



SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS OF PALATINE PARK DISTRICT
JOINT BOARD MEETING WITH PALATINE PARK FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS
at the Village of Palatine Community Center Building, in Community Room B
200 East Wood Street in Palatine
July 18, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 5:08 p.m. by President Gould.

Commissioners Present

Susan Gould, President
Greg Sammons, Vice President
Terry Ruff
Jennifer Rogers

Commissioners Absent

Joe Petricca, Treasurer (excused)

Staff Present

Michael Clark, Executive Director
Phil Costello, Superintendent of Finance
Michelle Eckelberry, Superintendent of District Services and Projects
Cheryl Luftiz, Communications and Marketing Manager
JP McNamara (departed at 5:15 p.m.)

Visitors and Guests

Members of the Palatine Park Foundation Board present: Dutch Schultz, President; Kate McNally, Vice-President; Fred Hall, Treasurer; Jim Lennon; Monica Hahn; Debbie Lemonidis.

Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Rogers moved and Commissioner Ruff seconded that the agenda be approved. Director Clark confirmed that there are no changes. By a voice vote, the agenda for the special joint meeting of July 18, 2022, was approved.

AYE: Jennifer Rogers, Terry Ruff, Greg Sammons, Susan Gould

NAY: None

ABSENT: Joe Petricca

Motion carried.

Meeting Purpose and Introductions

Executive Director Clark thanked everyone for attending and stated that the purpose of the meeting was to meet everyone especially newer members from both boards. In addition, to have the Foundation highlight current goings on as well as the retreat held earlier this year with Don Ortale and the National Association of Park Foundations (NAPF). Last, to have both boards provide ideas, insight and discussion on aligning priorities and funding plan ideas to assist both boards in being effective and cooperative in each plan and efforts. Each attendee then introduced themselves to the groups and a brief description of the ties with Palatine and background.

Park Foundation Highlights

President Schultz then highlighted several items with regard to current events going on with the foundation. He highlighted the recent Wine and Nine fundraiser event and provided details of the event and also thanked both the Park Board and staff for their assistance and support. He then went on to explain the retreat held with the NAPF and some of the outcomes from that effort including review and reaffirmation of mission statement, need for revised by-laws, drafting a memo of understanding with the park district, recruitment of new and more board members, among several other items. Several questions from Park Board members were asked and discussed. Dutch also indicated the foundation has recruitment efforts in progress with three new potential members attending their September meeting.

Shared Ideas of Alignment, Fundraising and Capital Projects

Discussion ensued between foundation and park board members regarding the scholarship program and the need for more awareness and communications especially to diverse populations within the community. President Schultz provided data of what has been awarded in recent years and also highlighted the various funds within the foundation accounts. He also indicated the recent popularity in the Living Tribute cooperative program. Treasurer Hall also indicated the history of the formation of the foundation and securing land for future use with Towne Square Park. The Park Board and staff did inform the foundation members of current acquisitions by the park district and the potential for future help in securing funds, access and grants for future acquisition.

The group then discussed various capital project ideas that could align with park district priorities that the foundation may consider assistance. The development of the Legacy park concept was identified. Other ideas included sensory garden in cooperation with NWSRA and Meadowlark Park development. Fundraising ideas were also discussed, and the thought is that additional and different events to appeal to a larger interested audience is needed. One idea was also a winter event at Hamilton Park.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Park Board on this date, Commissioner Rogers moved that the regular meeting be adjourned. Commissioner Sammons seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by a voice vote.

AYE: Jennifer Rogers, Terry Ruff, Greg Sammons, Susan Gould

NAY: None

ABSENT: Joe Petricca

Motion carried at 6:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Clark
Park Board Secretary Pro-Tem
MC

Attest:

Approved:

Michael Clark
Secretary Pro-Tem

Susan Gould
President