

**MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
BUFFALO GROVE PARK DISTRICT
MAY 27, 2008**

Commissioners Present: Lawrence Reiner, Martha Weiss, Richard Drazner, Jack Schmerer,
Scott Jacobson

Staff Present: Michael Rylko, Executive Director, Dan Schimmel, Director of Recreation and Facilities,
Dale Ducommun, Superintendent of Parks, John Short, Business Manager, Kim Cashmore,
Superintendent of Recreation, Ryan Risinger, Superintendent of Recreation, Gina Madden,
Attorney, Mike Terson, Marketing Manager/Public Relations, Sandy Page, Executive
Secretary, John Wierzbicki, Intern

Guests: Kati Weiler – 571 Farrington Ct., Buffalo Grove, IL

President Reiner called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:26 p.m. **CALL TO ORDER**

Roll Call

Executive Director Rylko called the roll and the following
Commissioners answered present, Lawrence Reiner, Martha Weiss,
Richard Drazner, Jack Schmerer, and Scott Jacobson.

Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Schmerer moved to approve the agenda, seconded
by Vice President Weiss and passed with a voice vote.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Kati Weiler and John Wierzbicki were recognized. Ms. Weiler
will be making a presentation later in the meeting. John Wierzbicki
is the current Park District Intern. He is attending Illinois State
University.

GUESTS

Approval of April 14, 2008 Workshop Minutes

Commissioner Drazner moved to approve the April 14, 2008
Workshop Minutes, seconded by Commissioner Jacobson and
passed with a voice vote with President Reiner abstaining.

MINUTES

Approval of April 28, 2008 Public Hearing Minutes

Commissioner Drazner moved to approve the April 28, 2008
Public Hearing minutes, seconded by Commissioner Jacobson and
passed with a voice vote with Commissioner Schmerer abstaining.

Approval of April 28, 2008 Workshop Minutes

Commissioner Drazner moved to approve the April 28, 2008 Workshop Meeting minutes, seconded by Commissioner Jacobson and passed with a voice vote with Commissioner Schmerer abstaining.

Approval of April 28, 2008 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Drazner moved to approve the April 28, 2008 Regular Board Meeting minutes, seconded by Commissioner Jacobson and passed with a voice vote with Commissioner Schmerer abstaining.

Ms. Weiler was present at the meeting tonight regarding the Willow Stream Pool renovation. She mentioned that this is the first time she saw the display board for the pool renovation. She thinks it looks great and the slide is larger than she thought it would be.

She feels there was a lack of communication on the project and focus groups were not offered to discuss the features. Many of the pool users are upset that there will not be a deep end for their children which is a huge feature right now.

Ms. Weiler only saw two articles on the pool project in the newspapers. She also mentioned she lives two houses away from the pool and received nothing from the District regarding the renovation. There was no announcement in the pool pass reminders or given out at the time the pool passes were made. There was nothing posted at the pool or at Alcott. She thinks the display boards were posted last year between the end of preschool and the beginning of camp as she did not see anything when she dropped off her child for preschool.

She created a petition which she sent to the District and has more names with her tonight. She feels no one knows about the pool renovation and the fact that there will not be a deep end. The participants are not happy about this and she wonders if it would be possible to change the depth at one end to the required depth for diving.

The design is great, but the one end needs to be deeper. She wonders what the expense would be to have a deep end and would be willing to forgo a diving board.

Executive Director Rylko related that the District had referendums over the last 10 to 15 years for a new pool. The Community Survey indicated the residents wanted a pool, but did not support the referendum that would be needed to raise taxes to build and maintain the pool. The Park District staff met with consultants and realized that based on funds and space we could not have everything. The consultants

TOPICS FROM THE FLOOR

indicated that 50% of the new pools being built today had five feet as the maximum depth. The depth needed today for a diving well would mean there would need to be more vertical wall space and there would be mechanical issues. The bathhouse would need to be expanded to allow a mechanical system to maintain that volume of water.

The District had to make a tradeoff as the zero depth entry would accommodate everyone including the physically challenged. The water slide only needs six inches of water at the bottom.

President Reiner related the District had meetings with the consultants and some were open to the public. The District is trying to accomplish this project with limited dollars. The footprint at the current site with the dollars we have only allows the District to do certain things.

