

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC REGULAR MEETING
PLEASANT DALE PARK DISTRICT
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2013 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, Amy Podczewinski, and Ernie Moon. Also present were Interim Executive Director Matt Russian and Attorney Michael Cainkar.

3. 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 September 11, 2013 Regular Meeting
- b. Financial Statements presented to the Board of Park Commissioners for September, 2013
- c. Minutes of the September 23, 2013 Special Meeting

MOTION

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

4. Presentation from Caroline Goldthorpe – Museum.

Ms. Goldthorpe appeared on behalf of the Flagg Creek Heritage Society to ask the Board to consider making the present Director's home, if it is being considered for different options, a new home for the Flagg Creek Heritage Society Museum. The present museum can only accommodate a small group of people at one time. There was further discussion regarding the museum and its contents and how the new facility might be used.

Mr. Burke indicated he had visited the Museum previously and suggested that the board members visit the museum prior to one of the meetings. The Board indicated that they would consider the suggestion as an option.

5. Old Business

- a. Chalet update

Mr. Burke and Mr. Russian did a walk-through of the Chalet, and Mr. Burke indicated that the maintenance crew had cleaned the facility.

Mr. Cainkar had spoken to the Doctor and his Attorney last week regarding the sale of the Chalet, and they are expecting a letter of intent with specific terms and specific dollar amounts and expectations. He should have more information for the next meeting, and information will be distributed.

6. Public hearing on non-referendum bonds

Mr. Cainkar stated that the bond issue notification requires anyone issuing non-referendum bonds hold a public hearing and provide the public with an explanation of what the bond proceeds will be used for and answer any questions relative to the use of the bond proceeds. Statute requires that bond proceeds be used for capital improvements, purchase of land, and maintaining capital improvements. Of the \$630,000 in bond proceeds, there may be a little left over to spend on the park district that won't have to pay off the debt

service from the bonds issued 10 to 15 years ago. After checking with Maria, unfortunately, there will be nothing left over for capital improvements. So, it all has to go to pay the debt service on previous bonds.

The bond would actually be passed at the next meeting in November, and certainly anyone can come in at that time and ask questions.

7. Naming Matt Russian as Interim Executive Director, effective 9-23-2013.

Mr. Burke introduced Mr. Russian and stated that the Board suggested Matt Russian as Interim Executive Director, because of his handling of the sports and other activities, and due to the recent resignation of Katherine Parker.

Mr. Russian indicated he has been with Pleasant Dale for 4 years. He is originally from Michigan and lives in Naperville. He expressed his appreciation for being able to help out the District. He will try to introduce positive change to benefit the community.

MOTION

Mr. Moon made a motion to name Matt Russian as Interim Executive Director. Seconded by Mr. Brewer. All Ayes. Motion passed.

8. New Business

Mr. Burke spoke about the vestibule. After speaking with B & F Consulting and with Mr. Russian, B & F would be hiring an architect to prepare the prints and present it to Burr Ridge. There is no footing. There was an estimate from the company who constructed it, and the charge would be \$600 to remove it, not promising any glass breakage. There was discussion regarding whether to move it and store it in case it is decided to use it again with a building permit. Regarding the handle on the door leading out, a locksmith would be needed to put an attachment on it. Mr. Burke's opinion would be to take it down and put the proper door latch on.

MOTION

Mr. Moon made a motion to tear the vestibule down and put the proper door latch on the door. Seconded by Ms. Podczerwinski. All Ayes. Motion passed.

Mr. Burke made mention of the Haunted Hayride coming up.

Mr. Radulski reported to the Board that Boy Scout Troop Pack 69 questioned whether they could use a location at the Park one Thursday a month. They do clean up the grounds after certain programs, and this could be a mutually beneficial relationship. Mr. Moon mentioned that this troop uses one of the rooms for their pancake breakfast. Mr. Burke suggested that the troop contact Mr. Russian.

9. Open Forum

Mr. Youssef questioned the payments made to the Lobbyist, and it was indicated that the monthly payments are \$900 a month. Mr. Bob Soldat indicated that the Lobbyist is attending meetings in Springfield and making phone calls regarding grants.

Mr. Youssef questioned information regarding the vestibule Mr. Burke mentioned, and it was stated that it was constructed because people were dropping children off for preschool, and the Board had no knowledge of

it, and it is going to be taken down. Mr. Youssef questioned whether it was constructed without a permit and the Board indicated that it was, and that it was constructed under the previous Director.

In response to Mr. Youssef's question as to how many children attend the preschool at the present time, Mr. Russian stated that it was 13 presently.

Mr. Youssef questioned the budget passed on May 4th, and indicated that there were two different totals on the general corporate fund, one of them being \$35,000 over. Mr. Radulski indicated that he would get information from their accountant.

Mr. Youssef questioned why there is an amount of \$15,000 for electricity for the Chalet? The Board indicated that there needs to be heat on to prevent pipes from bursting and keeping the smoke alarms on and minimal lighting. Mr. Youssef questioned why the Park District incurred \$17,000 and the Chalet incurred \$15,000? Mr. Moon responded that the Chalet is larger.

Mr. Youssef questioned the fees paid to Ken at the Flagg Creek Golf Course. Mr. Burke stated that Ken is the person who gives golf lessons, and that would be a question for the Golf Course Board. Mr. Cainkar indicated that the Park District gets the budget from the Golf Board, and it's incorporated into the Park District budget. There was further discussion regarding golf lessons, how they are taught, and who teaches them.

Mr. Youssef questioned what is planning on being done with the Chalet at this time. Mr. Cainkar stated that it's been listed for sale since June of 2012 through a Remax broker. A local doctor is interested in it and will be presenting a letter of intent. He owns the Score on Joliet Road and intends on keeping it as a fitness center. There was further discussion regarding selling it outright and not have any further ties to it.

Mr. Youssef questioned whether there are any plans for the land on Willow Springs after the fire, and Mr. Burke indicated that there are no plans right now. A dog park and other options will be considered if a land grant is received.

Mr. Moon questioned how close they are from getting the money from Lyons Township? Mr. Cainkar stated that Attorney Ed King picked up the executed requisite on Friday, and it may take a few weeks. The Grant was \$150,000, but they only spent approximately \$94,000.

10. Staff Reports (Provided as information only; board members with questions contact Matt prior to the meeting.)

Mr. Russian indicated that he would be setting up accounts and passwords and setting up the school closings with WGN. The Board offered their help during Mr. Russian's interim period.

11. Additional items (Nothing heard)

12. Executive session

- a. Evaluating performance of specific employees or groups of employees
- b. Compensation for Interim Executive Director

MOTION

Mr. Radulski made a motion to go into Executive Session to evaluate performance of specific employees or groups of employees and also for compensation for Interim Executive Director. Seconded by Mr. Moon. All Ayes. Motion passed.

(Whereupon the Board went into Executive Session at 7:37 P.M.)

(Whereupon the Board came out of Executive Session at 7:45 P.M.)

After the Executive Session, Mr. Burke suggested that Mr. Russian's salary be increased by \$1,000 a month.

MOTION

Mr. Moon made a motion to increase Mr. Russian's salary to \$1,000 more per month. Seconded by Mr. Radulski. All Ayes. Motion passed.

MOTION

Mr. Moon made a motion to increase Judy's salary by \$500 per month. Seconded by Ms. Podczerwinski. All Ayes. Motion passed.

13. Hiring and firing of personnel (Nothing heard)

14. Adjournment

MOTION

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

(Whereupon the Regular Meeting and Executive Session ended at 7:48 P.M.)

Reported by Carmella Traverso