

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC REGULAR MEETING
PLEASANT DALE PARK DISTRICT
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11, 2012 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, Ernie Moon, Wade Brewer, and Amy Podczerwinski. Director Katherine Parker & Attorney Michael Cainkar were also present.
3. Consent Agenda items a & b Monthly Business.

MOTION

Mr. Brewer made a motion to accept the March 6 and March 14, 2012 Minutes with a correction to the March 6th Minutes indicating that (No Executive Session was held on that date). Seconded by Mr. Radulski. All Ayes. Motion passed.

MOTION

Mr. Brewer made a motion to pass the Financial Statements, Items 1 thru 4. Seconded by Mr. Radulski. All Ayes. Motion passed.

4. Old business
 - a. Burr Ridge Land Cash Projects

1. Lake Carriage Way Proposal

Ms. Parker indicated that Burr Ridge has segregated a certain amount of Land Cash Funds \$255,000 for the Park District to use for capital improvements. It must be within the boundaries of Burr Ridge. Two projects were brought up by Burr Ridge Trustee, Mr. Manieri. One is to combine some lighting at Lake Carriage Way and also add a small fishing dock that would be wheel-chair accessible. Parker met with John Manieri, a Trustee, and Doug Pollock. A proposal was distributed to the Board showing some specifications. Joe Jura was present to answer questions regarding this issue.

Mr. Jura stated that there are two projects: a fishing pier at Carriage Way West, in conjunction with lighting in the park for safety reasons. The fishing pier had

been proposed, and was approved in 2009. The basic price has increased about 10 percent since then from \$14,000 to \$15,000. The dock would have a concrete pad in which to connect with brackets and hinges for a total price of \$23,257. The dock would have a protective barrier fence. The Village indicated that new aerators would be included in the project.

Solar lighting for 4 units is approximately \$17,000. These are non-wired lights. They have a panel on the light standard and then there is a LED light, so there will be no electrical installation other than to plant the post and an electrician rig it up. There will be no wiring. It will be all solar. The estimated cost for 3 aerators is approximately \$9,300.

Mr. Radulski questioned whether or not timers could be put on the lights. Mr. Jura indicated that is an option.

There was discussion about the kilowatt hours, the 3-phase motor, which is a direct current, not an alternating current and is cheaper to operate. The depth is approximately 6 to 8 feet presently. There was some discussion regarding whether or not to dredge the area. There was also discussion regarding Mr. Manieri supplying fish for the pond. It was suggested that there should be a 10-foot depth for the fish to survive in the winter.

Mr. Moon questioned whether it was going to be a catch-and-release lake and it was agreed that it would be.

Mr. Jura next addressed the Savoy Park proposed Sun Shelter, on 79th Street at the Subdivision called Savoy Park. At this time, the park, a "tot lot," does not have a water fountain or a shelter. Mr. Manieri in conjunction with his meeting with the architect, came up with a plan to make improvements that include a new sun/rain shelter, a water fountain, and additional swings on the playground.

There was discussion about the cost of various supplies and labor, as well as the tapping of water for the fountain. The approximate costs would be \$22,000.

Mr. Moon indicated his concern about the pier and questioned Ms. Parker regarding any insurance increase regarding the pier at Lake Carriage Way.

Ms. Parker indicated that the insurance is based on the number of employees and the cost of operating. She will check into the insurance.

Open Forum: Harry Bradley, who resides at 121 Surrey Lane, Carriage Way spoke on behalf of the homeowners association and also for the town houses. He stated that the homeowners appreciate and enjoy the park that is there now, they like the pristine environment and are not interested in having a lot of improvements made. Because of the highway behind the park, there's a terrible light bleed, and planting some pine trees to help block that would be appreciated. The addition of some high lighting would be controversial. It's a non-lit community. He added that the members of the homeowners association are categorically opposed to a fishing dock, or any kind dock to go out into the water.

Ann Stewart spoke next and stated that she lives directly in front of the pond and she is also opposed to the addition of a fishing pier. She added that there have been 4 burglaries in the past year, and that, unless she puts up fences, she doesn't know how to keep kids off of the property.

Steve Bazanis spoke, and stated that he has owned an insurance agency since 1984. He mentioned that Maple Lake has its own dock, and that there is a large fence around it, because people walk out to the site. He added that he felt there would be added liability to the park.

Ms. Stewart stated that the pond and all the property was deeded by the Carriage Way Townhouse Developer. We were supposed to have a club house, a pool, and they decided it was too much liability, so they gave it to the Pleasant Dale Park District.

There was more discussion about the need for additional trees and aerators.

