

**MINUTES OF THE JUNE 10, 2009  
REGULAR BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

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The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Commissioners, Plainfield Township Park District, was held on Wednesday, June 10, 2009 at the Recreation/Administration Center, 23729 W. Ottawa Street, Plainfield.

President Kelly called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Ludemann, Newton, Wilson, Brann, Kelly

Absent: None

Staff members present: Bettin, Bott, Calabrese, Coldwater, Crisman, Naughton, Nugent

Others present: None

Moved by Wilson that the board approve the agenda. Seconded by Ludemann. Roll Call: Ludemann-Yes, Newton-Yes, Wilson-Yes, Brann-Yes, Kelly-Yes. Motion Carried.

Moved by Wilson that the board approve the consent agenda which included the May, 27, 2009 board of commissioner meeting minutes and bills and claims check numbers 68550-68703 with check numbers 68683, 68684 & 68536 voided. Seconded by Newton. Roll Call: Ludemann-Yes, Newton-Yes, Wilson-Yes, Brann-Yes, Kelly-Yes. Motion Carried.

STAFF REPORTS

Finance Department

1. 2009/2010 Budget Draft

Maureen Nugent reviewed the draft of the 2009-2010 budget with the board. Ms. Nugent pointed out that no staff will be attending the NRPA Conference this year and will only be allowed to spend one night at the IPRA Conference. Mr. Bott said the goal was to reduce state conference expenditures by 50% and there will be a more selective approach to conference attendance although continuing education will not be cut. President Kelly asked if staff wanted to encourage the board to do the same regarding conferences. Mr. Bott said that yes, he would like to the board to consider doing the same. Commissioner Wilson asked Mr. Bott what staff is accomplishing but cutting back on conferences. Mr. Bott said staff is looking at how to get the most value for the educational dollars budgeted and are looking at other less expensive ways to provide continuing education to the staff rather than the National Conference. Mr. Bott said money is still available for continuing education. Ms. Kelly asked how much will be saved by cutting staff attendance at National Conference. Mr. Bott said off the top of his head it costs the District \$1,500 to \$2,000 per person to attend a National Conference especially if air travel is involved so approximately \$8,000 is being saved by staff not attending. Mr. Bott said staff is looking for anywhere that items that can be cut that won't detract from our mission and our efforts. Mr. Bott said two other items to consider while working on the budget are the Museum Fund and the Police Fund. Mr. Bott said we just received our bill from the Plainfield Police Department and it has increased. Mr. Bott said that with the board's permission he would like to meet with the police administration to discuss how the agreement can be structured to provide us with the coverage we need during our peak times and seasons or a way that we can work with them to provide coverage. The board consensus was for Mr. Bott to schedule a meeting with the police administration. Mr. Bott asked the board if they wanted to discuss the Museum Fund where we collect funds to pay for maintenance and utility costs for the Historical Society Museum. President Kelly said she thinks it's a good thing but would like to know what our general public is getting out of it and let that help us determine if we want to continue with it. Mr. Bott suggested talking to other government entities to also get involved with funding the museum. Mr. Bott said he would schedule a meeting with Michael Lambert, the Historical Society President.

## Planning Department

### 1. Du Page River Trail Update

Cameron Bettin reviewed the memo included in the packet regarding the progress of the Du Page River Trail with the board.

President Kelly asked Mr. Bettin to review the grant status information that was included in the packet with the board. Mr. Bott said he asked staff to look at what our commitments were as far as budget, capital monies, what money will be available in the next year or two and what our commitments are going to be for these projects. Mr. Bettin updated the board on the status of the committed projects and the projects that funds have been applied for. Ms. Kelly asked if plans for the Village Green project could be included in the next board packet. Mr. Bettin told the board he is still working with FEMA and IEMA regarding River Edge. Ms. Nugent discussed the money that would be available for raising or demolishing the building. President Kelly said we should probably demolish the building sooner rather than later since we've already gone through the process of investigating whether or not the building could be raised. Mr. Bott said one thing staff is discussing is to see if a part of the building could be salvaged and to utilize the septic system for restrooms for the existing shelter.

