

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC REGULAR MEETING
PLEASANT DALE PARK DISTRICT
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14, 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: Mark Radulski, Wade Brewer, Ernie Moon, and Amy Podczerwinski. Director Katherine Parker & Attorney Michael Cainkar. Absent: Kevin Burke.

(Mr. Burke was absent, and a motion was made to name a President Pro Tem for today's meeting)

MOTION

Mr. Brewer made a motion to name Mr. Mark Radulski as President Pro Tem for the August 14, 2013 meeting. Seconded by Ms. Podczerwinski. All ayes. Motion passed.

3. Consent Agenda items a & b Monthly Business (both items a & b on the consent agenda will be approved with one motion; Board Members with questions should call Katherine prior to the meeting).

- a. Minutes of July 10, 2013 Regular Meeting
- b. Financial Statements presented to the Board of Park Commissioners for July 2013.

MOTION

Mr. Brewer made a motion to pass items a & b. Seconded by Ms. Podczerwinski. All Ayes by roll call. Motion passed.

4. Old Business

- a. Chalet update.

Mr. Cainkar indicated that the Board would need to go into a brief executive session to discuss the sales price of the Chalet.

5. New Business

- a. Ordinance No. 2013-5, an Ordinance providing for the levying, assessment, and collection of taxes for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2013, and ending April 30, 2014 for the Pleasant Dale Park District, Cook County, Illinois.

Mr. Cainkar explained that the tax cap is 1.9 percent, a little bit more is levied to capture new property included in the tax cap, anything annexed, or any improvements. There should be an expected approximate 2 percent increase from last year's levy.

MOTION

Mr. Brewer made a motion to pass Ordinance No. 2013-5. Seconded by Ms. Podczerwinski. All Ayes by roll call. Motion passed.

6. Open Forum

Mr. Mike Dudek made comments regarding the sale of the Chalet property. There was some discussion about getting funding and repurposing the land, maybe a dog park or a splash park, and trying to keep it rather than sell it at this time for under what it's worth. He asked the Board to consider some of these issues in their future discussions regarding this property. He also stated that the previous board had spoken to the High School about swapping the Hess land for some of the land they own right next to White Buffalo.

Mr. Radulski indicated that the Board will consider these things in their discussions.

7. Staff Reports

Ms. Parker reported that the Summer Camp ended. She asked the Board to review the proposal from the Soccer Club. They have approached Matt about the possibility of putting artificial turf on the soccer fields. The Board's approval and agreement would be needed to do this. It may also increase the rental revenues from other organizations who may want to rent these fields. Further information will be provided to the Board at a later time.

Preparations are being made for the new pre-school opening with a revised format. We will be using Jolly Phonics and also the Pre-school Director has a background in Early Childhood Education, and has experience and has been with the park district for a couple of years.

Mr. Radulski mentioned that Flagg Creek had passed the budget, and after discussion with Maria, the audit is in full swing.

Mr. Moon mentioned he saw some equipment on the Hess property, and questioned what the property is being cleared for. Ms. Parker indicated that the property is being cleared to prepare for possible improvements. The Park District was able to secure funding from the General Assembly to make improvements on the property. She asked Mr. Chris Ganschow to give a summary regarding the funding.

Mr. Chris Ganschow reported there were monies that were reprogrammed from the Capital Bill that other agencies weren't able to utilize. Bob Molaro and Chris Ganschow and some other folks were able to get the Senator and the Representative to commit \$50,000 to the Park

District. Some technical issues need to be worked on with how the line item is on the bill, and they will be working with Senator Collins' office. He is fairly confident that the money will be there for some capital improvements.

Mr. Radulski questioned what the status is at this time?

Mr. Ganschow indicated that until they have the check in hand, anything can happen. There is a line item in the Appropriation Bill, the Budget Bills that were passed at the end of the session that says \$50,000 will be reprogrammed, and it's just a matter of policy as to what kind of projects. It will be for infrastructure. Barring some unforeseen circumstance, that money is committed to the park district. The Governor did sign that Appropriations Bill. He vetoed some parts of it. It went over pretty well with the folks in the General Assembly. There are a couple of technical things we have to work out with Senator Collins' Office right now.

