

**MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 8, 2012
REGULAR BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Commissioners, Plainfield Township Park District, was held on Wednesday, August 8, 2012 at the Recreation/Administration Center, 23729 W. Ottawa Street, Plainfield.

President Brann called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Hurtado, Newton, Wilson, Ludemann, Brann
Absent: None

Staff members present: Bettin, Bott, Calabrese, Coldwater, Crisman, Nugent, Ryan

Others Present: Richard & Colleen Percy, Chris McKechnie, Erin Kljaich, Joe Kordik & Jon Parhurst

Moved by Wilson that the board approve the agenda. Seconded by Newton. Roll call: Hurtado-Yes, Newton-Yes, Wilson-Yes, Ludemann-Yes, Brann-Yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Wilson that the board approve the consent agenda which included minutes of the July 25, 2012 board of commissioners meeting; bills and claims check numbers 82878-83022 with check numbers 82968, 82969, 82982, 82983, 82993, & 83015 voided; interim check numbers 82788-82877 with check number 82861 voided; 2012 DCEO grant disbursement check number 1003 and 2009 bond disbursement check number 1018. Seconded by Ludemann. Roll Call: Hurtado-Yes, Newton-Yes, Wilson-Yes, Ludemann-Yes, Brann-Yes. Motion carried.

STAFF REPORTS

- Marianne Ryan asked the board if they all received a winter/spring brochure. They all did.
- President Brann said the homecoming parade is coming up and asked the board if they would like to participate this year. Ms. Ryan said if the board would like to participate she would make the arrangements for them. Mr. Brann said if Great Adventures has an entry again this year the board could walk with them. Ms. Ryan said she would email the date of the parade and to respond to her if they are interested in walking with Great Adventures.
- Mr. Brann distributed and email he received from a resident in Kendall Ridge regarding some problems in the park. The board asked staff to have a meeting with the Councilman in that area and the Joliet and Plainfield police to discuss issues in that area of the District and what might be done about them.
- Mr. Brann asked Cheryl Crisman on the status of recognizing the Special Olympic athletes. Ms. Crisman said she contacted Jill Mukushina to see what the Bolingbrook Park District board does since we are partners in the SRA. Ms. Crisman said they don't have a consistent way of recognition either so she is going to approach the SRA advisory board at the next meeting and discuss setting one way to recognize the athletes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

President Brann said the concession committee is waiting for some information from Plainfield Athletic Club and the committee will meet when it is received. Ms. Crisman said she will send an email to PAC to follow up with them and then still try to meet by the end of August.

DISTRICT LEGISLATIVE REPORT

There was no report.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

There was no report.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Colleen Percy expressed concerns over employee salaries, displeasure in the amount staff is paid and the benefit package they receive. Ms. Percy asked for a copy of budget and a copy of the evaluation form used for the executive director's performance evaluation.
- Joe Kordik addressed the board regarding increased property taxes, employee salaries, salary increases and stated he feels the board should start making cuts. Mr. Kordik also addressed the board regarding employee benefits.
- Chris McKechnie addressed the board regarding the park in the Lakewood on Caton Farm subdivision. Ms. McKechnie said she has been working with Mr. Bettin on some issues. Mr. Brann asked staff to be sure to include Lakewood on Caton's issues during the discussion with the police and councilman.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

- Commissioner Ludemann thanked staff for taking part in National Night Out and also thanked them for following up with the Farmstone Ridge residents.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Hurtado requested having the accounts receivable as part of the board packet every month. Mr. Hurtado said that he would like to see any expenditure by the district over \$5,000 posted on the website for at least 30 days. Mr. Hurtado said there are some bids going out and they weren't on the website for 30 days. Mr. Bettin said that on average projects are posted 3 weeks but are always out for 10-11 days. The board discussed changing the schedule for bids. President Brann asked if the accounts receivable could be included in the packets. Ms. Nugent asked for clarification on the report being requested. Mr. Hurtado said he wants everything that comes into the park district. Ms. Nugent said that the information is currently in the treasurer's report. President Brann asked if all the board members want this information. Commissioner Newton said he doesn't need to see it but Mr. Hurtado should be able to see it if he wants to. Commissioner Ludemann and Commissioner Wilson said they don't need an additional report. Mr. Brann suggested that he and Commissioner Hurtado sit down with Mr. Bott to see what type of information Mr. Hurtado is specifically looking for so a report would have the information being requested. Mr. Hurtado said he would like to see a report on whether or not we are saving money since we changed electricity providers and if so, how much we are saving. Mr. Brann asked Mr. Bott to work with staff to see if there are any issues with putting bids out for 30 days and then let the board know.

PRESIDENT'S RECAP OF BOARD DIRECTIVES TO STAFF

- Email homecoming date to board members. Board members will respond with whether or not they will participate in the parade. – Marianne
- Set up meeting with Joliet and Plainfield police department representatives and the Councilman from Joliet in the area where there have been problems to discuss park issues. Commissioner Wilson will be the board representative at the meeting. – Greg
- Work on JBSRA Special Olympian recognition and set date for concession committee meeting. – Cheryl
- Meet regarding accounts receivable and bid postings and bring information back to the board. – Greg and Mike

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Wilson that the meeting be adjourned at 6:45 p.m. Seconded by Newton. Ayes-5 Nays-0

Respectfully Submitted,

Gregory B. Bott, Secretary