

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC REGULAR MEETING
PLEASANT DALE PARK DISTRICT
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2012, 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, Ernie Moon. Director Katherine Parker & Attorney Michael Cainkar. Absent: Amy Podczerwinski.

3. Consent Agenda items a & b Montly Business.

MOTION

Mr. Radulski made a motion to approve Consent Agenda items a & b. Seconded by Mr. Brewer. All Ayes. Motion passed.

4. Old business

a. Audit Update

Ms. Parker: Sipich has been engaged to undertake the audit. They were on site Monday and Wednesday, and documentation is being provided to them.

b. Chalet Grant Project Update

Ms. Parker: We have submitted receipts and vouchers seeking reimbursement from Lyons Township. The Grant is for \$150,000. There are more expenses to submit.

Mr. Jura: Blacktop has been finished and the basic deck.

There was discussion regarding a deck, turf and drainage system, steel framing for a roof for the batting cages.

Mr. Burke indicated that there was a Grant in 2009 for \$150,000 for an outdoor recreation area from Lyons Township. There were certain items approved by the Board.

Mr. Moon inquired as to the remaining balance of the \$150,000.

Ms. Parker indicated that there is an amount of \$100,029.00 which has been submitted.

There are other outstanding bills which have not been submitted. Remainder of the original grant of \$150,000 is approximately \$20,000 to \$30,000 left.

Mr. Jura indicated certain amounts for fake turf, fencing and canvass, possibly reinforcing areas if a certain roof is put on. A roof may cost more than \$60,000.

Mr. Jura also indicated that Mr. Salerno approved the decking from Lyons Township.

He also indicated he has someone who can do concrete block walls for \$40,000. The roof is done by a steel fabricating structural crew. The idea was to be able to use the batting cages possibly in the winter months. Batting cages are self-contained and are owned by the park district. There were some suggestions as to how to best use the remaining balance of the Grant Funds possibly for the turf and other items.

c. Chalet Membership Rates

Ms. Parker recommended that the Board consider making a standard membership rate for resident and non-resident rates with an add-on amount for a member of the household - child or spouse. There was some discussion regarding senior rates. Presently it's \$24.99 for Resident, \$19.99 for Senior (52 years old), \$39.99 for non-residents. There was a suggestion of \$25.00 per month for resident, \$15.00 for add-ons. Ms. Parker will work with Mr. Cainkar and prepare a proposal for a fee change for the Board to consider at next month's meeting.

d. Lake Carriage Way Update

Ms. Parker reported that work has been done to cut shrubs, but there is still work to be done regarding the lights. There was mention of the Burr Ridge Land Cash budget in regards to this issue.

5. New Business

a. Open Meetings Act requirements for Board Members

Mr. Cainkar indicated that members should have received a memo which indicates that board members need to take a class, and it can be done on-line.

Ms. Parker reported that it's a new law which states all elected officials have to be trained under the Open Meetings Act. Members can come to her office in relation to this requirement. There was a cut-off date mentioned of December 31, 2012.

b. Annual Meeting Schedule

Ms. Parker provided packets to the Board Members for the upcoming meeting dates for the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. for the 2012 calendar year. The dates and times will be posted in the newspaper.

MOTION

Mr. Brewer made a motion to accept the annual meeting schedule for the next eleven months. Seconded by Mr. Radulski. All Ayes. Motion passed.

c. Resolution approving the Declaration of Trust of the Illinois Institutional Investors Trust and Authorizing the execution thereof, and authorizing certain officials to act on behalf of the Pleasant Dale Park District.

Mr. Cainkar indicated that it's transferring all assets to another entity on behalf of the Park District. These would be signed by Kevin Burke, and then it would be Katherine and Marsha. They are the ones that need authority for the day-to-day operations of finances.

MOTION

Mr. Radulski made a motion to adopt the Resolution. Seconded by Mr. Brewer. All Ayes. Motion passed.

d. Golf Course Board Appointment

Mr. Burke indicated regarding the Golf Course Board, that each year there are 3 members from the Park District Board on the Golf Course Board and 2 members from Countryside on the board, and then it switches to 2 members from the Park District and 3 members from Countryside. Presently Mr. Radulski and Mr. Brewer are on the the Golf Course Board now, and a third member needs to be selected. Mr. Radulski mentioned that Mr. John Sheehan was interested in being on the Board.

MOTION

Mr. Radulski motioned to nominate John Sheehan. Seconded by Mr. Brewer.

Mr. Moon stated that it should be a courtesy to ask the Board members first.

Mr. Burke mentioned a letter which was received indicating that Mr. Moon resigned from the Board.

Mr. Moon stated that Mr. Sweeney didn't like him on the Board, because of questions regarding how money was spent. The Board has been run by him and the Countryside people. And they do what they want. We as the Park District need to control what's going on, because it's out of control.

Mr. Burke stated that the only reason Mr. Moon was not asked was because a letter was written a few months ago where he missed 3 meetings.

Mr. Brewer indicated he hasn't seen any problems there.

Mr. Radulski stated that he is willing to have Mr. Moon take his spot.

Mr. Moon questioned whether anyone has seen any problems there. They make a million two a year. There's a lot of wasted money there, and something is being overlooked. I think these things should be looked at, and we don't. This is the year

when we get a chance to get 3 people on there, and I think we should control what's going on.

Mr. Radulski was willing to appoint Mr. Moon to take his place.

Ms. Parker reminded the Board that there was a motion pending and it as seconded.

Mr. Brewer indicated that the members can look things over and make suggestions.