Mr. Moon stated that it's been talked about, but the money isn't there yet. Why has work been done there, if there's no money for it?

Ms. Parker indicated that none of the monies under discussion were expended in advance. They have 6 free summer workers who have been paid for by LT this year. That property needs to be cleared, because of vandalism and other concerns. Monies are always budgeted for landscaping and clearing the property.

Mr. Moon questioned why there is a bulldozer on the property. Ms. Parker indicated that they have been using a brush hog to mow, not a bulldozer.

Mr. Elie Youssef questioned who is in charge of updating the websites, and mentioned that the last update was April of 2013. Ms. Parker indicated that ultimately she is, and an outside person who is paid by the hour, Mark Maclain.

Mr. Youssef mentioned that the minutes and other information need to be up to date. He also mentioned that in the Meeting in April or March Mr. Moon asked a question about the Lobbyist Bob Molaro. There's no explanation or answer to his question. Mr. Radulski mentioned that since April there has been a lot of progress, and the Park District could potentially lock in \$50,000 of State grants for improvements.

Mr. Youssef mentioned that he saw no answer to Mr. Moon's question regarding the Lobbyist.

(there was discussion all at one time)

Ms. Parker indicated that sometimes only things that are voted on are documented. Board minutes don't have to document everything that's discussed, and no vote was made at that time regarding that issue. Mr. Cainkar indicated that the minutes do not have to be a verbatim account, just a brief summary of what was discussed.

There was a question regarding what the Lobbyist is being paid per month, and it was indicated that he is paid a fee of \$900 per month for his services. Mr. Radulski indicated that they are trying to be transparent, and if there are ever any questions, there is an open door policy to go and see Ms. Parker, who is the Director.

Mr. Youssef mentioned that if someone can't make these meetings, they should be able to go online and check information regarding these things. There was a recommendation to make sure everything is up to date.

Mr. Youssef noticed on the website there is an indication for one individual for accounts payable and one individual as an accountant, and questioned why those two responsibilities couldn't be with one person rather than two. Ms. Parker indicated that one person does accounts payable and payroll, and the other does the budget and the audit, and both are part-time employees.

Mr. Radulski stated that Maria is a CPA, and Marcia records transactions and does payroll, and to consolidate those responsibilities with a CPA would cost a lot more. We have a CPA who is willing to work part-time. Mr. Youseff questioned if at one time the park district had an accounting firm.

Mr. Radulski stated that by law you have to have an Accounting Firm to do your Audit, and that has to be an independent firm. Mr. Youseff questioned the July fireworks show, and questioned the Board as to how they would rate how successful that was? He also mentioned his concern regarding charging \$20 for a parking space. Mr. Radulski indicated that all things taken into consideration, he felt that what they did was provided the absolute best show they could without being fiscally irresponsible. The whole show didn't cost more than a couple thousand dollars. There is a \$20 lot and a \$5 lot. Mr. Parker indicated that the fee of \$20 has been charged for at least the last 5 years. Mr. Radulski mentioned that there is a \$20 lot, and it's more difficult to park in certain situations. Even with the \$5 and \$20 parking spaces, it filled up. There was further discussion regarding the previous fireworks programs and the monies involved and problems they ran into. No profits are made. Certain lots are reserved for people who want to make sure they have a place to park. Choices are made with the Park's best interest in mind.

8. Additional items. (Nothing heard)

9. Executive Session.

MOTION

Mr. Brewer made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss the sales price of the Chalet. Seconded by Ms. Podczerwinski. All Ayes. Motion passed.

(Whereupon the Board went into Executive Session at approximately 7:45 P.M.)

(Whereupon the Board came out of Executive Session at approximately 7:55 P.M.)

10. Hiring and firing of personnel. (Nothing Heard)

11. Adjournment.

MOTION

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

(Whereupon the Meeting and Executive Session ended at approximately 8:00 P.M.)

Reported by Carmella Traverso