

GENEVA PARK DISTRICT
REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING MINUTES

June 15, 2009

7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

President VanderVeen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

President VanderVeen called for the roll. Commissioner Peggy Condon, Commissioner John Frankenthal, Commissioner Pat Lenski, Vice-President Todd Karas and President VanderVeen answered present.

Staff members present were Director Stephen Persinger, Supt. of Recreation Sheavoun Lambillotte, Office Manager Linda Fox, Supt. of Recreation Jay Kelly, Supt. of Parks & Properties Larry Gabriel, Supt. of Finance & Personnel Christy Powell and Marketing/PR Supervisor Traci Wicks.

Press - None

Guests: Sheila Persinger; John Devine, GPD resident; and Colette Kubiesa, Board President of Elmhurst Park District and Chairwoman of IAPD.

HEARING OF GUEST

Ms. Colette Kubiesa, Board President of Elmhurst Park District and also Chairwoman of IAPD was present. She read a resolution from IAPD in honor of Director Steve Persinger for his past accomplishments and his outstanding leadership.

President VanderVeen presented a Resolution of Recognition and Appreciation to Executive Director Steve Persinger for his 30 years of outstanding service to the Geneva Park District.

President VanderVeen presented a clock and a Chamber of Commerce gift certificate to Supt. of Recreation Sheavoun Lambillotte for her 10 years of dedicated service to the Geneva Park District.

READING OF MINUTES

Commissioner Karas made a motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Scheduled Meeting and Annual Meeting of May 18, 2009 as presented. Commissioner Frankenthal seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS

Commissioner Condon made a motion to approve the claims and accounts as presented with the addenda. Commissioner Karas seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT AND SUPERINTENDENT OF FINANCE REPORT

Supt. of Finance & Personnel Christy Powell reviewed the May financial reports. The Investment Report for the month of May showed an annualized rate of return of 1.6%, which is lower than last month's return of 1.9%. Ms. Powell highlighted that President Obama approved legislation that extended the \$250,000 FDIC limit to December 2013. She reviewed the Revenue and Expenditure Report for the first month of the fiscal year, which is 8% of the way through the

fiscal year and everything is on target. Ms. Powell updated the board on the question posed to Dave Phillips from Speer Financial regarding a rate review from Standard and Poor's or Moody's. The rating would offer little benefit at this time but should be revisited should the District refund the 2002 CAB's or issue new bonds.

Commissioner Karas made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and Supt. of Finance's Report as presented. Commissioner Condon seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Frankenthal made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Condon seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

OLD BUSINESS

RESOLUTION #2009-09 AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN TAX APPEAL - Sports Authority

Ms. Lambillotte stated, as previously discussed, we have entered into an intergovernmental agreement to defend future real estate tax appeals for properties wanting to decrease their equalized assessed value by \$200,000 or more. Sports Authority is the first case we will be co-defending with the school district, city and library district. Commissioner Condon made a motion to approve Resolution #2009-09 authorizing participation in a tax appeal challenge pursuant to intergovernmental agreement. Commissioner Frankenthal seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

PECK FARM PARK PROJECTS UPDATE

Ms. Lambillotte reported on the 4 major projects underway at Peck Farm Park. The back porch is near completion and we are waiting on the construction and installation of the railings. Construction of the amphitheatre is progressing smoothly and should be complete within the next few weeks, weather permitting. Repair to the chimney has been completed. Development of the 30 acres of prairie to finish off the south side of Peck Farm Park continues. The rainy spring has slowed the progress of all these projects, but staff have been working closely with contractors to keep the projects moving.

COMMUNICATIONS

Ms. Lambillotte stated that the district has received notice from IDNR that our permit has been approved for the Island Park Bridge Project. Staff are still waiting for a few other permits to be approved to move forward on this project.

State Representative Tim Schmitz, announced that the Park District is eligible to receive \$100,000 in funding from the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for capital development and/or land acquisition. This legislation still needs to be signed by the governor and we look to hear more about the specific timing of receipt of these funds sometime after July 1st.

The Sandholm Project is nearing completion. The Park District staff would like to plan a ribbon cutting ceremony for the official opening of Sandholm Park and recognize the work done at Esping Park as well. Staff is planning this ceremony for July 12th from 11:00am-11:30am.

Ms. Lambillotte stated that staff is preparing bid specifications to remodel the public restrooms at GCC. The partitions are in disrepair and the tile needs to be replaced due to its age and poor

condition. Staff is planning to have the work begin at the end of August when the building is closed for cleaning and maintenance and will schedule to finish the project by Labor Day.

The Park District has received a legislative update in regard to some changes made in the Freedom of Information Act.

Ms. Lambillotte updated the board on the City of Geneva Committee of the Whole meeting she attended on Monday, June 8th with Peggy Condon. The discussion at this meeting was in regards to the local post office building and their desire to downsize to 2000 square feet of space. The post office's staff intends to sell the building but stay in downtown Geneva.

Cost estimates from the Wheeler Park Maintenance facility addition and renovations came in higher than expected. After meeting with the Fire Department, there are some safety issues with the building that must be addressed. Staff are in the process of meeting with the architects to prioritize and look at cost cutting measures that will bring the project in line with what we have budgeted.

We have chosen a candidate for the Peck Farm Manager's position and are hoping this person can start by the end of June.

FUTURE MEETINGS

Regular Scheduled Board Meeting

July 20, 2009

7:00 PM

STAFF REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT OF LEISURE SERVICES

Supt. of Recreation Jay Kelly reviewed his report. There are 1800 registrants for swim lessons; we have sold 96 non residents pool passes and approximately 1200 resident passes. Mr. Kelly stated that the Park District is sponsoring the main stage on Friday at Swedish Days. The Park District will be well represented all day long with an information booth and promotional items to be handed out along with a prominent banner on the main stage. June 30th is Geneva Park District Night at the Kane County Cougars Game. The Park District has purchased 6 speed bumps to be installed at the SPRC parking lot.

SUPERINTENDENT OF NATURAL AREAS AND INTERPRETATION

Nothing further to report.

SUPERINTENDENT OF PARKS AND PROPERTIES

Supt. of Parks & Properties Gabriel reviewed his report. Mr. Gabriel praised the Park District's horticulturist, Julie Weals, on the job well done on all flower beds especially the tropical bed in front of the pool building. Staff has planted 40 trees at Island Park which were funded by the Geneva Park District Foundation. Staff is in the process of getting project details and cost estimates from the engineer for the Bennett Park shoreline restoration project.

NEW BUSINESS

Supt. of Finance & Personnel Powell stated that per law, this ordinance has to be passed every year and is filed with the County Clerk's Office. Commissioner Karas made a motion to approve the Prevailing Wage Ordinance #2009-08 as presented. Commissioner Frankenthal seconded. A roll call vote was taken. Condon – aye, Frankenthal – aye, Karas – aye, Lenski – aye, VanderVeen – nay. Four ayes, One nay. Motion carried.

PROGRAM EVALUATIONS GYMNASTICS/TUMBLING

Supt. of Recreation Jay Kelly reported that 44 evaluations were filled out and the ratings were good. The gymnastics and tumbling classes are held at the Geneva High School and some tumbling classes were held at SPRC.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:26 p.m., Commissioner Condon made a motion to go into executive session to discuss land acquisition. Commissioner Lenski seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

Board and staff returned back to regular session at 8:48 p.m.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Condon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:49 p.m. Commissioner Frankenthal seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Linda Fox/Dawn Flesvig