Ms. Weiler noted that the families on the petition voted yes for the referendums and it is a shame that they did not pass. They understand that it is limited. President Reiner explained the District cannot build the pool she wants on that site without an entire major renovation. The water table will not let us go deeper than what we have right now which does not meet State Code. There is an indoor diving well at the Aquadome. The District is doing as much as it can with the ground, site, and dollars it has.

Executive Director Rylko mentioned that the brochures have had information about the pool and the District could include something on the website. Press Releases were sent to the newspapers on the Public Hearing beforehand.

Commissioner Jacobson finds it strange there has been a long time since the renovation was mentioned and no one has come forward. Director Schimmel thinks when people think of something being renovated, they don't think anything will be taken away. Mike Terson also related that the District cannot control what the newspapers choose to print.

President Reiner stated the District will make sure this project is well run and the results will be something the public will like, it will be cleaner, safer and ADA accessible. The District can communicate to the community around the pool why this design was chosen and that the District is doing everything it can to accommodate the residents.

Ms. Weiler was thanked for attending the meeting tonight, and she thanked the Board for permitting her to express her concerns.

When the District has the final plans, a copy will be displayed at the Willow Stream Pool and Alcott Center and flyers will be sent out.

The Park District staff wrote down all the addresses around the pool and sent a flyer to each address by mail regarding the renovations. Ms. Weiler should have received one of the letters.

Director Schimmel said the District will create a letter to be mailed in approximately 10 days about the pool renovations and why they are being done

Commissioner Schmerer suggested creating a flyer or letter to let the people surrounding Emmerich know what will be going on there. It could also be included on the District website.

Written and Verbal Correspondence

The Commissioners received a memo regarding the Park District grants that Superintendent Ducommun maintains for the District. They also received a newspaper article regarding the services offered at the Vitality Spa, the school newsletter, and a thank you note from the Knarr Family.

Vice President Weiss moved to approve the following staff recognitions for the 3 year and 4 year preschool employees, seconded by Commissioner Schmerer and passed with a voice vote.

- 08-5-1 Meg Nakamura – 10 Years 4 Yr. Preschool
- 08-5-2 Merle Sulkin – 10 Years 4 Yr. Preschool
- 08-5-3 Terri Yee – 10 Years 3 Yr. Preschool
- 08-5-4 Carol Jernberg – 15 Years 3 Yr. Preschool
- 08-5-5 Ginny Comes – 10 Years 3 Yr. Preschool

The Attorney had nothing to report.

The Committee Action Items are discussed in previous Workshops.

Finance

Commissioner Jacobson moved to approve the May Warrant 2008 in the amount of \$997,141.55, seconded by Commissioner Schmerer and passed with a roll call vote.

Ayes: Schmerer, Jacobson, Weiss, Reiner, Drazner
Nays: 0
Absent: 0

Park Development

Vice President Weiss moved to approve the proposal from Thompson Dyke & Associates for Phases I and II for a total of \$62,000 for professional services for comprehensive master planning, seconded by Commissioner Jacobson and passed with a voice vote.

CORRESPONDENCE

STAFF RECOGNITIONS

ATTORNEY’S REPORT

COMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS

May Warrant 2008

Comprehensive Master Plan Proposal

President Reiner commended the staff on their research and planning.

Policy

Commissioner Drazner moved to approve Ordinance 08-5-1 authorizing the sale of items of personal property owned by the Buffalo Grove Park District, seconded by Commissioner Jacobson and passed with a roll call vote.

***Ordinance 08-5-1
Authorizing the Sale of
Personal Property***

Ayes: Schmerer, Jacobson, Weiss, Reiner, Drazner
Nays: 0
Absent: 0

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Schmerer moved to approve the Consent Agenda as proposed, seconded by Commissioner Drazner and passed with a voice vote.

1. April Financial Statement
2. April Year End Statement
3. Fourth Quarter Status Report on Fiscal Year 2007-08
Administrative Work Plan and Department Goals and Objectives
4. Proposed Administrative Work Plan and Department Goals and Objectives for Fiscal Year 2008-09
5. Budget Calendar for Fiscal Year 2009-10

Executive Director Rylko related that on June 2, 2008 the District will have the second meeting with the Village regarding the Vitality Spa services.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
REPORT AND DEPT.
OPERATIONAL REPORTS**

The Village will not be annexing the Dog Park site. ComEd is ready to sign off on the plans. We will be going out to bid in June for approval in July. There is an agreement between the Village and ComEd which will permit Police and fire protection for the site.

