

**MINUTES OF THE JUNE 9, 2010
REGULAR BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Commissioners, Plainfield Township Park District, was held on Wednesday, June 9, 2010 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, Calabrese, Coldwater, Crisman, Nugent
Others present: Bill Lamb, Mike Lambert

President Kelly said that the Sports Council Report should not have been on the agenda. Moved by Wilson that the board approve the amended 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 minutes of the May 12, 2010 board of commissioners meeting; minutes of the May 19, 2010 special board of commissioners meeting; bills and claims check numbers 73136-73240 with check numbers 73184, 73185, 73186, 73219, 73220, & 73221 voided and interim check numbers 72869-73135 with check numbers 72929, 72946, 73039, & 73122 voided. Seconded by Newton. Roll Call: Ludemann-Yes, Newton-Yes, Wilson-Yes, Brann-Yes, Kelly-Yes. Motion Carried.

STAFF REPORTS

A. Recreation Department

1. Proposed Senior Center Presentation

Mike Lambert from Arris Architects presented plans for Plainfield Township's proposed senior center to the board. Commissioner Wilson asked if there would be enough space to hold the senior luncheon there. Ms. Crisman said the space would not accommodate the senior luncheon since there are usually close to 200 people in attendance. Ms. Kelly asked if there was any way to make the space larger. Mr. Lambert said the addition to the building is designed to be as large as it can be for that site without adding a second story. Mr. Lambert said that adding the second story would make the project cost prohibitive. The board and Mr. Lambert discussed the parking layout and ways to secure various areas of the center when they aren't being used. Commissioner Brann asked if an interchange at I-55 and Lockport Street would have an affect on the building. Mr. Lambert said there are several proposals for that interchange and it does not look like the building would be affected in any of the proposals. President Kelly asked that on a future agenda the board discuss how much money to put toward senior center and how much programming time would be available to the district for non-senior programming. The board thanked Mr. Lambert for his presentation.

Cheryl Crisman said the pool is up and running but there is still a leak. Ms. Crisman said the pool will remain open through Labor Day with shortened hours on weekdays when school is back in session. Ms. Crisman updated the board on the status of discussions with Tri-County Special Recreation Association. The board discussed the possibility of joining Tri-County and the consensus was for staff to continue discussions with them.

B. Business Department

1. Discuss 2010-2011 Budget Draft

Maureen Nugent said the budget draft and memo was included in the board packet. Ms. Nugent pointed out some highlights to the board and asked if they had any questions. President Kelly said one of the things that concerns her is that our overall staffing costs continue to go up,

insurance costs increase and thinks it is not fiscally responsible to give staff pay increases when we are cutting other things from the budget and other governments are laying people off. The board discussed whether or not to hold a place in the budget for pay increases and the consensus was that as long as there was money available and it would not negatively impact the budget the staff should get pay increases. Cheryl Crisman reviewed the recreation fund with the board. Commissioner Newton asked Ms. Crisman if there was anything needed or wanted by the recreation department that they could not have with the proposed budgeted amount. Ms. Crisman said she did not have to cut anything from the budget that staff requested. Ms. Kelly asked about the status of the equestrian center budget. Ms. Crisman said that the projected losses have decreased over the years but it is still projected at a deficit for the next budget year. Commissioner Brann asked if the equestrian center would still be in a deficit after we finish paying ourselves back this year. Ms. Crisman said she hopes it would at least be a break even facility after the payback is complete. Maureen Nugent reviewed the corporate fund. Cameron Bettin reviewed the capital projects with the board and said that most of the projects are ones that are being carried over. The board discussed accessibility issues with washrooms in the district and the consensus was to include funds in the budget to hire a consultant to assess accessibility in the district.

DISTRICT LEGISLATIVE REPORT

There was no report.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

- President Kelly said the board received a thank you note from Larry Elkin for his retirement gift.
- The board received a letter from the Government Finance Officers Association congratulating the District.
- Ms. Kelly said she attended coffee with the mayor last week and received comments regarding the park district from residents. She said one resident said trees were cut down on Millennium Parkway and was wondering when they were going to be replaced. Ms. Kelly asked staff to respond to him and to see if we cut the trees or if the village did. Ms. Kelly also asked staff to look at the vegetation in Electric Park by the Caulkins apartments, a resident asked if they could be trimmed back farther from the riverbank.
- Ms. Kelly reminded everyone about the open house and concert at the Village on July 15th.
- Ms. Kelly reminded everyone about the groundbreaking ceremony for the Du Page River Trail at Riverview Park on June 23rd at 5:30 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Bill Lamb said he is looking forward to the July 15th open house and concert.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

- Commissioner Brann asked if staff would be interested in rain barrels that are being purchased by Will County to possibly have a rain barrel decorating contest or to use in the parks.
- Commissioner Brann said Joliet Park District is going to offer band for 5th graders and asked if we had considering doing the same since the school district might be cutting 5th grade band.
- Commissioner Brann he, Cheryl Crisman and Commissioner Wilson attended a PJC board meeting yesterday and it went okay.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Consider Tournament Partnership Agreement

Moved by Brann that the board approve the Tournament Partnership Agreement to be administered by staff. Seconded by Ludemann. Roll Call: Ludemann-Yes, Newton-Yes, Wilson-Yes, Brann-Yes,

Kelly-Yes. Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

PRESIDENT'S RECAP OF BOARD DIRECTIVES TO STAFF

- Add to Future Topic List – Discuss how much money to put toward senior center and how much programming time would be available to the district for non-senior programming
- Press release for Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association
- Look into getting rain barrels from Will County and sponsoring a rain barrel decorating contest in one of the parks
- Send a thank you note to Lee Goodson for assisting with the pool permit process
- Investigate possibility of offering band for 5th graders
- Have staff continue to pursue information regarding joining Tri County Special Recreation
- Check into trees that were cut down in Auburn Lakes at Millennium Parkway and 248th and their replacement
- Check to see if the riverbank in Electric Park near the Caulkins Apartments needs to be cut back another 2 feet as suggested by a resident
- Update the budget
- Check to see if special recreation funds can be used toward the construction of the proposed senior center
- Get information and quotes from accessibility consultants - Cam, Michelle will get some names of consultants to Cam
- Mail blank evaluation forms to commissioners
- Order plaque and plant for Barb Kledzik. Presentation @ board meeting

EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE LAND ACQUISITION

There was no executive session.

BOARD EVALUATION OF MEETING

The board discussed the meeting and felt there was good discussion and feedback from everyone and the packet was very thorough.

Moved by Newton that the meeting be adjourned at 815 p.m. Seconded by Ludemann. Ayes-5
Nays-0

Respectfully Submitted,

Wendi M. Calabrese, Recording Secretary