

PARK RIDGE RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT
Board of Park Commissioners
Maine Park Leisure Center, 2701 Sibley Avenue

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, March 4, 2010

7:30 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS

PHYSICALLY PRESENT:

Jim O'Brien, President
Rick Biagi
Richard Brandt
David Herman
Marty Maloney
Mary Wynn Ryan
Stephen Vile

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

None.

STAFF PRESENT:

Ray Ochromowicz, Executive Director
Christine Berman, Superintendent of Finance
Bill Neumann, Superintendent of Dev. & Operations
Lori Lovell Knouse, Superintendent of Recreation
Kathie Hahn, Manager of Marketing & Public Relations
Maryanne Lucarz, Administrative Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT:

Thomas G. Hoffman, Park District Attorney
See Sign-in Sheet

President O'Brien called the Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners to order at 7:30 p.m. Assistant Lucarz took roll call.

CITIZENS PRESENT WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DISCUSSION

Committee of the Whole Meetings

Executive Director Ochromowicz reviewed the idea of having one board meeting a month and asked Commissioners for their thoughts. President O'Brien said he brought this idea up before and said he is favorable in calling a committee meeting on an as needed basis. Commissioner Biagi said if we were to move forward with this, the first Thursday should be the default meeting date. After some discussion, President O'Brien suggested, on a trial basis, he will review committee agenda items the Friday before the meeting with Executive Director Ochromowicz and Assistant Lucarz to determine if a meeting is needed. Attorney Hoffman asked that a motion to authorize the President to cancel Committee of the Whole Meetings be presented at the next Regular Board Meeting.

President O'Brien brought up the concern of switching the annual meeting date from April to May for the selection of officers. Executive Director Ochromowicz said he spoke to Attorney Hoffman and the annual meeting date does not need to be changed. Some discussion ensued on the election of officers.

T-Mobile Cell Towers at Northeast and South Park

Executive Director Ochromowicz reviewed the agreement and pole locations. He said the agreement will be presented to the Park Board for possible approval at the March 18 meeting. A very lengthy discussion ensued on pole locations, zoning requirements, height restrictions and public feedback.

Sick Leave

Executive Director Ochromowicz said after reviewing the personnel policy manual he suggests the sick leave policy be revised by allowing an employee to use its sick time to attend to an immediate family member. Some discussion ensued.

Environmental Impact Task Force Guidelines (agenda approval)

Executive Director Ochromowicz suggested the guidelines be revised to state that Task Force agendas do not have to be approved by the Park Board before each meeting. Commissioner Maloney gave a brief history of how this specific guideline came about. After some discussion, Commissioners believe the suggested revision should be for both the Task Force and Advisory Councils and to add "Old/New Business" to all agendas.

Capital Improvement Priorities

Executive Director Ochromowicz reviewed the capital improvement priorities list. A very lengthy discussion ensued.

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Review Community Center Citizens Advisory Council Meeting Agenda

Commissioner Ryan reviewed the agenda and said the need for a walking pass issue will possibly be revisited. Some discussion ensued on the installation of a family locker room.

POLICY & PROCEDURES COMMITTEE

Review Environmental Impact Task Force Meeting Agenda

Commissioner Herman reviewed the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:26 p.m., President O'Brien moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Maloney and passed by a voice vote. Motion carried.

The Regular Board Meeting was adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Marty Maloney
Secretary

Recorded By: Maryanne Lucarz, Administrative Assistant