Susan Andrese spoke next and indicated that she has lived in Carriage Way for 26 years and was previously president of the homeowners association when this park was being planned and developed. At the time the pier was a consideration, and considered not only to be a liability but a potential safety issue for the kids.

It was discussed that Trustee Manieri had hoped to speak to residents about the project.

Mr. Burke asked to have phone numbers from members of the homeowners association.

Mike Dudek, from Willow Springs, spoke next, stating that he lives three homes away from Healing Waters. He said that the spot is a pond/park where the village put a pier in for fishing. He has seen how it changes things and the site does experience a lot more traffic. He added that there were many people who fish there from outside the neighborhood, non-residents. He added that the pier would not be as big a liability issue as people are making about it.

James Vlahakis, of 8004 Shagbark Lane, spoke next. He stated that he has lived in the area for a year and-a-half and hoped to experience more outdoor activities with his family. He is a lawyer, who typically defends municipalities. He stated that the tort immunity laws would protect the park district from liability and that, ultimately, the safety of children is the responsibility of the parents. He noted that this is park district land and everyone is entitled to use it, that building the pier could give children a better place to go and learn about nature, and that he favored the construction of the fishing pier.

Mr. Burke suggested this issue be tabled, so they could hear more from the homeowners association.

Mr. Radulski suggested that more research needs to be done regarding the citizens who would be affected the most regarding this issue.

Mr. Burke suggested maybe one of the Commissioners attend a homeowners association meeting.

Ms. Stewart mentioned that there is a meeting on the April 19, at the Burr Ridge Police Department at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Burke also suggested that Mr. Manieri be made aware of this, and that this issue of the Lake Carriage Way Proposal be tabled.

2. Savoy Park Shade Structure

MOTION

Mr. Radulski made a motion to proceed with the shade structure at Savoy Park. Seconded by Mr. Moon. All Ayes. Motion carried

5. New Business

a. Chapet Update

1. Chalet Health Club closing

Ms. Parker indicated there was notice given to members that the Park District would no longer be running the Chalet after April 28. She indicated that the board was still waiting the official appraisal from Holcer and Company for the Chalet, and that the park district had been approached by an interested buyer and also by a group interested in leasing the property.

Mr. Moon questioned for leasing or selling, does it have to go to a referendum.

Mr. Cainkar indicated that neither of them require referendum. There was discussion regarding different aspects of selling or leasing the property.

2. Chalet Bar Hours of Operation

There was discussion regarding the Chalet Bar as to when it should be closed and what to do with some of the contents of the bar.

MOTION

Mr. Brewer made a motion to close the Chalet Bar on April 20. Seconded by Mr. Moon. All Ayes. Motion passed.

3. Real Estate Appraisal – Previously discussed.

b. Extra Innings Intergovernmental Agreement Approval.

This is in regards to the before-and-after program from the Pleasantdale elementary school.

MOTION

Mr. Brewer made a motion to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement. Seconded by Mr. Radulski. All Ayes. Motion passed.

6. Open Forum

Kim Williams, representing the not-for-profit Lyons Junior Volleyball Club and their need for rental space, stated that a short-term rental proposal was submitted to the Board. There was discussion regarding use of the Chalet facility for a short term by the Volleyball Club. There was discussion regarding time of usage of the Chalet, utilities, insurance, repairs, sale or lease of the property, and payments.

Ned Matich, from Willow Springs, stated that his wife is a user of the Chalet swimming pool and that he is interested in keeping the pool open. He asked for clarification about the correction to the minutes about executive session.

Mr. Cainkar responded by stated that he was at the meeting and that the board did not go into executive session. He was not here at the last meeting when the minutes were approved, but thought that they were misleading and that is why there was a correction to the minutes.

Mr. Matich questioned the issues involved concerning the closing of the Chalet, and whether it was in any of the previous minutes.

Mr. Cainkar answered that there was no vote, per se, as to when to close the Chalet. There was, however, much discussion and a consensus was reached. He also noted that the Chalet had been the topic of discussion at every board meeting for the past two and half years.

Mr. Radulski indicated they have been trying to sustain it and have taken drastic measures. There were 2,000 members at one time, and now there are less than 350 members, which makes the situation unsustainable. He added that the reduction in expenses will make it much easier for the park district to focus on other areas.

Mr. Kuehn also made a statement that the Chalet had always lost money.

There was mention of the community needing a pool in the area.

8. Additional Items (Nothing heard)

9. Executive Session (Nothing heard)

10. Hiring and Firing of Personnel (Nothing heard)

11. Adjournment

MOTION

Mr. Moon motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Brewer seconded the motion. All Ayes. Motion passed.

(Whereupon the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:30 p.m.)