

**MINUTES OF THE MAY 28, 2013  
SPECIAL BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

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The special monthly meeting of the Board of Commissioners, Plainfield Township Park District, was held on Wednesday, May 28, 2013 at the Recreation/Administration Center, 23729 W. Ottawa Street, Plainfield.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/PLEDGE

President Hurtado called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Ludemann, Newton, Silosky, Steinys, Hurtado

Absent: None

Staff members present: Peck, Calabrese and Park District Attorney Matt Campbell

President Hurtado led the pledge to the flag. There were approximately 50 persons in the audience.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

- Commissioner Newton asked if there is a procedure for setting meeting dates and times. President Hurtado said that right now he is not taking questions, only comments.
- Commissioner Ludemann thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

President Hurtado told the audience that to ensure that as many people get a chance to speak he is asking that comments be kept to 3 minutes and to try and avoid duplicating topics.

- Vicky Polito commented on the handout distributed by Vice President Silosky. Ms. Polito asked to see the math used to produce the numbers.
- Mark Polito said he appreciates that the board wants to make and would like to see more detailed information about his Mr. Peck's experience and how it will make the parks better.
- Deb Bostjancic questioned why the board didn't move to a larger meeting space because of the anticipated crowd. Ms. Bostjancic expressed concern that three of the board members are not working with the other two at all. Ms. Bostjancic doesn't feel the comments being made about the district are accurate and that although she understands that a new board would make changes she doesn't understand why the changes had to be made on day one.
- Tracy Wittman commented on the salaries being posted on the website and expressed concern that they were inflated because show gross pay vs net take home pay.
- Joe Bostjancic expressed his displeasure with the direction of the new board and added that the people will be watching them.
- Michelle Kelly stated she is honored to have served on the Park District board for 13 years and serve the community. Ms. Kelly stated that is concerned about the direction this board is going and hopes they make the right decisions for the community.
- Craig Spangler questioned the process used to make all this happen because changes are being made so quickly and stated he does not see how this is fiscally responsible or transparent.
- Richard Derrick stated that although no questioned Mr. Peck's qualifications for the position.
- James Atwood thanked the board for their service and questioned why Mr. Hurtado changed his mind about Cameron Bettin becoming the executive director when he voted in favor of it several months ago.
- Jon Nelson expressed his concern for lack of transparency.
- Cathy Kuchenbecker thanked Commissioner Ludemann for standing up for the park district and the people it represents.
- James Racich said he didn't realize he had to sign in to speak and asked if he could speak. Mr. Hurtado said he could speak for a minute at which time Mr. Racich started speaking and the audience started to become unruly and disruptive. Mr. Hurtado asked for order and was ignored. Mr. Hurtado asked to have Mr. Racich removed from the meeting.

BOARD PRESIDENT COMMENTS

Mr. Hurtado stated that in his two years on the board he has not seen anyone in the audience at any of the meetings and that he is here to reform the park district because things cannot continue as business as usual. Mr. Hurtado expressed concern over the cost to the taxpayers for the early retirement incentive and vehicle allowance for retiring

executive director Greg Bott. Mr. Hurtado stated that Mr. Peck is qualified for the job and will be able to do the job he is expected to do. Mr. Hurtado said the Park District has some very talented people but feels that in the last couple of years they have not been given the opportunity to be successful because they were not given the tools to do so.

#### ACTION ITEMS

##### a) Seeking a Motion to Approve the Agenda

Moved by Silosky that the board approve the agenda. Seconded by Steinys. Roll Call: Ludemann-Yes, Silosky-Yes, Steinys-Yes, Hurtado-Yes, Newton-Yes. Motion Carried.

##### b) Seeking a motion to approve the minutes from the special meeting held on May 11, 2013

Moved by Ludemann that the board approve the minutes from the special meeting held on May 11, 2013. Seconded by Steinys. Roll Call: Newton-Pass, Ludemann-Yes, Silosky-Yes, Steinys-Yes, Hurtado-Yes. Motion Carries.

##### c) Seeking a motion to appoint Wendi Calabrese to the position of recording secretary

Moved Silosky to appoint Wendi Calabrese to the position of recording secretary due to the resignation of Sandi Walton due to health issues. Seconded by Ludemann. Roll Call: Newton-Yes, Ludemann-Yes, Silosky-Yes, Steinys-Yes, Hurtado-Yes. Motion Carried.

##### d) Seeking a motion to adjust recording secretary compensation

Moved by Silosky to adjust the recording secretary compensation to \$0.00. Seconded by Steinys. Newton-Yes, Ludemann-Yes, Silosky-Yes, Steinys-Yes, Hurtado-Yes. Motion Carried.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Silosky that the board go into executive session at 6:36 p.m. to discuss personnel to reconvene. Seconded by Steinys. Roll Call: Newton-Yes, Ludemann-Yes, Silosky-Yes, Steinys-Yes, Hurtado-Yes. Motion carried.

The board reconvened in open session at 7:18 p.m.

Roll Call: Newton-Yes, Ludemann-Yes, Steinys, Silosky-Yes, Hurtado-Yes

#### ACTION FOR ITEMS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

##### a. Seeking a motion to appoint Garrett M. Peck Interim Executive Director of the Plainfield Township Park District for a salary of zero dollars until July 1, 2013

Moved by Hurtado that the board appoint Garrett M. Peck Interim Executive Director of the Plainfield Township Park District for a salary of zero dollars until July 1, 2013. Seconded by Steinys. Roll Call: Steinys-Yes, Ludemann-No, Newton-No, Silosky-Yes, Hurtado-Yes. Motion Carried.

##### b. Seeking a motion to authorize the Park District Board President to execute an employment contract with Garrett M. Peck

Moved by Hurtado that the board authorize the Park District President to execute an employment contract with Garrett M. Peck subject to attorney modification except for the starting date of July 1, 2013 for executive director. Seconded by Steinys. Roll Call: Steinys-Yes, Ludemann-No, Newton-No, Silosky-Yes, Hurtado-Yes. Motion Carried.

##### c. Seeking a motion to authorize the Park District Board President to amend the employment contract with Cameron Bettin

Moved by Hurtado that the board authorize the Park District Board President to amend the employment contract with Cameron Bettin keeping the terms except he will be listed as assistant executive director. Seconded by Steinys. Roll Call: Steinys-Yes, Ludemann-No, Newton-No, Silosky-Yes, Hurtado-Yes. Motion Carried.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Silosky that the meeting be adjourned at 7:20 p.m. Seconded by Steinys. Roll Call: Steinys-Yes, Ludemann-Yes, Newton-Yes, Silosky-Yes, Hurtado-Yes. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Garrett Peck, Secretary