

**MINUTES OF THE MAY 27, 2009
REGULAR BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Commissioners, Plainfield Township Park District, was held on Wednesday, May 27, 2009 at Ira Jones Middle School, 15320 Wallin Drive, Plainfield.

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

Absent: Brann

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

Others present: Brian Smith, Howard Bruskin, Roseanne Markowski, Aaron Perk, Bill Lamb

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

Moved by Wilson that the board approve the consent agenda which included minutes of the May 13, 2009 board of commissioners meeting, bills and claims check numbers 68334-68449, interim check numbers 68259-68262 and the April, 2009 treasurer's report. Seconded by Newton. Roll Call: Ludemann-Yes, Newton-Yes, Wilson-Yes, Kelly-Yes. Motion Carried.

STAFF REPORTS

Executive Director

Greg Bott introduced Brian Smith a newly appointed Will County board member who wanted to stop by and introduce himself. Brian Smith said he was appointed to the Will County board several weeks ago and was sworn in this past Thursday. Mr. Smith said he is on the Land Use Committee and Capital Improvements Committee and looks forward to working with the park board. Mr. Bott said he spoke with John Argoudelis, Township Supervisor regarding the potential for a joint facility at the Township property for a senior center. Mr. Bott said Mr. Argoudelis expressed an interest in working cooperatively on that project. Mr. Bott told the board that since filling the pool we have discovered it is losing water. Mr. Bott said that at the end of the pool season repairs will have to be made similar to the repairs that were made last year at the end of the season.

Planning Department

1. Farmstone Ridge West Pond Update and Discussion

Cameron Bettin reviewed the history of the issues with the Farmstone Ridge West pond and recommendations made by the consultant to solve the issues with the pond. Mr. Bettin said staff has been doing muskrat control at the pond and said that in 2007 22 muskrats were caught and this past spring only 2 were caught. Mr. Bettin said that the possibility of turning the pond into a wetland area has been discussed because of the long term costs of keeping up other treatments. Mr. Bettin said that per board direction last fall staff has been working with the Village and Macom and has applied the bentonite to the pond. Mr. Bettin said the pond level is back to the normal water levels but the winter and spring has been very wet. Commissioner Wilson asked if staff looked at the possibility of using water from the creek to raise the pond level. Mr. Bettin said staff had Hey and Associates look at that and they gave a recommendation to not pursue that option.

- Aaron Perk, Farmstone Ridge HOA President said the pond has been an issue for several years and some of the homeowners are upset about the water level dropping. Mr. Perk said the residents don't want to give up their pond and are not opposed to making changes to it. Mr. Perk said they would like one last chance to do something with the pond before the board would consider turning it into a wetland.
- Howard Bruskin asked if there is a possibility during the summer when the water level drops to drain the pond and make repairs to it and asked if the District thought this project might qualify for any federal stimulus money. President Kelly said the District is looking at ways to get some of that money but it would be used to add recreation to the community. Ms. Kelly told Mr. Bruskin if he knows of any grant opportunities we would be happy to submit an application.
- Mr. Lamb asked about the possibility of using water from Lily Cache Creek to raise the pond level. Mr. Bettin said that is what Commissioner Wilson referred to earlier in the meeting. Bill Lamb said the

Township had a meeting regarding flooding in the area and IDNR is discussing a regional flooding study and the Army Corps would be involved. Mr. Lamb said this might be a good time to contact them since they are already involved in the area.

Commissioner Wilson talked about a flooding issue in his neighborhood in the past and how the Army Corps of Engineers solved the problem. Mr. Bettin said staff could contact the Army Corps. The board asked to staff to monitor the pond during the summer and then update them again.

Public Information

Marianne Naughton said that at the last meeting she told the board Church of the Good Shepherd wanted to have a ribbon cutting for Sunnyland Park and the tentative date is Sunday, June 28 at Noon. Ms. Naughton said she is still waiting to hear from the pastor. Ms. Naughton said staff is looking at Saturday, July 25 or Saturday, August 1 for the ribbon cutting and celebration at Renwick Park for the Staples Dream Park Challenge. The board selected Saturday, July 25 and asked Ms. Naughton to check that date with Commissioner Brann.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

There was no report.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Comments were made during the Farmstone Ridge presentation.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Wilson thanked staff for the Sunnyland playground.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Consider Investment Advisory Agreement with BBE Community Investment Partners, LLC

Moved by Wilson that the board approve the investment advisory agreement with BBE Community Investment Partners, LLC. Seconded by Ludemann. Roll Call: Ludemann-Yes, Newton-Yes, Wilson-Yes, Kelly-Yes. Motion Carried.

B. Consider Concession Stand Agreement

The board discussed the concession stand agreement and asked that the following changes be made: change the term of the agreement from 2 years to 1 year, in item 13 specify that 3 million dollars of insurance is needed and in item 17 change the word sublet to sublease. Moved by Wilson that the board approve the concession stand agreement as amended. Seconded by Newton. Roll Call: Ludemann-Yes, Newton-Yes, Wilson-Yes, Kelly-Yes. Motion Carried.

C. District Legislative Items

President Kelly said she, Cameron Bettin and Director Bott met to discuss some of the OSLAD projects. Ms. Kelly said staff is having difficulty working with IEMA from the River Edge flooding. Mr. Bettin said typically they purchase the property and give relocation costs to the homeowner with the property then going to the government. Ms. Kelly said she suggested that staff should contact our federal legislators for assistance.

NEW BUSINESS

The board discussed a date to hold a board retreat and tentatively selected Saturday, July 25, 2009 and if the date is good for Commissioner Brann, that will be the meeting date.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Wilson that the board adjourn the meeting at 7:07 p.m. Seconded by Newton. Roll Call: Ludemann-Yes, Newton-Yes, Wilson-Yes, Kelly-Yes. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gregory B. Bott, Secretary