Commissioner Brann asked about the progress of the plans to work with the School District on developing sports fields at some of the schools. Mr. Bott said he has communicated with Dr. Harper and the last time they spoke he was going to take the plans we submitted to the principals of the schools identified to see if what we are proposing would interfere with their programs or have an adverse impact. Mr. Bott said Dr. Harper was going to contact him once he heard back from the principals of the schools. Mr. Brann suggested that our board meet with the school board to get some answers because he feels it isn't progressing as fast as we might like it to. Commissioner Wilson said he thought the board should give Mr. Bott some more time to work with Dr. Harper before trying to meet with the school board. Mr. Bott said he would contact Dr. Harper to see if he has had any response from the principals and indicate that our board would like to meet with the school board.

Cameron Bettin said he spoke to someone at the Army Corps of Engineers regarding the Farmstone Ridge pond and found out that there really is no funding available from them for the project. Mr. Bettin said he received a thank you letter from the Farmstone Ridge HOA thanking him and the board for keeping them informed and working with them.

Commissioner Brann asked if the ribbon cutting for Sunnyland Park was still June 28<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Bott said he spoke to Pastor Green this morning and that is still the date and the ribbon cutting will take place at noon. Commissioner Brann asked if there was a lighting issue at the park. Mr. Bettin said he drove by last week and the church has a light at the back of the building that lights the area and because of the proximity to the street the playground can be seen easily. Mr. Bettin asked the commissioners to drive by the park in the evening if they are in the area and let him know what they thought.

Commissioner Brann said that he may not be available on July 25<sup>th</sup> for the ceremony at Renwick Park and the board retreat but would let staff know.

## SPORTS COUNCIL REPORT

There was no report.

## PRESIDENTS REPORT

- President Kelly thanked staff for putting together plans for additional playground equipment at Central School and for the playground across the street from the Rec/Admin Center.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

## COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

- Commissioner Newton said he wouldn't be at the June 24<sup>th</sup> meeting. President Kelly said she would also be absent from that meeting. Commissioner Wilson said he may be out of town on June 24<sup>th</sup> and would let staff know as soon as possible. President Kelly said if Mr. Wilson could not be in attendance the meeting would be cancelled for lack of a quorum.

## ACTION ITEMS

### A. Consider Resolution 2009-06, Signatory Change for First Midwest Bank

Moved by Wilson that the board approve Resolution 2009-06. Seconded by Newton. Roll Call: Ludemann-Yes, Newton-Yes, Wilson-Yes, Brann-Yes, Kelly-Yes. Motion Carried.

### B. Consider Resolution 2009-07, Signatory Change for First Midwest Bank

Moved by Wilson that the board approve Resolution 2009-07. Seconded by Newton. Roll Call: Ludemann-Yes, Newton-Yes, Wilson-Yes, Brann-Yes, Kelly-Yes. Motion Carried.

### C. Consider Resolution 2009-08 (An Ordinance for a Public Utility and Temporary Construction Easement Along Walker Road

President Kelly she would like to have language in the agreement with the Village stating that it is returned to us in the same manner they received it. Moved by Newton that the board approve Resolution 2009-08. Seconded by Ludemann. Roll Call: Ludemann-Yes, Newton-Yes, Wilson-Yes, Brann-Yes, Kelly-Yes. Motion Carried.

### D. Consider Bid Award for Old Renwick Trail Accessible Pier

Moved by Brann that the board reject the bid for the Old Renwick Trail fishing pier improvements from R & W Clark Construction in the amount of \$35,700.00. Seconded by Newton. Roll Call: Ludemann-Yes, Newton-Yes, Wilson-Yes, Brann-Yes, Kelly-Yes. Motion Carried.

### E. District Legislative Items

Commissioner Newton said it would be helpful to have a list of projects and their funding levels so that when our senators and representatives call we have that information available to them.

The board took a break at 7:28 p.m. and began the meeting again at 7:37 p.m.

### F. Discuss Draft Board Manual

The board reviewed and discussed the first three sections of the draft board manual. President Kelly asked the board to review section four which will be discussed at the next meeting.

## NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

## ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Newton that the board adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Seconded by Ludemann. Roll Call: Ludemann-Yes, Newton-Yes, Wilson-Yes, Brann-Yes, Kelly-Yes. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gregory B. Bott, Secretary