

**MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 9, 2013
REGULAR BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Commissioners, Plainfield Township Park District, was held on Wednesday, January 9, 2013 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: Matt Campbell, Wendy Stevens, Rob Ayres, John Stratton

Moved by Wilson that the board approve the agenda. Seconded by Ludemann. Roll call: Hurtado-No, 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 December 12, 2012 board of commissioners meeting; bills and claims check numbers 84441-84536 with check numbers 84450, 84471, 84483, 84488, 84489, 84490, 84496, 845002, 84503, 84504, 84510, 84511, 84512, 84513, voided; interim check numbers 84244-84440 with check numbers 84244, 84315, 84324, 84379, 84393, 84410 voided; interim 2012 DCEO grant disbursement check number 1021; 2009 bond check number 1025 voided and the treasurer's report November, 2012. Seconded by Newton. Roll Call: Hurtado-No, Newton-Yes, Wilson-Yes, Ludemann-Yes, Brann-Abstain. Motion Carried.

STAFF REPORTS

Executive Director

Greg Bott said that at a past meeting he mentioned possibly suspending the police agreement for the winter months. Mr. Bott said that we will be doing that and will review it with the possibility of suspending the agreement indefinitely. Mr. Bott stated that even without the agreement the Plainfield Police as well as Joliet Police have the authority to issue citations on our ordinances. Commissioner Ludemann asked if the police would still make patrols by the parks. Mr. Bott said that they would as part of their regular patrolling. President Brann asked if we would still get a report from the Plainfield police about park activity and if Joliet could do the same. Mr. Bott said he would talk to the chiefs about the possibility of supplying a park specific report to us. Mr. Brann asked if a meeting has been set yet with the residents in the south side of the district and police. Mr. Bott said a meeting has not been set yet. President Brann said he would like to come in on Friday to work on a letter to send the councilman from that portion of the district and set a meeting date.

A. Recreation Department

1. 2013 Fireworks Display

Cheryl Crisman stated that information for the Patriotic Picnic was included in the board packet and because of the expense of the event was looking for board direction before planning for the 2013 event began. Commissioner Hurtado asked for the cost for the program. Ms. Crisman said the 2012 costs for fireworks were \$17,000 and staff costs \$2,881.07 totaling \$19,881.07. Ms. Crisman said that after sponsorships, the direct cost to the District was \$13,621.07. The board discussed the event and the consensus was for staff to begin planning for the July 3, 2013 Patriotic Picnic. Mr. Brann asked the board members to assist with solicitation for sponsorships for the event.

Ms. Crisman asked the board for direction on whether or not to start a youth soccer program. President Brann said that he feels we didn't do enough research to see if there is a need for the program and the cost for our program would be almost the same as what is being charged by PSA. Commissioner Hurtado said he would definitely like to see the program move forward by starting small with about 20 teams and charging about \$70. Mr. Hurtado stated that the public needs a choice. Commissioner Newton said he is not in favor of it and should abandon the idea. Commissioner Ludemann said she would like to see us pursue a sport that is currently not being offered. Commissioner Wilson said he is vehemently against it. The board consensus is to not pursue starting a youth soccer program. The board asked staff to continue to investigate if there is a need for any sport programs.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Concessions Committee

President Brann said he would like to set a date for a final committee meeting. The concession committee set a date to meet on Thursday, January 17, 2013 at 3:00 p.m.

DISTRICT LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Commissioner Newton reported that pension reform failed today was the first day for the new General Assembly.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

President Brann read thank you cards from Joe Bostjancic and Richard Kavanagh. Mr. Brann announced that due to errors in his paperwork he will not be on the ballot for commissioner. Mr. Brann thanked everyone for their support.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- John Stratton from the Plainfield Fire District thanked the board for the Patriotic Picnic. Mr. Stratton said the fire department participates in it and asked everyone to pray for rain.
- Rob Ayres from PSA stated that part of their agreement with the Chicago Fire asks them to sponsor 2 community events per year. Mr. Ayres said he would be happy to reach out to them to do something for the Patriotic Picnic.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Ludemann said she received the LCSRA brochure in the mail and it was very nicely done.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Hurtado stated that he asked executive director Bott what the district's policy is on keeping open meeting recordings and was informed that there is no policy. Mr. Hurtado said he would like to set a policy for how long the tapes should be kept. Mr. Bott said that we follow the State Statutes regarding closed meeting recordings but there are none for open meetings and since we are not required to tape them we are not required to keep them. Mr. Bott said the practice has been to tape the meeting to prepare the minutes and once the minutes have been approved the tape is reused. Attorney Campbell said that once the minutes are approved there is no need to keep the tape and there is really no need or requirement to have a tape at all. Mr. Campbell said if the open meeting is going to be recorded the best thing to do would be to prepare the minutes and once the minutes are approved erase or destroy the tape. Commissioner Wilson said he doesn't see a problem with what we are doing now. Commissioner Newton said he is willing to look at the procedure and a potential policy. Commissioner Ludemann said she doesn't think we need tapes laying around that we don't need. President Brann asked what the purpose or reason of keeping the tapes would be once the minutes are approved. Commissioner Hurtado said it's part of the record of the meeting and thinks we should keep them for at least 6 months after the minutes are approved. Mr. Hurtado said he doesn't think some of the minutes from the last 6 or 7 months reflect what the discussion was and feels the information is being censored. President Brann asked Commissioner Newton if he would be able to assist with looking into a procedure for the meeting tapes. Commissioner Ludemann said the minutes are supposed to be an overview of the meeting and if there is something you want verbatim to say so during the meeting. Ms. Ludemann said she doesn't see the need to keep the tapes because the time to make a point of any disagreement is during the approval process. Mr. Hurtado said he has made those points but majority rules. President Brann asked Commissioner Newton to look at programs to assist with taking an audio of the meeting and then putting them into the computer instead of using a tape recorder.

PRESIDENT'S RECAP OF BOARD DIRECTIVES TO STAFF

- Commissioner Brann and Greg Bott will meet Friday to draft a letter to the Joliet Council
- Staff will add a question to program evaluations to investigate if there is a need in the community for other sports – Cheryl/Rec Staff
- Move forward with planning for the Patriotic Picnic fireworks and touch base with PSA regarding possible sponsorship – Cheryl/Rec Staff
- Concession Committee Meeting – Thursday, January 17, 2013 at 3:00 p.m.
- Commissioner Newton will look at policies of other districts regarding policies for keeping open meeting

tapes and software for minutes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Wilson that the board go into executive session at 6:34 p.m. to discuss personnel. Seconded by Hurtado.
Roll Call: Hurtado-Yes, Newton-Yes, Wilson-Yes, Ludemann-Yes, Brann-Yes. Motion Carried.

The board reconvened in open session at 8:47p.m.

ACTION FOR ITEMS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

There were no items for action.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Wilson that the meeting be adjourned at 8:47 p.m. Seconded by Newton. Ayes-5 Nays-0

Respectfully Submitted,

Gregory B. Bott, Secretary