

**Burr Ridge Park District
Regular Meeting
January 11, 2010**

The regular meeting of the Burr Ridge Park District was called to order at the Burr Ridge Community Center at 7:04 p.m. by President Quigley.

Present: Board Members: Bergholz, Malloy, Quigley
Absent: Caplis, Fara
Also Present: Jim Pacanowski Director of Parks and Recreation,
Superintendent Of Finance Jamie Janusz,
Superintendent Of Recreation Lavonne Campbell

APPROVE

January 11, 2010 Agenda

No changes were made to the January 11, 2010 Agenda.

December 9, 2009 Regular Meeting Minutes – Bergholz moved, seconded by Quigley and approved by roll call vote to approve the December 9, 2009 regular meeting minutes.

Ayes: Bergholz, Quigley Nays: None Abstain: Malloy

OPEN FORUM

No Open Forum.

CORRESPONDENCE

Nothing further added to the written report.

REPORTS

Director of Parks and Recreation

In addition to the written report, Pacanowski reported that ice conditions at Palisades were very favorable and the ice rink was heavily utilized by residents and students during the school holiday break.

Pacanowski reported that staff members and Board Member Bergholz will be attending the IAPRA/IAPD conference on January 28-30, 2010.

Superintendent of Finance

Jamie Janusz gave a detailed follow-up regarding several conversations she has held with Supervisors at Commonwealth Edison and Barb Gosselar, the Burr Ridge Park District legal counsel, regarding the overcharging for electric at the Burr Ridge Community Center. Janusz informed the Board that conversations with Commonwealth Edison regarding meter problems were begun in February of 2009. Recent conversations since the last board meeting confirm that Commonwealth Edison installed an on demand meter as opposed to a recordable meter when the Community Center was built. At that time, it was legal for Commonwealth Edison to choose the type of meter to place on new construction. Since that time, regulatory laws prevent Commonwealth Edison from placing on demand meters at will. It is the intention of legal counsel to collect a refund from Commonwealth Edison for the period of time that the Community Center was on an on demand meter.

President Quigley asked if Commonwealth Edison chose which meters to place on new construction when the Community Center was built. Janusz replied that the type of meter was chosen by Commonwealth Edison with no choice given to the Park District.

Board Member Bergholz asked if legal counsel fees will outweigh any reimbursement that might be gained from Commonwealth Edison through legal action.

Pacanowski responded that at this time, billable legal hours do not outweigh any refund Commonwealth Edison may give. Pacanowski will monitor the situation closely in order to insure that the legal fees do not exceed any refund amount.

Recreation Division

In addition to the written report, Campbell reported that piano lessons are doing extremely well. Lessons are booked solid with no available openings. Students range in age from 4 to 86 years old, and the addition of the new piano instructor has been a great success.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Harvester Wetland Project Update

In addition to the written report, Pacanowski gave a detailed report on the status of the wetland project at Harvester Park. Bid specs will go out on February 1, 2010.

Bergholz asked if any items outlined in the Village letter will be expensive or difficult to complete.

Pacanowski responded that all items referenced in the letter from the Village should be completed without any problems. A complete set of the final plans will be delivered to the Building Department at the Village. These plans are the same that will go out for bids on February 1, 2010.

Bergholz asked for clarification of the Village reference to the shelter.

Pacanowski responded that the Village is referring to the covered bench area, not the completed shelter.

NEW BUSINESS

Chestnut Hills Homeowner's Assoc. Meeting Preview

Pacanowski presented the board with a set of plans for planting in the wetlands that have gone to the County. A meeting has been scheduled with the Chestnut Hills Homeowner's Association for January 25, 2010 to discuss the planting plan. Pacanowski will give a power point presentation to the Homeowner's Association and invite their input. In addition, several "fields of vision" have been identified on the plans. Pacanowski will ask that each building go over the County's list of acceptable plants and conduct a majority vote for their building in deciding which plants they prefer and where they would prefer the plants to be located within their "field of vision". All plants must be selected from the list provided by the County. The Park District will have final decision on planting. In addition, there are plans for a split rail fence near a vegetative border along the wetlands in order to dissuade people from trespassing on private property in order to gain entrance to the wetlands. If a building is unable to obtain a majority vote, the Park District will make the decision as to what will be planted behind their home within their field of vision.

Board Members are invited to attend, however, if more than two members plan on attending, the meeting must be posted for a public meeting.

Bergholz asked if there have been any concerns expressed by the Homeowner's Association.

Pacanowski responded that some concern was expressed regarding the trail path being moved closer to the Townhomes. It was conveyed to the Homeowner's Association that the change in the placement of the trail (and elimination of the floating bridge) was done in response to a direct request from the County. The intention of the County is to avoid disruption of the wetlands in that area.

Board Member Malloy asked if the area schools have been participating in the project.

Pacanowski responded that the Advanced Placement Earth Science teacher at Hinsdale South has been actively providing input.

Bergholz asked if there were any renderings other than a blueprint available to present to the Chestnut Hills Homeowner's Association in order to make it easier to visualize the project.

Pacanowski responded that there are several pages within the blueprint that provide detailed elevations and renderings of specific structures and trails. In addition, John Van will be at the meeting to provide further details as needed.

Some discussion was held regarding the boardwalk which will cross over the stormwater outlet.

The boardwalk will be made of composite material with footings. There will be a screen in the power point presentation detailing what the boardwalk will look like when completed.

Malloy asked if “permit only” parking can be placed in the area of the townhomes. Pacanowski responded that the road is village owned and parking is open to the public. The public cannot legally walk on the owner’s property to gain access to the wetland.

Malloy asked if the pond will be designated as catch and release. Pacanowski responded that the pond will be in compliance with the Illinois State Fishing Regulations.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Bergholz moved, seconded by Malloy, and unanimously approved to approve the January bills.

ADJOURN

Malloy moved, seconded by Bergholz, and unanimously approved, to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Stednitz
Recording Secretary