

**WHEELING PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF MEETING
MAY 18, 2010**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Wheeling Park District, Cook and Lake Counties, Illinois, was held in the Boardroom of the Community Recreation Center, 333 W. Dundee Road, Wheeling, Illinois.

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by President Pecka, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following Commissioners were present when the roll was called: C. Klumpp, J. Kolssak, B. Lichtenberger, M. Kurgan, S. Stein, R. Rosen, and K. Pecka.

Staff members present were Jan Buchs, Executive Director; Elliott Becker, Director of Finance and Business Operations; Larry Raffel, Superintendent of Planning; Amy Rivas, Director of HR and Risk Management; Matt Wehby, Director of Park and Recreation Services; John Stachura, Intern; and Marcia Jendreas, Recording Secretary.

Also present was Fran Bentley, resident.

AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/CORRECTIONS – None

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of May 4, 2010
- B. Resolution 2010-04 – Authorizing the Submittal of an OSLAD Development Grant Application

Commissioner Lichtenberger moved, seconded by Commissioner Stein, to approve the Consent Agenda.

On the roll call, the vote was as follows:

AYE: J. Kolssak, B. Lichtenberger, M. Kurgan, S. Stein, R. Rosen, C. Klumpp, K. Pecka

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

UNFINISHED OR CONTINUING BUSINESS

Park Board Benefits

Executive Director Buchs provided letters from both the District's auditor and legal counsel

regarding their opinions pertaining to the legal sufficiency of Board member use of Park District facilities. She also provided a detailed information sheet listing surrounding park districts and the benefits they allow for their commissioners.

Commissioner Stein asked what the differences are between Board and staff benefits. Director Becker said that Commissioners are treated exactly the same way as employees.

Commissioner Kurgan said that there appeared to be consensus at the last meeting that a policy needs to be in place; however, there are some things that need to be reviewed.

Executive Director Buchs commented that the policy was last changed in November 2003. She said the Board has to be careful not to violate the Illinois Park District Code if any changes are made. She advised Commissioners that Attorney Steve Adams was available right now, and a conference call could be made to him if anyone had specific questions or concerns.

Commissioner Lichtenberger said he is not willing to open himself to public scrutiny, especially in these economic times. He said he did not want anyone perceiving him as having a good time on the Park District's dollar.

Commissioner Kurgan said that golf is not a one-person sport and he commented that laws are about interpretation.

Commissioner Kolssak said he would still like to see the golf cart fee abolished.

President Pecka said that he believed no one on this Board made a decision to run for office based on what the benefits are, and Commissioners are elected because they convinced the community of voters that they can trust them to make good policy decisions for the district. He said that at this time, with the economy the way it is – families losing their homes due to foreclosures, people losing their jobs, and people cutting back on fun things – he was embarrassed that this subject was even on the agenda tonight, and he did not want to change the policy.

Commissioner Klumpp said she didn't mind the 12 guest passes, and would like to see the cart fee dropped. She thought it was also a good idea to be able to book a tee time on Monday for a time later in the week, knowing that it could be cancelled if a paying customer books the time. However, she said that everyone needs to deal with the law if it changes.

Commissioner Kolssak said he was not embarrassed by this discussion and said that he learned a lot. He commented that he did not think the policy was being abused.

Commissioner Kurgan did not feel there was any abuse of the policy and was not embarrassed by the discussion. He said he still would like to see the pass include the Commissioner, guest and a cart. He said he did not agree with the interpretation of the law.

Commissioner Stein said that since they have been made aware of what the law is, then they should follow it.

Commissioner Kolssak said he would like to see a consensus for a free cart and to be able to book a tee time earlier than with 24-hours notice.

President Pecka said that he would be in favor of the tee time being booked ahead of time, but if there is a paying customer, the Commissioner can be bumped to another time.

Commissioner Lichtenberger quoted the following from the September 2004 *Federal, State and Local Governments Newsletter*: “Use of a golf cart may not be a no-additional-cost service since expenses for gas, maintenance, and repairs are incurred when it is used.”

Commissioner Klumpp moved, seconded by Commissioner Kolssak, to change the Benefits Policy for golf to include the statement that there will be no cart fee and a tee time may be booked ahead of time, but this tee time may be bumped if there is a paying customer.

On the roll call, the vote was as follows:

AYE: C. Klumpp, J. Kolssak, M. Kurgan, S. Stein, R. Rosen

NAY: B. Lichtenberger, K. Pecka

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

2010-2011 Board Committee Appointments

President Pecka announced the following Committee Appointments for 2010-2011:

Administration Committee

Commissioner Stein, Chair
Commissioner Rosen
Executive Director Buchs

Future Planning Committee

Commissioner Lichtenberger, Chair
Commissioner Kolssak
Executive Director Buchs

Intergovernmental and Community Relations Committee

Commissioner Klumpp, Chair
Commissioner Kurgan
President Pecka
Executive Director Buchs

Liaisons

Village of Wheeling – President Pecka
Historical Society – Commissioner Klumpp
School Districts – Commissioners Klumpp and Kurgan
Library – Commissioner Rosen

Commissioner Kolssak moved, seconded by Commissioner Lichtenberger, that the aforementioned committee assignments be accepted and ratified for the 2010-2011 year.

Motion carried by voice vote.

