

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC REGULAR MEETING  
PLEASANT DALE PARK DISTRICT  
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2014 AT 7:00 P.M.  
RECREATION CENTER

7425 SOUTH WOLF ROAD, BURR RIDGE, ILLINOIS

(This meeting was rescheduled from Wednesday, Oct. 8, 2014, due to no quorum)

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Call to Order/Roll Call: Present: Commissioners: Kevin Burke, Mark Radulski, and CJ Johnson. Also present: Executive Director Matt Russian and Attorney Joseph Cainkar. Absent: Ernie Moon and Amy Podczerwinski.

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 September 10, 2014 Regular Meeting
- b. Executive Session minutes of the September 10, 2014 meeting
- c. Financial Statements presented to the Board of Park Commissioners for September, 2014.

**MOTION**

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

4. Old Business

- Motion on Scholarship Policy

The Board reviewed the scholarship policy included in their packets.

**MOTION**

Mr. Radulski made a motion to approve the scholarship policy. Seconded by Mr. Johnson. All ayes. Motion passed.

- Update on Medical Savings Procedures

Mr. Russian provided the Board with a copy of the present medical savings plan offered for the park district employees. There was no further action taken at this time.

5. Motion on Ordinance 2014-5 Authorizing and providing for the issuance of not to exceed \$5,500,500 general obligation refunding bonds, Series 2014A.

Mr. Joseph Cainkar explained the refinancing procedures and percentages regarding Ordinance 2014-5. High interest rate, long-term bonds will be restructured and refinanced at a lower interest rate.

**MOTION**

Mr. Radulski made a motion to approve Bond Ordinance 2014-5, Series 2014-A. Seconded by Mr. Johnson. All ayes. Motion passed.

6. Motion on Ordinance 2014-6 Providing for the issue of \$650,000 general obligation limited bonds, Series 2014B.

Mr. Joseph Cainkar explained that these are limited bonds which are done every year which are put into operations. Some of the funds realized will be used to service previous debts.

**MOTION**

Mr. Radulski made a motion to approve Ordinance 2014-6, Series 2014-B. Seconded by Mr. Johnson. All ayes. Motion passed.

7. Discussion on Intergovernmental Agreement

Mr. Burke explained these are agreements for the Park District, LaGrange Park and Countryside.

Mr. Johnson suggested sharing or cooperating with other townships in the area to make better use of the park areas and facilities. Mr. Russian has reached out to certain areas previously. Countryside has a recreation department, some space and parks they do not use, but they do not have any programs or buildings. We do co-op some programs with LaGrange presently, but it is in a Countryside park. Some of the areas discussed were LaGrange Park, Burr Ridge, Hodgkins and LaGrange Highlands. Mr. Johnson mentioned with the Chalet being gone now, that certain areas could combine to make better use of facilities and parks and may offer residents more options. Mr. Russian will research this further.

8. Discussion on Gateway vehicle lease/purchase

Mr. Russian reported that Gateway is the special recreation association. Presently the special recreation association owns 3 vehicles as Gateway. The Board of Commissioner's meeting was held Thursday, October 9, 2014.

One of the vehicles is out of commission and they are waiting to see how much it will cost to repair it. If a new vehicle has to be purchased, there are funds in the special recreation account. The park district could provide the funds for the vehicle purchase, and then the other member districts repay the park district. At the present time prices are being considered as to how much it will cost to repair the vehicle.

#### 9. Motion on Removal of Board Member

Previously the attendance record of Ms. Podczewinski was brought to the attention of the board members and was reviewed and discussed. Because of her employment in the Downtown area of Chicago, it is difficult for her to attend meetings by 7:00 p.m. A letter was sent to Ms. Podczewinski concerning her removal.

#### **MOTION**

Mr. Radulski made a motion to remove Ms. Podczewinski from the office of Park Commissioner and declare the office vacant. Seconded by Mr. Johnson. All Ayes. Motion passed.

#### 10. Open Forum (Limited to 15 minutes, 5 minutes per speaker)

Mr. Elie Jossef questioned the Board regarding the IGA. He questioned whether the elimination of some responsibilities at the Park District might result in any staff reduction. Mr. Radulski indicated that the Park District still oversees certain responsibilities. Mr. Russian indicated that there may be certain responsibilities which may be reduced, but there are other duties that will remain the same. Also, the Board indicated by transferring certain responsibilities, it will also free up some of the Park District employees' time to exclusively focus on the park and improve it.

#### 11. Staff Reports.

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

There was a brief discussion regarding the IT system and how it has progressed.

#### 12. Additional Items – Nothing heard

#### 13. Executive Session (If Needed) – Nothing heard

#### 14. Hiring and firing of personnel (If Needed)

Mr. Michael Cainkar previously sent a letter to Ms. Podczerwinski on September 12, 2014. Mr. Joseph Cainkar will send Ms. Podczerwinski a letter regarding this matter. Someone can be appointed during the interim before it is put on the ballot, and because it is in October, it has to be put on the ballot. Ms. Podczerwinski 's term would be up in 2017. So, there would be an appointment for the rest of the time, and then a two-year term.

#### 15. Adjournment

##### **MOTION**

Mr. Radulski made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Johnson. All Ayes. Motion passed.

(Whereupon the Meeting ended at 7:40 p.m.)

Reported by Carmella Traverso