

**MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 12, 2012
REGULAR BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Commissioners, Plainfield Township Park District, was held on Wednesday, December 12, 2012 at the Recreation/Administration Center, 23729 W. Ottawa Street, Plainfield.

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

Absent: Brann

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

Others Present: Rob Ayres, Wendy Stevens, Curt Rosenbaum, Tom Breier

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

Moved by Wilson that the board approve the consent agenda which included minutes from the November 14, 2012 board of commissioners meeting; bills and claims check numbers 84150-84243 with check numbers 84192, 84204, 84205, 84206, 84214, 84215, 84216, 84217, & 84239 voided; interim check numbers 84048-84149 with check numbers 84073 & 84118 voided; 2012 DCEO grant disbursements check numbers 1010 & 1011 with check numbers 1008 & 1009 voided; 2009 bond check number 1024 voided; and the treasurer's report October 2012. Seconded by Newton. Commissioner Hurtado said he had a question about the minutes from the last meeting and that he sent an email to Mr. Bott. Commissioner Hurtado said feels the minutes from the November meeting that are going to be approved today don't accurately show what was discussed at the meeting. Mr. Hurtado said he sent an email to Mr. Bott and President Brann with items he felt were left out. Mr. Bott said he received an email from Commissioner Hurtado with several bullet points listing things that were said during the meeting. Mr. Bott stated that as discussed previously the minutes are not verbatim but basically the essence of the discussion and the vote. Mr. Bott said that until the board instructs staff differently that is how the minutes will be done and the minutes were prepared to the best of our understanding of what the board's instructions were. Mr. Hurtado stated that some of the things he said that were not included would have changed the perspective of what he said. Vice-President Ludemann told Mr. Hurtado the minutes are a summary and are not meant to be word for word so in the future if he wants something specific included he should do it ahead of time. Mr. Hurtado said that is what he is trying to do now and that he does not agree with the minutes of the November meeting. Ms. Ludemann and Mr. Wilson said it should be noted at the time the point is being made, not after the fact. Mr. Hurtado said he is not going to argue and whatever the board decides is fine, but he does not agree with the minutes from the previous meeting. Commissioner Wilson told Mr. Hurtado that he agrees with Commissioner Ludemann and that if he makes a point that he wants specifically noted in the minutes he should make a point to say "for the record" so the comment can be included verbatim. Mr. Hurtado asked if the board wanted him to say for the record. Mr. Wilson and Ms. Ludemann said yes. Commissioner Hurtado said for the record I want everything I say to be recorded at this meeting. Commissioner Wilson said that's not what he's talking about. The board discussed how the minutes should be prepared and the consensus was that if something is for the record it should be stated as such during the meeting not at the next meeting. Mr. Hurtado said he does not agree with the minutes from the last month and please make the record show that I am making that comment. Mr. Wilson asked Mr. Hurtado if he would be comfortable continuing from this point on stating for the record. Mr. Hurtado said that for the record "I just want to make sure that it gets recorded that I am not comfortable with the minutes from the last month because I don't, I don't believe the minutes submitted does not reflect what was discussed last month. Especially in the part that says I do want the health insurance I want the employees to pay for the health insurance the part that was omitted was that the park district pays \$900 for the out of the \$1500 deductible for the PPO. Let the record show. Okay, now we can go ahead and take a vote on this." Roll Call: Hurtado-No, Newton-Yes, Wilson-Yes, Ludemann-Yes. Motion Carried.

STAFF REPORTS

A. Recreation Department

1. District Soccer Program Update

Mr. Bott said that at the last meeting staff was directed to refine the cost estimates for a recreational soccer league and the report was included in the packet. Cheryl Crisman asked the board if they had any questions regarding the information. Commissioner Hurtado said the information said that staff couldn't get the numbers from Romeoville and then reported what he found on their website. Ms. Crisman said that the Romeoville information was included in the memo last month which is why it wasn't in this memo.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no reports.

