

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE GOLF MAINE PARK DISTRICT
MAINE TOWNSHIP, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD ON JANUARY 19 2010**

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Yesner called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Roll was called:

Present: Morrison, Johnson, Yesner

Absent: Peckler, Bailey

3. VISITORS

Charlene Holtz was present to discuss with board members about having changed to the firm of Tressler LLP.

4. CHANGES/ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

President Yesner entertained a motion to move item #8a in New Business to allow attorney Charlene Holtz to speak to the board and take questions. So moved by Commissioner Johnson. Seconded by Commissioner Morrison.

Voice Vote:

3 ayes

2 absent

Charlene Holtz concentrated her comments on two issues:

1. The board needs to give consent for her to continue as the park district attorney.

President Yesner expressed that this was already completed.

2. Commissioner Peckler's situation.

It is up to the board whether to allow Gary continue as a board member. The board passed an ordinance outlining the missed meeting requirement and that the board could declare a vacancy. Or, the person overseeing Gary's situation could declare him ineligible to return thereby creating a vacancy. President Yesner spoke to the fact that due to Gary's long standing relationship on the board that at this time there is no way the board will remove him. Director Fahnstrom asked if this should be addressed periodically in case there are changes to the situations. President Yesner agreed.

5. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

The following items were included on the consent agenda for approval:

- a. Minutes of the December 15, 2009 Public Hearing
- b. Minutes of the December 15, 2009 Regular Board Meeting
- c. January 2010 Bills Payable
- d. M-NASR Updates

Commissioner Morrison moved to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Johnson.

Roll was called:

Ayes: Morrison, Johnson, Yesner

Absent: Bailey, Peckler

6. STAFF REPORTS

ADMINISTRATION (submitted by Bret Fahnstrom, Director):

- The Dee front desk computer (Josh's old one) is installed and is ready to have RecTrac installed on it. At that point Dee staff will be able to service registrants directly at the front desk instead of needing to move behind a desk to gather information. This will improve customer service efficiency once RecTrac is fully operational. We have upgraded Stacey's old computer which will be moved to Dee for Phyllis. This will make her work much more efficient since her computer was quite archaic.
- We have made a formal agreement with Dave Zajakala to complete the connectivity of Feldman and Dee Parks. The costs associated with this "upgrade" are a fraction of what was quoted several years ago by AT&T. We do not have a set date yet but that will be developed shortly. Jessica has been the key point of contact with Dave. This change will make our services more efficient and when RecTrac is truly implemented, it will allow registration and information transmittal in near real time.
- Josh, Stacey and I will be meeting with the American Cricket conference on January 18 to discuss cricket pitch rentals for 2010. MCC has declared that they are not interested in renting from us.

RECREATION (submitted by Stacey Greenfield, Superintendent of Recreation):

- The 6th-8th grade Basketball Clinic is scheduled for Saturday January 23rd at 1pm. The league starts Friday, February 5, 2010. Registration is still being taken.
- Dinner with Santa was held on Friday December 18th at 6:30pm. We had a great turnout with over 30 participants who registered for the event which was cancelled last year due to low enrollment. Participants were treated to pizza and mostaccioli dinner. They had to opportunity to play games, win prizes, make a craft, color pictures all before Santa arrived. Santa read they story and had pictures taken with each child. Big thanks to part time staff as well as Paula, Josh and Bret who helped out with the event.
- The next semester of Preschool is scheduled to start on January 11. Both the morning and afternoon classes are filled to capacity.
- The Adult Volleyball league ended its season on December 17. It was a great finish to a great season as an unexpected team won the championship game. The next league is scheduled to begin on January 14. At this point there are 11 teams between the two leagues.
- The 2010 spring/summer brochure has been delivered to the district. Programs listed in the new brochure are scheduled to begin in February.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS (submitted by Bret Fahnstrom, Director):

- On New Year's Day, Stacey was called to Dee Park at 3:30 am by the Fire Department. It turned out that one of the urinals overflowed overnight and flooded the upstairs restroom. Some water traveled through the walls and down into the lower level common room. The water triggered an alarm at Red Center. All was cared for and there was no damage to the building.
- Snow removal is a regular part of the day right now. Larry and Joe are keeping the walkways clear and Pat's Snow Removal has been out here in an appropriate amount of time to get the facilities cleared.

SECURITY (submitted by Bret Fahnstrom, Director):

- Both Dee and Feldman Parks have been quiet lately. There has been nothing to report at these facilities.

7. UNFINISHED OR CONTINUING BUSINESS

a. Legislative Update

There was no new legislative news to report.

b. IAPD/IPRA State Conference Jan 28-30

Director Fahnstrom stated that all the reservations have been made and would there be any changes? President Yesner responded that he needed to cancel the Saturday night hotel reservation as he had a work commitment.

c. Liponi Dinner Dance, Saturday March 6, 2010

Aside from President Yesner and his wife, Director Fahnstrom asked that if anyone else planned on attending the dinner dance, they needed to let him know so he could make the necessary reservations.

8. NEW BUSINESS

a. Recreation Dept 2009 Participation Report

Director Fahnstrom explained the information which was included in the board packet. There were no questions.

b. Distinguished Agency

Director Fahnstrom explained to the board that the process is designed to improve processes within the agency. President Yesner stated that he would like to see Director Fahnstrom take the necessary steps to achieve accreditation by 2011. Commissioner Morrison moved to establish the goal of attempting to put efficiencies in place so they can be implemented in 2011. Seconded by Commissioner Johnson.

Roll was called:

Ayes: Morrison, Johnson, Yesner

Absent: Bailey, Peckler

d. Master Plan

Director Fahnstrom met with consultant Kathy Merner to discuss future updates of the master plan. She will prepare a quote and submit it to him.

e. NRPA 2010

Director Fahnstrom discussed with board members the pros and cons of attending the national conference in Minneapolis. He further added that perhaps we should consider foregoing the conference as the money could be better spent elsewhere. President Yesner expressed that since Minneapolis is close enough, it may be wise to consider this one over the next several years where they are significantly farther and thereby probably more costly. Director Fahnstrom solicited the consensus of the board.

f. Personnel Manual Update

Director Fahnstrom presented the update personnel manual. He stated that he will have attorney Holtz review the legal aspect of it as there are so many laws that have changed and he wishes to be prudent about the changes that have occurred.

