

Mr. Radulski also indicated that the Park District Board will have just as much input as the City of Countryside with regards to the gaming machines.

6. Discussion on Park District Sponsorships – Golf Outing, Banners.

Mr. Burke reported that Judy has prepared letters and Mr. Johnson will be helping with sponsorships and banner participation. There was further discussion regarding donations from last year. Ms. Wojtulewicz offered help with this project. There was discussion regarding coupons being offered and whether banners could be moved inside for certain events to give year-round exposure.

This issue will be put on the Agenda for the month of April. Maria will be contacted regarding any restrictions and rules for sponsorship.

7. Discussion on DCEO Grant Project

Matt reported that he has received letters from various special interest groups such as the energy program for the LED light conversion. There is great concern due to the recent changes in Springfield and many funds have been frozen by the Governor. The \$50,000 grant is already earmarked for the park district but the monies may or may not be dispersed. Redoing the parking lots is the project where the funds would be used. This project is a necessity and still makes sense in which to move forward, even with the questions of money being dispersed. Monies are paid out first for the project, and then the park district gets reimbursed.

8. Motion to amend the employment agreement between Matt Russian and the Pleasant Dale Park District

Mr. Radulski reported that this issue was discussed at last month's meeting in executive session.

MOTION

Mr. Radulski made a motion to approve the amount of \$71,000 for Mr. Russian's yearly salary. Seconded by Ms. Wojtulewicz. All Ayes. Motion passed.

9. Open Forum

Brad Tertell questioned how many employees are employed at Flagg Creek. The Board indicated there are 4 with a part-time employee. Billy lives in a house on the property and pays rent and utilities.

Mr. Tertell questioned why the Board would approve the gaming machines, expressing his concerns regarding younger people playing golf and the fact it is part of a park district. Mr. Burke indicated that the Board contacted other park district/golf courses who have gaming machines. Mr. Tertell suggested letting the public know in their next flyer. There was discussion regarding gaming machines in local restaurants, hours of operation, and further

research which needs to be done and contingencies which may need to be in place on the final contract.

Mr. Elie Youssef questioned the Board with regard to job descriptions. Mr. Russian reported that policies and procedures manual will define job descriptions.

Mr. Youssef questioned whether payments to the Lobbyist are still continuing. Mr. Burke explained that the Lobbyist previously agreed to a modified payment when Springfield was not in session. The current agreement is for a reduced rate. Mr. Youssef expressed concern regarding a past legal issue concerning the Lobbyist. Attorney Cainkar indicated he recalled an investigation but that nothing came to fruition as no charges were filed. Attorney Cainkar added that Mr. Molaro is a very successful and well-respected lobbyist.

10. Staff Reports

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

11. Additional items – Nothing Heard

12. Executive Session (if needed) – Nothing Heard

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 7:30 p.m.)

Reported by Carmella Traverso