

SALT CREEK RURAL PARK DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 7, 2008

The Regular Board Meeting of the Salt Creek Rural Park District was held on Tuesday, October 7, 2008, in the administration building at Rose Park. President Wiesenmayer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. On roll call the following were present:

Ilene Wiesenmayer - President
Cliff Hall – Vice-President
Michael Reiss - Treasurer
Don Granell – Commissioner
Shirley Eichaker - Commissioner
Doug Postma - Commissioner

ABSENT: Drew Burbidge - Secretary

STAFF: Patricia Hermann - Director
Diane Hilgers – Superintendent of Recreation
Tom McDonald – Superintendent of Golf & Maintenance
Robert Bush - Attorney
Pegi Fiedler – Recording Secretary

President Wiesenmayer opened the Public Hearing at 7:00pm. Commissioner Eichaker moved, seconded by Commissioner Granell, to recess the Public Hearing at 7:03pm. The motion carried on a roll call vote as follows:

Public Hearing

AYES: Commissioners Wiesenmayer, Hall, Reiss, Granell, Eichaker, Postma
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Commissioner Burbidge
ABSTAIN: None

Commissioner Hall moved, seconded by Commissioner Reiss, to re-convene the Regular Meeting. The motion carried on a roll call vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Wiesenmayer, Hall, Reiss, Granell, Eichaker, Postma
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Commissioner Burbidge
ABSTAIN: None

Commissioner Eichaker moved, seconded by Commissioner Hall, to approve the October agenda. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Approval of
Agenda

Superintendent Hilgers introduced Marc Costanza, the new General Manager of Hat Trick Hockey. The Board welcomed him to the Park District.

Intro. of
Guests

Commissioner Hall moved, seconded by Commissioner Eichaker, to approve the Consent Agenda: Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of September 9, 2008; Approval of Minutes of Executive Session (to remain privileged) of September 9, 2008; Treasurer’s Report; Warrant #5. The motion carried on a roll call vote as follows:

Approval of
Consent
Agenda

AYES: Commissioners Wiesenmayer, Hall, Reiss, Granell, Eichaker, Postma
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Commissioner Burbidge
ABSTAIN: None

Attorney had no report.

Atty. Report

The Board reviewed preliminary tax collection estimates. Attorney Bush stated that his firm will get a comprehensive report regarding tax objections from Cook County and report back to the Board. Commissioners Wiesenmayer and Eichaker will meet with Director Hermann and the accountant, George Ogorek regarding the audit on October 21 at 6pm. Attorney Bush re-iterated that the accountant and auditor should not be the same firm. However, since we are in the middle of the current audit, it would not be cost effective at this time to have the current audit checked by another firm. Director Hermann stated that RFP's have been sent to several accounting firms.

Tax Levy

Audit

Director Hermann had one addition to her report. She, along with Superintendent McDonald and Commissioner Granell, will be working with the Lions Club on their candy day on Friday, October 17 at Harris Bank in Palatine. In return, the Lions Club will give a donation to the park district. Director Hermann commended staff for getting the golf course up and running after the flooding. She stated the park district lost approximately \$15,000 in revenue. Claims have been put into RCP and FEMA to try and recoup some of the lost revenue.

Director &
Operational
Reports

Director Hermann stated that staff is continuing to work on discrepancies with Vermont Systems. Commissioner Reiss stated that he would like more information about the technology audit. Director Hermann stated that the park district is currently having an assessment done regarding our technology needs.

Finance Comm.
Technology Audit

Commissioner Eichaker moved, seconded by Commissioner Granell, to re-open the Public Hearing. The motion carried on a roll call vote as follows:

Public Hearing

AYES: Commissioners Wiesenmayer, Hall, Reiss, Granell, Eichaker, Postma
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Commissioner Burbidge
ABSTAIN: None

Mr. Thomas Chapman from Chapman and Cutler, stated that the bond issue currently before the Board is for December payment of our current bonds and to issue new bond money for capital improvements. The Bond debt service is \$465,000. The current December payment is \$328,000, which leaves \$137,000 for capital improvements. Mr. Chapman stated that due to the current economic situation, there are fewer buyers for municipal bonds. Our December payment is due December 15th. His biggest concern is getting us the best interest rate possible.

Bond Issue

There was no public present for the Public Hearing. Commissioner Postma moved, seconded by Commissioner Hall, to close the Public Hearing. The motion carried on a roll call vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Wiesenmayer, Hall, Reiss, Granell, Eichaker, Postma
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Commissioner Burbidge
ABSTAIN: None

Superintendent McDonald stated that he is in contact with a representative from the USA Seiger Dog Show. They are currently in contract negotiations with the Sheraton and when that is finalized, they will present us with a contract for our attorney's review. The fee would be \$800 per day for their use of the property. Superintendent McDonald will follow up and report back to the Board.

Unfinished
Business
Dog Show

Commissioner Reiss moved, seconded by Commissioner Eichaker, to approve the NWSRA Resolution #08-02 in the amount of \$42,250.72. The motion carried on a roll call vote as follows:
AYES: Commissioners Wiesenmayer, Hall, Reiss, Granell, Eichaker, Postma
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Commissioner Burbidge
ABSTAIN: None

NWSRA
Res. #08-02

Superintendent McDonald stated he sent a letter to the Village of Palatine regarding the closing of Frontage Road into Twin Lakes from 12/1 thru 4/1. We received verbal approval upon the following conditions: A Knox box be posted at the gate post for emergencies and signage posted for the residents. This will be done by the park district. Superintendent McDonald also stated that there will be full access to Twin Lakes Drive and the paths will be swept as needed by the maintenance staff. Attorney Bush has reviewed the snow removal agreement.

Old Business
Snow Removal

Commissioner Granell moved, seconded by Commissioner Postma, to enter into a snow removal agreement with Ray Pollina's Snow Removal. The motion carried on a roll call vote as follows:
AYES: Commissioners Wiesenmayer, Hall, Reiss, Granell, Eichaker, Postma
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Commissioner Burbidge
ABSTAIN: None

Commissioner Hall moved, seconded by Commissioner Eichaker, to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel and property issues at 8:10pm. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Executive
Session

Commissioner Hall moved, seconded by Commissioner Postma, to re-convene the Regular Meeting at 8:45pm. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

There being no further business, President Wiesenmayer adjourned the Regular Meeting at 8:46pm.

Drew O. Burbidge, Secretary

Ilene Wiesenmayer, President