Aquatic Center Membership – Discussion

Director Wehby stated that over the past several weeks, staff has been in contact with several area park districts regarding the state of their outdoor swimming facilities and their VGBA-compliance status. Based on those conversations, staff has learned that several pools will not be VGBA compliant by the start of the summer swimming season and, thus, may not be able to open. This lack of available outdoor pools provides an opportunity for the Wheeling Park District to serve additional guests – and possibly generate additional revenue – by selling nonresident Aquatic Center memberships.

Director Wehby said that staff is proposing a special membership pricing promotion where, for a limited time, nonresidents may purchase an outdoor Aquatic Center membership at the resident rates of \$179 for a family and \$79 for an individual pass. This promotion would only be available until June 30, at which time the nonresident membership rate would revert to \$209 for a family and \$109 for an individual.

Commissioners were in favor of the pricing promotion.

FINANCE

Treasurer’s Report – April 2010

Director Becker said that, given the continued uneasiness over the economy, staff prepared, and the Board of Commissioners approved, a conservative budget based on what was projected as a worst-case scenario. In view of that, each of the major funds at the District is operating at better-than-anticipated levels through April.

Voucher List

Commissioner Stein moved, seconded by Commissioner Rosen, to approve the Voucher List in the amount of \$281,979.03.

On the roll call, the vote was as follows:

AYE: S. Stein, R. Rosen, C. Klumpp, J. Kolssak, B. Lichtenberger, M. Kurgan, K. Pecka

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

STAFF REPORTS

Director Wehby reported that registration for the *Billy Elliott the Musical* trip on June 2 was filled on the first day. Staff was able to secure tickets for a second show on July 14, and all those tickets have also been sold.

He advised that a lot of work is going on at the Aquatic Center. The opening for Arctic Splash is delayed because a change order had to be issued for a different size of piping.

Executive Director Buchs said that April was a good month for Chevy Chase. She advised that the golf course was closed on May 13 and 14 because of standing water from the rainstorm. Food and Beverage is doing well. The Mothers' Day Brunch brought in 350 people. Staff participated in the Westin's Wedding Expo last Sunday.

Regarding Fitness, Executive Director Buchs said that a plan is in place for temporary staffing, and HR and Finance are helping out in the interim. The new Fitness Center brochure is almost ready.

Commissioner Kurgan suggested getting businesses to put Park District information and a link on their websites.

Director Rivas said she is learning all she can about the Fitness Center so the transition can go smoothly.

Executive Director Buchs advised that staff is in the beginning stages of discussions with Bill Hein about a Farmers' Market being held during the week along the Park District's exit drive. The Village of Wheeling approved the Farmers' Market, but the location would be behind the former Wickes property. The preliminary time frame is from June 28 through October 26.

Commissioner Kurgan asked about the status of the old marquee. Executive Director Buchs said that staff is getting prices for demolition and is also trying to determine if the work can be performed in-house.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

President Pecka listed the written communications and asked that they be placed on file. He congratulated Marcia Jendreas on being named Prospect Heights 2009 Citizen of the Year.

VERBAL COMMUNICATIONS

Board: Commissioner Klumpp congratulated Commissioner Lichtenberger on being reappointed as the Vice President of the Board. She said the Relay for Life will be held at Wheeling High School on May 22. She advised that the Indian Trails Library opened a new branch at the Palwaukee Plaza Shopping Center today at 4:00 p.m. and the place was packed. She thought it was a great idea.

Commissioner Rosen said he attended the Village of Wheeling meeting, and the Impact Fee Ordinance was passed. He reminded everyone about the Wheeling Historical Society Installation Dinner on May 26.

Commissioner Stein proudly announced that the Holmes 7th grade girls and boys teams won sectionals in track. She said that there are 12 runners going to the State track meet.

Commissioner Kurgan complimented staff on the way baseball fields and the parks are being maintained.

Commissioner Lichtenberger thanked the Commissioners for reelecting him Vice President. He attended Parks Day at the Capitol and had the opportunity to talk to some of the legislators. He was glad that park districts had the support of Representative Sente and Senator Link.

President Pecka said he attended the Village of Wheeling Board Meeting and listened to the discussion about the Impact Fee Ordinance. He said staff was happy with the revisions that were made to the Ordinance.

Citizens: Fran Bentley, Wheeling resident, commented that there were no tennis courts on the Heritage Park Redevelopment Plan. Superintendent Raffel said that initially they weren't planned for, but they should be added back in.

She also expressed her concerns about the Wheeling Police and Public Works Departments using the Park District walking paths as a cut-through for their vehicles.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:01 p.m., Commissioner Kolssak moved, seconded by Commissioner Stein, to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussion of the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the District, including meetings held for the purpose of discussion whether a particular parcel should be acquired per 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5); and discussion of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District or legal counsel for the District, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the District or against legal counsel for the District to determine its validity per 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1). Motion carried by voice vote.

The regular meeting reconvened at 9:53 p.m.

ACTION, IF ANY, ON MATTERS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Kolssak moved, seconded by Commissioner Klumpp, to approve Executive Director Buchs' 2010 – 1st Quarter 2011 Individual Goals.

Motion carried by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Commissioner Kolssak moved, seconded by Commissioner Stein, to adjourn the meeting at 9:54 p.m. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Buchs
Secretary

Approved this 1st day of June 2010
Board of Commissioners
Wheeling Park District