Mr. Moon indicated that he missed some meetings because he was traveling, and instead of talking to him, they went to the Mayor, and it was forcing him out. I didn't resign because he was forcing me out, I resigned because I couldn't make the meetings.

Mr. Cainkar indicated the discussion should relate to the motion.

(There was discussion all at one time)

Mr. Moon stated that he was given a letter where he was asked to be off the Board, and he was defending himself.

Mr. Cainkar indicated that the Board should vote on the issue.

There was discussion all at one time.

Ms. Parker indicated it doesn't have to be a Board member, it just has to be a resident.

MOTION

Roll Call for the pending Motion was taken:

Mr. Burke: Yes. Mr. Radulski: Yes. Mr. Brewer: Yes. Mr. Moon: (Shook his head indicating, no.) Motion passed.

e. Amendment to Policy Manual to provide paid vacation benefits to certain employees.

Ms. Parker stated that after a permanent part-time, year-round employee has worked for 5 years, they would have an opportunity to pick 2 paid holidays each year, 2 floating holidays.

Mr. Cainkar stated he would prepare a resolution regarding this issue for the next meeting.

6. Open Forum

Mr. Kuehn indicated he had been at Lyons Township and inquired about the grant. He said he was told the grant can only be used for that parking lot.

Ms. Parker indicated they have the resolution and stated that it was for the parking lot and deck, and that inspections have been done.

Mr. Kuehn also stated that he personally sat on the Golf Course Board for 2 years, and that it takes in approximately \$1 million to \$1.4 million per year and pay no property taxes of any kind. I have talked to people that worked there and have documentation.

There's an awful lot of money going someplace. They would not say where it's going, because they can't. They don't want to see a lawsuit or anything, but they said the money is disappearing. The Park District is supposed to be in charge of the employees, supposed to be in charge of everything. That's the way the contract was written. The Golf Course was purchased by the City of Countryside and the Park District. The Park District is in charge of its employees. Basically the Park District is run by this Board. Mr. Cainkar indicated that they are considered employees of the Park District for purposes of W-2s, insurance, worker's comp. The Golf Board governs the operations, and the manager runs the day-to-day operations.

(There was discussion all at one time)

Mr. Kuehn stated so what you are telling me is that there is nobody overseeing the Golf Course.

Ms. Parker indicated that the Golf Course Manager is hired by the Gold Course Board, and that's his job. No Board should be running the day-to-day operations.

Mr. Moon stated then the Park Manager and the Golf Course Manager are under the direction of Katherine.

Mr. Cainkar. No, not at all. The Golf Course Board runs the Golf Course. You appoint people to the Board. The Manager runs the day-to-day operations. The Golf Course Board sets policy, and he is supposed to follow policy.

Mr. Moon questioned whether having 3 votes on the Golf Course Board, could they make decisions on the hiring and firing.

Mr. Cainkar stated that the agreement states that the Golf Course Manager does the hiring and firing.

Mr. Moon questioned what would happen if you want to make a change to the Golf Course Manager.

Ms. Parker stated that the Board would do that.

(There was discussion all at one time)

There was some discussion regarding a third party that reviewed the operation.

Mr. Burke questioned how long ago Mr. Kuehn had conversations with certain individuals regarding the Golf Course.

Mr. Kuehn indicated it was about 7 years ago, and it hasn't changed. You have the same person running the board. The Manager hasn't changed. Mr. Sweeney is on the Board.

Mr. Burke indicated that Mr. Sweeney is not on the Board.

Mr. Kuehn stated basically what the board is doing unless they changed it from when he was on, is that the Manager makes out the budget, the board approves it, and basically nobody oversees any –

(There was discussion all at one time)

Mr. Burke stated that the Park District overlooks it and Countryside overlooks it.

Mr. Radulski stated that he questions every expense personally, and it's under close supervision by the City of Countryside which is part of their audit. There are multiple reviews which are independent.

Mr. Kuehn indicated that you can't pick it out of the budget, because it's covered in the budget.

Ms. Parker mentioned that it's kind of slandering people.

(There was discussion all at one time)

Mr. Kuehn indicated he sat on the Board for 8 years and was voted out of office. He gave all his paperwork to the City of Countryside, the Mayor, and from there it's gone.

Mr. Burke indicated that if he had a personal problem with someone from the Board seven years ago, that it's his issue.

Mr. Radulski indicated that if Mr. Kuehn had something specific that he would like him to look, he would do so, because it's part of his duty.

Ms. Parker indicated the discussion was getting close to slander.

Ms. Leann Broshous stated she is a resident of Countryside and indicated that she worked at Flag Creek and the Chalet. She commented on the much-needed parking lot. She also stated that the cleanliness of the Chalet needs attention. Elliptical machine needs to be oiled. Cup holders need to be cleaned out, more garbage cans, showers need to be cleaned.

Ms. Parker indicated that they have had meetings regarding these issues.

Mr. Burke stated that Mr. Moon and Ms. Parker and he have had meetings with the staff regarding the cleanliness of the Chalet and what needs to be done to improve on the cleaning process.

There was discussion regarding a cleaning service which was consulted with.

7. Staff Reports – Nothing heard.
8. Additional items – Nothing heard.
9. Executive Session
10. Hiring and Firing of Personnel

MOTION

Mr. Brewer made a motion to go into Executive Session regarding evaluation and the hiring and firing of personnel. Seconded by Mr. Radulski. All Ayes. Motion passed.

(Whereupon the Board went into Executive Session at approximately 8:15 p.m.)

11. Adjournment.

MOTION

Mr. Radulski made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Brewer. All Ayes. Motion passed.

(Whereupon the Regular Meeting and Executive Session ended at approximately 8:35 p.m.)