

QUINCY PARK DISTRICT  
1310 Washington Street  
Quincy, Illinois

Regular Meeting

July 11, 2007

Emerson Community Center – Board Room

6:00 P.M.

**ROLL CALL:**

The meeting was called to order by the President, and upon the roll being called the following members were physically present at said location: John Frankenhoff - President, Tom Behrens - Vice President, Commissioners Don Adolfs, Terry Anastas, and Chris Hogge. The following Park Commissioners were absent and did not participate in the meeting in any manner or to any extent whatsoever: Carrie Edgar and Mike Ridder. Attorney Matt Hutmacher was present, along with Executive Director - Mike Parks, Director of Business Services – Don Hilgenbrinck, Director of Parks – Ed Seger, Director of Program Services – Mike Bruns, Director of Golf – Matt Burry, and Recording Secretary – Lynn Fischer.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Finance:** Commissioner Behrens stated the Finance Committee had met prior to the Regular Meeting and found everything to be in order. COMMISSIONER HOGGE MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ADOLFS TO APPROVE THE FINANCIAL REPORT. UNANIMOUS. PRESIDENT FRANKENHOFF DECLARED THE MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER BEHRENS STATED A CORRECTION TO BE MADE TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT. COMMISSIONER BEHRENS REPORTED ON THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING; NOT PRESIDENT FRANKENHOFF. COMMISSIONER HOGGE MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ADOLFS TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FINANCE MEETING WITH THE AMENDMENT, AND THE REGULAR AND EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETINGS OF JUNE 13, 2007. UNANIMOUS. PRESIDENT FRANKENHOFF DECLARED THE MOTION CARRIED.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Correspondence included in the board packet: Quincy Preservation Commission regarding interest in naming the Villa Katherine landmark status.

**INFORMATIONAL HANDOUTS:** Recreation handout that Mike Bruns will talk about in his report; notice of meeting to be held here at the Emerson Community Center on July 18, at 1:30 p.m. in conjunction with the Community Foundation regarding grant opportunities for protection of habitats and natural areas; ADA event flyer co-sponsored by the Quincy Park District; and a record of the meeting held June 20, 2007, with the Rock Island Corps of Engineers.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Director Parks stated he has had discussions with state officials regarding development and operation of the Cedar Creek Linear Park trail on Illinois Veteran's Home land. Some time ago, the director offered his support in a public meeting for the proposed trail route and we are searching for a legal tool to provide us authority; a lease or a permanent conservation easement. That was submitted by Veteran's Affairs to Central Management Services for state of Illinois and was rejected. We have been working with legal council for Veteran's Affairs and CMS to find a solution. Legal council for Veteran's Affairs has resigned so Director Parks spoke to Senator Sullivan who called a meeting with several key people in Springfield. CMS legal council has agreed that we can use an easement to develop and operate the trail on Veteran's Home property pending approval of Veteran's Affairs approval of the concept. Director Parks has met with new Director of Veteran's Affairs, Tammy Duckworth, regarding progress. Director Duckworth is taking it directly to the Governor's office for his signature.

Commissioner Hogge asked about the timetable and Director Parks stated a one week follow up with Director Duckworth. Content of easement will be reviewed by Attorney Hutmacher and will come back to the Board for final approval. We want to get started on the construction of the 12<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> Street section of the Trail and need this agreement to proceed. Delay of the easement could cause delay in the construction schedule. Commissioner Anastas inquired where we are with IDOT approval of the 12-18<sup>th</sup> Street section. Director Parks stated it is with the City Engineer to take to the City Planning Committee. Some permit renewals are also holding up the project. Corps of Engineers permit has been renewed but DNR has made us start over.

Director Parks has met with representatives from Quincy United Soccer and Quinsippi Soccer League regarding Boots Bush Park Master Site Plan. It is important that we offer Boots Bush and Paul Dennis complex together for certain things. There are still some unanswered questions before we can schedule a public comment period and questionnaire before bringing it to the board. Commissioner Adolfs inquired as to whether the United Soccer Original Plan has changed at all. We are prioritizing the amenities to do the most important part first. Looking at phasing. President Frankenhoff stated the plan Adolfs is referring to has not been formally adopted by the board; they have just reviewed the preliminary drawings. Commissioner Anastas inquired on a timeframe and Director Parks indicated he is hoping to have the public comment period by October and to have a master site plan sometime in November. There are still a lot of unanswered questions. President Frankenhoff stated that approval of a master site plan does not have any funding attached to it. Priorities for funding will be discussed at the retreat in August. Commissioner Anastas stated his reason for asking was for future planning of tournaments in upcoming years. Director Parks stated without funding, he would be unable to show a development schedule.

President Frankenhoff asked Director Parks about specifications for Washington Park restrooms. We have seen concepts and Director Parks thinks drawings and specifications will be ready within a couple of weeks with construction to begin this fall.

#### **DIRECTOR'S REPORTS:**

**Business Services:** Hilgenbrinck reported that the Annual Report was published in the Quincy Herald-Whig prior to June 30 as required. He is currently developing an E-mail system for newsletters on the website. There are three in development right now; general park district, marina and Westview. The business office continues to process financial assistance applications. Hilgenbrinck stated we have received July replacement and local taxes.