DISTRICT LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Commissioner Newton said the IDNR now has a steady funding source because there will be a \$2 surcharge on license plates.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

There was no report.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Rob Ayres from PSA said several of their board members met with President Brann who told them the park district was looking into starting a soccer program. Mr. Ayres said they were wondering what was driving the decision. Mr. Ayres said that if cost is a concern the fee could be \$20 less if the park district didn't charge that fee to soccer. Mr. Ayres said that they are all volunteers and are not looking to do anything more than provide the best soccer experience they can to 3-18 year olds. Mr. Ayres asked what the impetus is for starting a program and couldn't understand why the park district would want to start a program to compete with an existing program.
- Tom Brier said he is hoping to be on the park district board after the next election. Mr. Brier said he always hears that Plainfield Park District has no money and there is a lack of infrastructure in the parks and doesn't think that using \$35,000 to start a soccer program is the best use of the money.
- Tom Deveaux said he had 3 children play soccer for PSA and is questioning why the board wants to introduce another program in the community when it already being served by a program. Commissioner Hurtado said he believes their fees are kind of high and the program should be affordable to people. Mr. Hurtado said he coached for PSA and had children in the program. Mr. Ayres asked Commissioner Hurtado what PSA fees should be. Commissioner Hurtado said he doesn't want to tell them what to charge but the park district should be able to provide an alternative. Mr. Brier said if the park district was willing to cut the \$20 fee they could charge less and asked Mr. Hurtado if he was willing to cut that fee. Mr. Hurtado said he couldn't answer that question. Mr. Ayres said that he thinks the park district is using faulty information and that there is something vindictive towards the organization. Mr. Hurtado said it isn't being vindictive he just thinks people should have a choice.
- Curt Rosenbaum asked if the park district is offering a choice for soccer, why not baseball and football.
- Wendy Stevens said she has been a resident for 14 and doesn't see why the park district wants to start a soccer program when PSA is providing excellent service to all the kids who want to play soccer.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

- Commissioner Wilson said he appreciates all that PSA has done for the last 30 years and he remembers when the program was started. Mr. Wilson said that he has been very happy with PSA and is not in agreement that they need competition and the prices are fair. Mr. Wilson said he also appreciates all PSA has done in giving back so they can have better facilities.
- Commissioner Hurtado asked Mr. Bott if we are in compliance with Public Act 097-0609? Mr. Bott said yes we are. Commissioner Hurtado said he did not see the information on the website. Marianne Ryan said she remembers putting the information on the website but will double check to be sure it is there. *Commissioner Hurtado excused himself from the meeting at 6:30 p.m.*
- Commissioner Ludemann thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and speaking. Ms. Ludemann said personally she doesn't feel it is right to compete with PSA and if we are going to look into offering an affordable program it should be something that isn't already being offered. Ms. Ludemann thanked Amanda Bergman for doing an excellent job teaching the firefighters how to handle horses.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Consider 2013 Meeting Schedule

Moved by newton that the board approve the 2013 meeting schedule. Seconded by Ludemann. Roll Call: Newton-Yes, Wilson-Yes, Ludemann-Yes. Motion Carried.

B. Consider Workers Compensation Insurance Renewal

Moved by Newton that the board renew the District's workers compensation insurance with Illinois Public Risk Fund for the period January 1, 2013 thru December 3, 2013. Seconded by Wilson. Roll Call: Newton-Yes, Wilson-Yes, Ludemann-Yes. Motion Carried.

C. Consider Resolution 2012-07(A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Lease of Vacant Land Agreement for a Park Site)

Moved by Newton that the board approve Resolution 2012-07. Seconded by Wilson. Roll Call: Newton-Yes, Wilson-Yes, Ludemann-Yes. Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

PRESIDENT'S RECAP OF BOARD DIRECTIVES TO STAFF

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Wilson that the board go into executive session at 6:35 p.m. to discuss possible land acquisition and personnel. Seconded by Ludemann. Roll Call: Newton-Yes, Wilson-Yes, Ludemann-Yes. Motion Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The board reconvened in open session at 7:36 p.m.

Moved by Newton that the meeting be adjourned at 7:36 p.m. Seconded by Ludemann. Ayes-3 Nays-0

Respectfully Submitted,

Gregory B. Bott, Secretary