

**MINUTES OF THE APRIL 8, 2009
REGULAR BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Commissioners, Plainfield Township Park District, was held on Wednesday, April 8, 2009 at the Recreation/Administration Center, 23729 W. Ottawa Street, Plainfield.

President Newton called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. with the following members present:
Brann, Kelly, Newton
Absent: Wilson, Primiano
Staff members present: Bettin, Bott, Coldwater, Crisman, Elkin, Kamp, Less, Naughton
Others present: Rob Ayres, Bill Lamb, Mary Kay Ludemann, John Mayer, Ron Vine, Barb Heller

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

Moved by Kelly that the board approve the consent agenda which included minutes of the March 11, 2009 meeting, bills and claims check numbers 67639-67779 with check numbers 67696, 67697, 67734 & 67750 voided and interim check numbers 67373-67638 with check numbers 67488, 67489, 67495 & 67495 voided. Seconded by Brann. Roll Call: Brann-Yes, Kelly-Yes, Newton-Yes. Motion Carried.

PRESENTATION BY PUBLIC RESEARCH GROUP

Ron Vine and Barbara Heller from Leisure Vision, (A Division of ETC Institute) and PROS Consulting LLC presented information about their company and some of the processes they would go through to gather data for the Park District to be used in the master plan update.

STAFF REPORTS

Planning Department

1. Van Horn East Parking Lot, Path System and Vault Toilet

James Less presented a concept plan for paving the Van Horn Woods East parking lot and path system and costs for a new restroom facility to the board. Mr. Less said staff feels the park improvements could be completed in several phases and that under the current amount budgeted for the project the parking lot and driveway should be able to be completed. Mr. Less added that an option could be that the paving of the path may be included as an alternate on the bid documents and subtracted from the contract should bids come in higher than the budgeted amount.

2. Old Renwick Trail Accessible Pier

James Less presented a concept plan for an accessible fishing pier at Old Renwick Park located in the Southeast quadrant of the district. Mr. Less said that staff would like to produce construction documents for the pier and have a public bid opening this spring to allow for completion of construction this summer if the board supports the concept. The board discussed the concept and the consensus was to

3. DuPage River Trail (ITEP Funded Project) Update

Cam Bettin said that John Mayer from Engineering Resource Associates was at the meeting to answer any technical questions the board may have regarding the trail. Mr. Bettin reviewed the memo from the packet with the board. Mr. Bettin told the board that the amount of funds received through grants and budgeted at this time are \$1,291,808 and the current estimate for construction of the trail is \$2,055,091 and that the estimate does not include additional costs such as engineering, appraisal or negotiator fees. Mr. Bettin told the board staff has been working with Engineering Resource Associates and IDOT to determine how additional funds for the project can be obtained. Commissioner Kelly said that it seems that additional work has been done above and beyond the

original contract and wants to know how it is okay for all the additional work to be done and not brought to the board until now especially because it wasn't budgeted for. Cameron Bettin said that in order to keep the process moving along there were things that needed to be done but agrees that it should have been presented to the board. Commissioner Kelly said that in moving forward she would like to see a policy stating that something like this won't happen again and how we are going to deal with it. Mr. Bott said staff could have a draft ready for one of the May meetings.

Recreation Department

1. Travel Basketball

Cheryl Crisman told the board that last fall staff discussed this subject with the board when a girl's travel basketball team approached them. Ms. Crisman reviewed a memo from the packet that included participation numbers and program information from our district and surrounding districts. Ms. Crisman said staff is recommending that the travel basketball program for girl's and boy's to be discontinued unless the board directs otherwise.

SPORTS COUNCIL REPORT

Rob Ayers said the last meeting went well. Mr. Ayers said the spring seasons are starting and they are hoping the weather improves.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Larry Newton asked Ms. Crisman how the bowling outing went. Ms. Crisman said the Foundation raised approximately \$1,500.00 and thanked all who attended. Mr. Newton said we received a thank you card for flowers sent to the Eldred family. Mr. Newton said the Park District won an award for financial reporting but since Ms. Nugent is not at the meeting he will present it at the next one.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Mary Kay Ludemann said she wanted to say hello to everybody and say that she is looking forward to being a part of the board.
- Bill Lamb said there is a lot of vocalization for more intergovernmental cooperation and hopes it comes to fruition.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

- Commissioner Kelly said there were a lot of people at the Easter Egg Hunt and it was a lot of fun.
- Commissioner Brann thanked staff for the answers to questions last month that Mr. Bott put together for him. Mr. Brann said staff is still gathering information about the Miracle Park. Ms. Crisman said the next step is to have a question in the JBSRA survey to see if there is community interest.

ACTION ITEMS

A. District Legislative Items

The board discussed HB2502 and the consensus was that the board members will contact Rep. Cross and Sen. Holmes stating our support for it.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Brann that the board adjourn the meeting at 7:31 p.m. Seconded by Kelly. Roll Call: Brann-Yes, Kelly-Yes, Newton-Yes. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gregory B. Bott, Secretary