This is the time of year where many programs are ending and camps and aquatics are beginning and staff is being trained for those programs.

Recreation Dept.

Pump repairs were completed at the wading pool and the Willow Stream Pool will open on Saturday.

The Battle of the Bands will be on June 7th from 2:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. There are 8 bands competing at Willow Stream Park.

Emmerich renovation work begins on Monday. Programs usually held at Emmerich are moving to Alcott and other locations.

Rehearsals for “Music Man” are underway.

Bob Shiel is doing the final review of the building plans for Emmerich Park to send into Legat. The bid opening will be on July 18th.

Parks Dept.

John Short had nothing to add to his report.

Accounting

The post cards for the Stevenson High School exhibit at the Hyman and Miriam Reiner Art Gallery have been distributed. The exhibit will last one month.

Marketing/Public Relations

There was nothing to add to Dave Knarr’s report.

Safety

President

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Commissioner Drazner nominated Martha Weiss as President, seconded by Commissioner Jacobson. Hearing no other nominations President Reiner closed the nominations and called for a voice vote. The vote was unanimous in favor of Martha Weiss as President of the Park Board of Commissioners.

Vice-President

Commissioner Drazner nominated Jack Schmerer for Vice President, seconded by Commissioner Jacobson. President Reiner closed the nominations and called for a voice vote. The vote was unanimous in favor of Commissioner Schmerer as Vice President of the Park Board of Commissioners.

Treasurer

ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS

President Weiss moved to appoint Commissioner Drazner as Treasurer, seconded by Vice President Schmerer and passed with a voice vote.

Legal Counsel

Commissioner Jacobson moved to appoint the law firm of Tressler, Soderstrom, Maloney and Priess as legal counsel with Steve Bloomberg as lead contact, seconded by Vice President Schmerer and passed with a voice vote.

Executive Director, Board Secretary, NWSRA Representative, PDRMA Representative

Commissioner Jacobson moved to appoint Michael Rylko as Executive Director, Park Board Secretary, NWSRA Board Representative, and PDRMA Representative, seconded by Vice President Schmerer and passed with a voice vote.

ADA Compliance Officer

Commissioner Drazner moved to appoint Dan Schimmel as ADA

Compliance Officer, seconded by Vice President Schmerer and passed with a voice vote.

President Weiss made the following Chair appointments.

Commissioners Jacobson and Drazner to Co-Chair the Park Development Committee.

Commissioner Reiner to Chair Policy and Legislation and act as Key Legislative Contact for IAPD.

President Weiss to Chair the Recreation Committee.

Vice President Schmerer to Chair the Public Relations Committee.

Commissioner Drazner to Chair the Finance Committee.

Commissioner Jacobson to Chair the Personnel Committee and serve as Ethics Advisor.

President Weiss appointed Commissioner Drazner to be the liaison to the Village Board.

President Weiss appointed Commissioner Jacobson to be the liaison to the Village Plan Commission.

President Weiss appointed Vice President Schmerer to be the liaison to the Friends of the Parks Foundation.

President Weiss recognized Past President Reiner for his service and leadership as President and stated the Board and staff appreciate all that he did for the District this year. Executive Director Rylko thanked Commissioner Reiner for his leadership and support of the Park District.

There was no old business to discuss.

There was no new business to discuss.

Commissioner Reiner moved to enter into Executive Session at 8:14 p.m. for the purpose of personnel, seconded by Commissioner Jacobson and passed with a roll call vote.

Ayes: Jacobson, Schmerer, Weiss, Reiner, Drazner

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

**PRESIDENT'S
COMMITTEE CHAIR
APPOINTMENTS FOR
FISCAL YEAR 2008-09**

**PARK BOARD LIAISON
APPOINTMENTS**

**RECOGNITION OF
DR. LARRY S. REINER AS
PRESIDENT OF THE PARK
BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS**

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Vice President Schmerer moved to adjourn Executive Session and reconvene the Regular Board Meeting at 8:22 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Jacobson, and passed with a roll call vote.

Ayes: Weiss, Reiner, Drazner, Jacobson, Schmerer
Nays: 0
Absent: 0

There was no action taken in Executive Session.

Commissioner Jacobson moved to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting 8:24 p.m., seconded by Vice President Schmerer and passed with a voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary