

QUINCY PARK DISTRICT  
1310 Washington Street  
Quincy, Illinois

Regular Meeting  
Emerson Community Center – Board Room

December 8, 2010  
6:00 P.M.

**ROLL CALL:**

The meeting was called to order by President Frankenhoff and upon the roll being called the following members were physically present at said location: President John Frankenhoff, Vice President Tom Behrens, Commissioners Mike Ridder, Chris Hogge, Patty McGlothlin and Terry Anastas.

No Park Commissioner was not permitted to attend the meeting by video or audio conference: none.

The following Park Commissioners were absent and did not participate in the meeting in any manner or to any extent whatsoever: Don Adolfs.

Attorney Matt Hutmacher was present, along with Executive Director - Dan Gible, Director of Parks - Ed Seger, Director of Business Services – Don Hilgenbrinck, Director of Program Services – Mike Bruns, Director of Golf – Matt Burry and Recording Secretary – Vicky Egbert.

President Frankenhoff stated that Don Hilgenbrinck, Director of Business Services would present a short presentation on the Park District's property tax rates and explained further the district's spending history and reserve policy. He stated that since 2002, the district has forgone \$2,237,000 in tax revenue by lowering the tax rate instead of maintaining a level tax rate and that the proposed rate is just less than the district's 2007 tax rate. He explained the 3 options the board is considering to hold tax increases to a minimum for the FY2011 budget.

President Frankenhoff stated that this board has spent more time on the budget than any other board he can remember and feels that the board and staff have worked well together to come up with the best option for Quincy's taxpayers.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** President Frankenhoff called to order the Public Hearing concerning the notice of proposed property tax increase for the Quincy Park District. He explained the proposed \$452,500 increase is due to the increase in pension, social security tax, unemployment tax and liability insurance costs. At this time, President Frankenhoff asked for public comments.

Jeff Kerkhoff, 1221 Hampshire stated that he has researched the QPD's 1975 budget and stated that we were at a peak population, the Quinsippi Island Sky Cruise, train, etc. was in operation and the district's total budget was \$1.5 or \$2 million so with 4% inflation, you would expect the current budget to be about \$8 million and that is about what this year's budget will be. He asked the board to keep the recession in mind.

President Frankenhoff stated at the conclusion of remarks that everyone has had an opportunity to state their position on the potential increase and I will now close the hearing. COMMISSIONER ANASTAS MOVED, SECONDED BY

COMMISSIONER HOGGE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTES WERE CAST AND RECORDED:

COMMISSIONER HOGGE	YES
COMMISSIONER ANASTAS	YES
COMMISSIONER ADOLFS	ABSENT
COMMISSIONER RIDDER	YES
COMMISSIONER MCGLOTHLIN	YES
VICE PRESIDENT BEHRENS	YES
PRESIDENT FRANKENHOFF	YES

PRESIDENT FRANKENHOFF DECLARED THE MOTION CARRIED.

**FINANCE:** COMMISSIONER ANASTAS MOVED, SECONDED BY VICE PRESIDENT BEHRENS TO APPROVE THE FINANCIAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AS PRESENTED. UNANIMOUS. PRESIDENT FRANKENHOFF DECLARED THE MOTION CARRIED.

**MINUTES:** COMMISSIONER HOGGE MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER RIDDER TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING ON NOVEMBER 1, 2010, THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 10, 2010 AND TO APPROVE AND REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL THE MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION OF NOVEMBER 10, 2010 AS PRESENTED. UNANIMOUS. PRESIDENT FRANKENHOFF DECLARED THE MOTION CARRIED.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Paul Brown, Vice President of Friends of the Castle, stated that he is speaking on behalf of his board to say thank you to Dan, staff and the park board for everything you've done for us. He stated that the Villa is 110 years old, has been owned by the Quincy Park District for 55 years and the Friends of the Castle, Inc. was started in 1978 and they are very appreciative of the park district's involvement over the years. Executive Director Gibble stated that he appreciates their organization that allows the district to keep a valuable resource and not burden the taxpayers with its operation.

Jeff Kerkhoff, 1221 Hampshire, Quincy, IL reported to the board that Berrian Park now has pedestrian crosswalks and signage to cross 12<sup>th</sup> Street.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Quincy Notre Dame Running Raiders – Thank you.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Gibble stated that the board received 2 additional items in the board packet delivery; a report on the water consumption issues at Westview Golf Course and the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter update of the 2010 goals and objectives.

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORTS:**

**Parks:** Seger stated the Corps of Engineers dredging project is complete and attended their final inspection meeting but did not release the final cubic yards removed. He stated that our spoil site is full again and hopes that we can do some of our own target dredging in the spring of 2011. Gardner Park playground is installed except for the safety surface. Staff has completed the road closings for the winter to vehicular traffic but open to walkers/bikers. Vice President Behrens asked when the Corps has previously done dredging of this magnitude and Seger stated that it had been a long time but hopefully we will be able to do some maintenance dredging of our own to help the siltation situation.

**Business Services:** Hilgenbrinck stated that he didn't have any further information to present at this time. Vice President Behrens thanked Don for all his time and efforts with the budget and tax levy information presented to the board.

**Program Services:** Bruns stated that staff is busy with our youth Santa programs this week.

**Golf:** Burry stated that he and Rick have been working on the Audubon site assessment and environmental plan. He stated that he is working on water consumption issues on the course with our irrigation sprinkler heads and changing the way we water the course. Burry stated that we would save the old sprinkler heads for repair parts. He stated that 10 rounds have been played this month.

## **DEPARTMENT HEAD PRESENTATION:** Ed Seger, Director of Parks

Seger passed out a seasonal personnel/staffing history chart for the parks department that directly reflects the FY2011 budget. It shows a steady decline of seasonal workers since 2004 even though we have added facilities and functions to the district. He gave commissioners the parks department maintenance organization broken down into zone labor and explained how seasonal laborers are distributed throughout the district and weekend maintenance. The last page shows the cuts to the FY2011 budget in services and laborers and how that spreads out through the district's park system. President Frankenhoff asked what we do at Deer Park and Seger stated that we do tree trimming and grass cutting inside the fenced area at the Veteran's home.

**CONSULTANT:** Matt Hutmacher stated that he is current on district matters.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Director of Business Services Hilgenbrinck stated that Ordinance No. 10-07, authorizing the 2010 property tax levy is being presented for approval. This is the legal document to levy tax to fund the FY2011 budget. COMMISSIONER

ANASTAS MOVED, SECONDED BY VICE PRESIDENT BEHRENS TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 10-07 AS PRESENTED. Under discussion, President Frankenhoff stated that there are 5 ½ ways to cut expenses; budget cuts, operate more efficiently, raise fees, spend reserves, increase taxes, and the ½ is grants, which are never certain but again are tax dollars. He stated that no one is happy about raising taxes but feels comfortable with the tax levy increase and if the economy recovers in the future we would review the tax levy rates. Commissioner Anastas stated that in difficult times, he feels that to take away the parks is the wrong thing to do and he hasn't been told by the public that they want to see a lot of cuts in services and feels we are on the right track with this levy. THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTES WERE RECORDED:

COMMISSIONER ANASTAS	YES
COMMISSIONER ADOLFS	ABSENT
COMMISSIONER RIDDER	YES
COMMISSIONER MCGLOTHLIN	YES
COMMISSINER HOGGE	YES
VICE PRESIDENT BEHRENS	YES
PRESIDENT FRANKENHOFF	YES

PRESIDENT FRANKENHOFF DECLARED THE MOTION CARRIED.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Director of Business Services Hilgenbrinck stated that the Budget and Appropriation Ordinance No. 11-01 is being presented tonight for review only and represents the legal document that allows the district to collect revenue and spend money and will brought back at the January 19<sup>th</sup> board meeting for final approval. He stated that it is an inflated budget and allows for uncertainty/emergencies within the FY2011 budget.

Executive Director Gibble stated that the FY2011 Executive Summary/Operating Budget is being presented for approval which includes direction from the board at previous meetings in regards to budget cuts, fee schedules and general operating information. COMMISSIONER HOGGE MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER RIDDER TO APPROVE THE FY2011 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY/OPERATING BUDGET AS PRESENTED. UNANIMOUS. PRESIDENT FRANKENHOFF DECLARED THE MOTION CARRIED.

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

Jeff Kerkhoff, 1221 Hampshire asked the board to use prison labor to reduce costs when possible. Executive Director Gibble explained that the use of volunteers is sometimes considered taking jobs away from union laborers and that can sometimes create a problem.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** In accordance with 5 ILCS, Par. 120/2c,  
**COMMISSIONER RIDDER MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER  
MCGLOTHLIN THAT THE BOARD CONVENE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION  
TO DISCUSS:**

#1. The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity.

**THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTES WERE CAST AND RECORDED:**

COMMISSIONER ADOLFS	ABSENT
COMMISSIONER RIDDER	YES
COMMISSIONER MCGLOTHLIN	YES
COMMISSIONER HOGGE	YES
COMMISSIONER ANASTAS	YES
VICE PRESIDENT BEHRENS	YES
PRESIDENT FRANKENOFF	YES

PRESIDENT FRANKENHOFF DECLARED THE MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER HOGGE MOVED, SECONDED BY VICE PRESIDENT BEHRENS TO RESUME REGULAR MEETING. UNANIMOUS. PRESIDENT FRANKENHOFF DECLARED THE MOTION CARRIED.

President Frankenhoff mentioned that next Monday is the first day to turn in petitions for the April election.

With no other business to discuss,

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

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