**Parks:** Seger reported that Parker Heights road is now open. The Rock Wall is not yet reconstructed but it is up and stable. Will get to Rock Wall later. They are trying to get started at Indian Mounds. Maintenance dredging will begin shortly on the North and South entrances. Canton Towing will do the dredging. President Frankenhoff inquired when crews would be on site at Bob Mays Park and Seger stated we are waiting on the archeological survey. Seger is trying to call IDNR for an update.

Program Services: Bruns referred to the information included in the handout regarding the pools and batting cage facilities. Bruns also reported that the Customer Appreciation Day held June 23 was well attended but may have been a little down from last year due to the cloudy day. Bruns updated the board on the pitching machines at the batting cage. New quotes from Atec are \$53,000 for 4 dual machines that pitch fast or slow or \$43,000 for 2 baseball and 2 slow pitch. President Frankenhoff indicated he was in favor of the dual machines. The remainder of the board agreed. The budgeted amount was \$50,000.00. Bruns stated we would be looking at the end of August or right after Labor Day to have the new machines completely installed. Director Parks stated we were already given the go ahead to investigate and purchase machines at the previous meeting but wanted the boards input on the proposals before we purchased machines. No formal board action requested. Bruns also stated the Decatur Park Singers will be performing in Clat Adams Park July 19, 2007. President Frankenhoff inquired about the Great River Road sign and Director Parks stated it is being handled through the City of Quincy and the project is still alive, but moving slowly.

Golf: Burry reported that July 12 Westview would be hosting their third demo day on the third nine. Titleist and Cobra consultants will be there. Westview is putting up a tent and doing a BBQ for a party type atmosphere. Burry stated they had the Mobility Impaired Golf Car Demonstration yesterday, July 10, and all in attendance were very impressed. A local gentleman actually tried the car out and was very impressed with its capabilities. Burry is moving forward to purchase one. There is a three week turn around time after the order is placed.

CONSULTANT: Attorney Hutmacher stated there have been several things going on and he hoped to meet with Parks and Hilgenbrinck this week to tie up some loose ends.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Director Parks included a copy of the draft report from the Corps of Engineers. President Frankenhoff stated a couple representatives from the Park District attended that meeting. Director Parks reiterated that it was important to note that this is a draft copy and the meeting was to allow comment. There were several good comments that will possibly lead to several revisions. It appears the

Corps of Engineers may take some corrective action with the Bay Access Channel. It was de-authorized some time ago by Congressman Evans. The Bay Access Channel is being blamed for the sedimentation problem in the Quincy Bay. The Corps may be willing to make a modification to the upstream to reduce the percentage of sedimentation in the bay and the Corps may be able to include it in their maintenance budget and there would be no cost share needed. All future information will come to the Board when available. The Corps feels like modification to the cut through is better than complete closure. President Frankenhoff stated it is important for boaters in the Marina to know the Park District is taking the lead on this project. Although the cut through is outside of Park District property, it is important the boaters realize we see the value in correcting this problem.

Director Seger reported to the board that included in this year's budget was a plan to begin recycling in Moorman/Wavering Park. The plan is to replace the current 55 gallon drums with more modern, lidded containers that are more modern and functional and will serve as both trash and recycling containers. We received one bid from Compumetric Engineering, Inc. which makes the Bearsaver containers in the amount of \$29,715.00 for a total of 28 double module containers. We budgeted a total of \$35,000 for the project. The remainder of the budget would be used for signage and concrete pads for the installation of the containers. Staff is recommending the Board approve the bid submitted by Compumetric Engineering, Inc., (a.k.a. Bearsaver) for the recycling containers. COMMISSIONER ADOLFS MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BEHRENS TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF RECYCLING CONTAINERS. UNANIMOUS. PRESIDENT FRANKENHOFF DECLARED THE MOTION CARRIED.

Director Parks reported on the Dorothy Quincy Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution proposed donation of a Bench with a plaque. Director Parks sees no controversy. Our policy says the Board needs to approve placement of plaques in the parks and Director Parks is requesting approval of staff recommendation at this time. COMMISSIONER BEHRENS MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOGGE TO MODIFY THE STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO WAIVE THE 60 DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND APPROVE THE BENCH/PLAQUE PLACEMENT AS STATED IN THE STAFF RECOMMENDATION. UNANIMOUS. PRESIDENT FRANKENHOFF DECLARED THE MOTION CARRIED.

President Frankenhoff commented on executive session minutes and recommended we follow the staff recommendation releasing only the

January 11, 1995 minutes to the public. There is much more detail in the minutes now than in previous years and the feeling is some of these minutes could cause harm. COMMISSIONER HOGGE MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ADOLFS TO RELEASE ONLY THE JANUARY 11, 1995 EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES TO THE PUBLIC. THE REST OF THE MINUTES SHALL REMAIN CLOSED. UNANIMOUS. PRESIDENT FRANKENHOFF DECLARED AND THE MOTION CARRIED.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None

**ADJOURN:** COMMISSIONER BEHRENS MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ADOLFS TO ADJOURN. UNANIMOUS. PRESIDENT FRANKENHOFF DECLARED THE MOTION CARRIED.

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