

**MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 12, 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, August 12, 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, Crisman, Naughton, Nugent

Others present: Karen Bouchard, Brian Smith, Rob Ayres, Joe McLennan

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

Moved by Wilson that the board approve the consent agenda which included the July 22, 2009 board of commissioners meeting minutes; bills and claims check numbers 69559-69725 with check number 69594 voided and interim check numbers 69423-69558. Seconded by Newton. Roll Call: Ludemann-Yes, Newton-Yes, Wilson-Yes, Kelly-Yes. Motion Carried.

STAFF REPORTS

Executive Director

Greg Bott told the board he included the results summary of the 2008/2009 Goals and a memo with some suggestions for the 2009/2010 Goals in the board packet. President Kelly said the board should review the information and call Mr. Bott if they had any questions or suggestions for goals and to discuss setting the 2009/2010 District Goals at the next meeting.

Superintendent of Planning

Cameron Bettin said he contacted the IEMA grant administrator and found out we are not eligible to receive funding for River Edge. Mr. Bettin said he hasn't received a formal letter stating that yet and will contact Congresswoman Halvorson's office again to see if they can do some additional follow up. Ms. Kelly updated the board on what she found out regarding the school district in Ottawa that was trying to get the same type of IEMA funding as we are. Mr. Bott said staff can follow up with the District's attorney if the board desired. Ms. Kelly asked staff to follow up with the attorney that represented the Ottawa school and with the District's attorney.

Public Information

Commissioner Brann asked Marianne Naughton about the progress of the interactive parks map for the website. Ms. Naughton said that project has been on the back burner due to some changes with the format of the school newsletter. Ms. Naughton said District 202 is no longer distributing printed publications so she has been focusing on changing the school newsletter to an online format. Ms. Naughton said that residents can sign up on our homepage to receive an electronic newsletter.

Ms. Kelly said she would like to get input from residents before changing winter/spring registration. Cheryl Crisman said staff will promote the change to make residents aware of it. Ms. Kelly asked that staff be available on Saturday morning for any residents that might not have gotten the information that the process was changing.

Ms. Kelly asked Cameron Bettin if he received the DNR grant agreement. Mr. Bettin said when he spoke to the grant administrator they were being held until the Governor signed the budget and he would check into it again tomorrow.

### SPORTS COUNCIL

Rob Ayres said attendance was low at the last meeting so he doesn't have much to report. Mr. Ayres said he thought the focus group for the Master Plan was really interesting. Mr. Ayres introduced Karen Bouchard who is the new field coordinator for PSA to the board. Ms. Kelly asked if PAAC could provide fall participation numbers to the board at the next meeting. Commissioner Brann said he believes all the sports groups are doing a great thing for the community but doesn't see any representatives or receive minutes very often. Commissioner Brann suggesting removing the Sports Council Report from the meeting agenda unless they contact the office and ask to be placed on the agenda. Mr. Brann said he enjoys hearing how the teams are doing and about any issues they have.

Ms. Kelly said to email the minutes to Cody Kamp or Wendi Calabrese and they will be copied and included in the board packets. Ms. Kelly asked if there were any questions and said the Sports Council Report would remain on the agenda for now.

### PRESIDENTS REPORT

President Kelly thanked all the board members for a wonderful Saturday meeting and thanked staff for the ribbon cutting at Renwick Community Park. Ms. Kelly read a letter sent to Commissioner Newton from the Governor regarding the American Recovery Investment Act.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Rob Ayres asked Ms. Naughton if the change in the school district's newsletter would apply to PSA as well. Ms. Naughton said he should contact Tom Hernandez at the District 202 before printing anything and to find out what the process for submitting information is.
- Brian Smith apologized for being late and said he is there to help the board any way he can.

### COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

- Commissioner Wilson told everybody to keep up the good work.
- President Kelly said Commissioner Wilson contacted her with an idea he had for reviewing plans for the Village Green project. Ms. Kelly suggested meeting at the park prior to the next meeting to get more of a visual idea of the project instead of just looking at the plans. The board consensus was for any commissioners that wanted to review the plan to meet at the Village Green at 5:30 p.m. before the September 9 board meeting.
- Commissioner Brann thanked staff for doing a great job with day camp and said his son really enjoyed it.
- Commissioner Ludemann saw a report that Bolingbrook is going to advertise the Equestrian Center in their and said that she thinks that is great.

### ACTION ITEMS

#### A. Consider Bid Award for 2009 Wood Play Surfacing

The board reviewed the bid received for the 2009 wood play surfacing from McGinty Brothers \$40,797.00. Moved by Wilson that the board award the bid for the 2009 wood play surfacing to McGinty Brothers in the amount of \$40,797.00. Seconded by Newton. Roll Call: Ludemann-Yes, Newton-Yes, Wilson-Yes, Brann-Yes, Kelly-Yes. Motion Carried.

#### B. District Legislative Policy

- Commissioner Newton said he had no report.
- Greg Bott said he and Cameron Bettin met with Lee Goodson about the Recovery Act funds committed to us and the process to receive the money. Mr. Bott said Senator Holmes has requested a project wish list from the District and said that we will need to discuss potential projects. President Kelly said that the list should be prioritized into high, medium and low projects. Ms. Kelly suggested including the bike trail as a high priority project. Other projects for the list included: trees along the bike path and other places, senior center, play equipment, ball field improvements, sports fields at Crossing at Wolf Creek, park development, bridge (3 Rivers), and maintenance equipment

- Brian Smith told the board that the county board would be discussing video gaming at their next meeting. Mr. Smith said the monies from it could be at least a year out and the board should start thinking about projects those monies could be used for.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- Joe McLennan told the board that he and Greg are preparing for a meeting with staff. Mr. McLennan said he prepared a summary of the Saturday workshop and the meetings they have had together and reviewed it with the board. Ms. Kelly asked if the board could start using the white board immediately.
- President Kelly shared a draft letter regarding the concept for the Four Seasons Corporate Park with the board and asked them for any input. The board discussed the letter and gave suggestions for changes to President Kelly.

#### PRESIDENT'S RECAP OF BOARD DIRECTIVES TO STAFF

- 1) Call the District's attorney regarding the IEMA grant
- 2) Commissioners will contact Greg with items they would like included on the goals list for the September meeting
- 3) Reminder to meet at the Village Green at 5:30 p.m. before the September meeting

President Kelly asked the commissioners to comment on how they felt the meeting went. Commissioner Brann said he would wait with his comment. Commissioner Kelly said the wish list discussion went too long. The commissioners said they like updates in memo format with important items highlighted. Joe McLennan suggested using a dashboard method to report project updates and said it could be discussed at the meeting with staff. The board and staff discussed possible different reporting methods. Commissioner Ludemann said she felt the meeting went well. Commissioner Wilson said that sometimes there is a lot of wandering during discussions and that isn't an efficient use of time.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Newton that the board adjourn the meeting at 7:38 p.m. Seconded by Wilson. Ayes-5  
Nays-0

Respectfully Submitted,

Gregory B. Bott, Secretary