

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC REGULAR MEETING
PLEASANT DALE PARK DISTRICT
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2014 AT 7:00 P.M.
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, Wade Brewer and Ernie Moon. Also present: Executive Director Matt Russian. Attorney Michael Cainkar arrived later in the evening. Absent: Amy Podczerwinski.

3. Flagg Creek Museum Walk-Through – Canceled until further notice

4. Consent Agenda items a, b & c Monthly Business (Items a, b & 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 December 11, 2013 Regular Meeting
- b. Minutes of December 11, 2013 Executive Session
- c. Financial Statements presented to the Board of Park Commissioners for December, 2013

MOTION

Mr. Radulskik made a motion to pass items a, b & c. Seconded by Mr. Brewer. All Ayes. Motion passed.

5. Old Business

- Chalet Update

Emails were sent to the Board regarding another offer on the Chalet property. Further information with regards to the Chalet will be provided by Mr. Cainkar later in the meeting. The court date for the Chalet has been set for February 20, 2014.

- 4th of July Celebration

Regarding the Golf outing in June, Mr. Russian indicated that Flagg Creek Golf Course requested the Board choose a date for the outing which can then be reserved on their golf calendar. After a brief discussion, it was decided to have the Golf Outing on Saturday, June 21st. Mr. Russian will contact Flagg Creek Golf Course to reserve June 21, 2014.

Mr. Burke stated that the menu selections for the golf outing will be decided upon and checked before the outing, so the same issues don't arise as the previous year.

After a short discussion, it was decided to keep the 3rd of July date for the fireworks display. Since it is mostly the staff and Board who are involved with the events of the 3rd, Mr. Russian will be the contact person regarding the forms and events of that date. Mr. Russian indicated that he and Judy will go over previous forms and handle the details.

Mr. Burke requested that the Board concentrate on the Golf Outing for sponsors and contributions.

6. Rob Novak – Extreme Pyrotechnics

Mr. Novak made a presentation to the Board and also presented an official proposal contract for Mr. Cainkar to review. He stated that the show lasted approximately 19 to 20 minutes and asked the Board if they had any preference as to which music was used during the show. The Board suggested that Mr. Novak use his discretion regarding the music. There was a brief discussion regarding what precautions need to be taken if there is a drought situation on that date.

Mr. Novak stated if there is an early pay by February 1st, there will be an additional 10 percent of product provided. The cost of the fireworks display is \$13,000 budget, with \$9,000 in product. With the early-sign date, there is an extra \$900 of product provided. There is also 3 percent for signing a 3-year deal, so extra product is provided each year.

Music for the show is provided separately by another person and is approximately \$1,200 paid by separate check. He provides the speakers and prior set up and has fire one experience and is good with electronics. An invoice for this amount will be sent to the park district.

Mr. Russian questioned whether or not a contest can be held to have a child sing the National Anthem prior to the show. There was a brief discussion regarding other options prior to the show. Mr. Novak will contact Mr. Russian with further information.

MOTION

Mr. Moon made a motion to accept the 3-year contract for the fireworks, subject to Mr. Cainkar reviewing the contract. Seconded by Mr. Brewer. All Ayes. Motion passed.

7. Cancer Society Walk

Mr. Russian reported to the Board the request by the Cancer Society to use the park for their walk on August 8, 2014 starting at 12:00 P.M., and it runs all night, from 6:00 P.M. to 6:00 A.M. There is no cost to the Park District, and it has been done for approximately five or six years.

8. Little League Merger

Mr. Russian reported that since Pleasant Dale Little League has been set up for the Pleasant Dale children, their numbers have dropped. Harvester Park also has their own little league. They are in a transition and have combined, and a new district has been established. There has previously been a contract with the Pleasant Dale Little League with reduced rates for local children. With the combination, there's a non-resident issue regarding rates. Mr. Russian met with the new president, and a decision needs to be made whether or not to give reduced rates. Ninety percent of the usage is non-residents, because you have to have fifty-one percent of a team be Pleasant Dale Park District residents to get a resident rate. It would be 43 percent if there was a resident team. Also, Burr Ridge doesn't charge anything, but they charge a maintenance fee, which is similar. There was further discussion, and Mr. Russian suggested a one-year contract, with a possible reduced rate.

9. New Business

Mr. Russian reported to the Board that a donation was requested by the school PTA. There is a fund raiser on March 1, 2014, a Mardi Gras social. It's a not-for-profit organization. After a brief discussion, the Board suggested a \$100 donation. Mr. Cainkar suggested if more requests are made, that it be done on a case-by-case basis, and that the donation be listed under bills payable to be approved at the next meeting.

Mr. Russian brought up the issue of a scholarship for community residents. There is a family that uses the Extra Innings before-and-after school program. The policy is they are allotted \$1,500 for the entire school year, which is the maximum. The family hasn't paid anything. This was also an issue last year, same family.

Letters have been sent from the Park District with follow-up emails requesting a letter or request which can be brought before the Board. No response has been received. A suggestion was made to have Mr. Russian discuss the issue with the family in person regarding these issues, and he will report back to the Board next month.

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

11. Staff Reports

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

Mr. Burke questioned the \$15,000 for programs which are provided for the Park District activities. He also suggested that this process be put out for a bidding. Mr. Russian explained that programs are provided three times a year. Someone designs it, it is sent out to printer, the printer goes to mail house, and mail house takes it to the post office. Mr. Russian and Judy will go to the Oak Brook Post Office to decide on what the best way is to handle the mailing issue and try to streamline the process.

There was a brief discussion regarding a meter reading on the Hess property for \$889.

12. Additional Items

13. Executive Session

- Motion for executive session to discuss specific employee items.

MOTION

Mr. Radulski made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation and the evaluation and compensation of specific personnel. Seconded by Mr. Brewer. All ayes. Motion passed.

(Whereupon the Board went into Executive Session at approximately 7:55 p.m.)

(Whereupon the Board came out of Executive Session at approximately 8:20 p.m.)

14. Hiring and firing of personnel – Nothing Heard

15. Adjournment

MOTION

Mr. Brewer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Moon. All Ayes. Motion to adjourn passed.

(Whereupon the regular meeting and executive session adjourned at approximately 8:25 p.m.)

Reported by Carmella Traverso