

QUINCY PARK DISTRICT
1310 Washington Street
Quincy, Illinois

Regular Meeting
Emerson Community Center – Board Room

July 13, 2011
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 Chris Hogge, Mike Ridder, Patty McGlothlin and Tom Ernst.

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: Jeff VanCamp.

Attorney Matt Hutmacher was present, along with Executive Director - Dan Gibble, 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.

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

MINUTES: COMMISSIONER HOGGE MOVED, SECONDED BY VICE PRESIDENT BEHRENS TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING ON JUNE 8, 2011 AND STUDY SESSION ON JUNE 10, 2011 AND APPROVE AND REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL THE EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES OF JUNE 8, 2011 MEETING AS PRESENTED. UNANIMOUS. PRESIDENT FRANKENHOFF DECLARED THE MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

ORGANIZATION PRESENTATIONS:

COMMISSIONER ERNST MOVED, SECONDED BY VICE PRESIDENT BEHRENS TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO ALLOW PRESENTATIONS BY THE QUINCY HUMANE SOCIETY AND FRIENDS OF THE LOG CABINS. UNANIMOUS. PRESIDENT FRANKENHOFF DECLARED THE MOTION CARRIED.

Quincy Humane Society – Sally Westerhoff: currently they have 466 registered users and they feel it's the best kept secret in Quincy and very positively accepted by users. They charge a \$10 yearly membership fee and have them sign a waiver. It is open to the public and is sure that patrons are using without

registering but hope that most will register. She feels that they have not had many problems/challenges at their park and is not a proponent of them personally but feels the park serves others that are. Lynn Fischer is a proponent and feels the Humane Society needs a larger area with more parking and would like to see one on the South side of Quincy with a card entry access. Sally stated that they have only had 2 dogs abandoned inside the dog park but a public one would maybe have more issues with drop offs. She stated that their busy times are 4:00-7:00pm and our daily hours are dawn to dusk. The dog park has a separate section for small and large dogs. Commissioner Ernst stated that the Macomb Park District just built a dog park and spent \$30,000 on it and received some negative comments of using tax dollars for dogs. Commissioners thanked her for her comments.

Friends of the Log Cabins – John Gebhardt: John started with the recent assessment by Joseph Gallagher and the total is daunting but taking them one at a time it is doable. His committee feels that the current location is ideal and has only flooded 3 times in 43 years and have learned some things during these floods. Long range site plan to enhance the area and can be done with stabilization of the roofs since they are deteriorating and need action to be taken. Wants to start on the Smokehouse with cedar shingles and put metal roofs on the Herleman, Call, the Log Church and Log Corn Crib to stabilize them. The Clat Adams and Frazier cabins are in worst repair and need attended to first. The village itself is an entity that brings in tourism. Herleman, Call, Log Church are structurally sound enough to tour at this time. They would like to establish a formal lease agreement with the park district and they have 90 members that have raised \$5,000. He stated they are working on getting their 501c3 status and their goal is to bring the village back to life. Nancy Boone spoke of the Frontier Settlement Days and the activities they will be having on September 18th and they hope to add 300 new members that day. Frankenhoff asked about their site plan and Gebhardt stated that they need to look at handicapped accessibility and location of current cabins after restoration. Gebhardt stated that 2 Eagle Scout projects were recently completed 1. a flag pole with an 1861 flag and 2. a kiosk with information. Gibble stated that 6 months would be an appropriate amount of time to get a site plan done with interpretative panels and doesn't feel we should add cabins until we take care of what we have. Gebhardt stated that the total cost of all roof repairs is estimated at \$8,000 and would buy us time to complete the restorations. Gebhardt is asking permission to do these repairs and will raise the dollars for all other restoration work within the community and does not expect any dollars from the park district. Gibble asked about how long it will take you to raise the money and Gebhardt stated that they are applying for grants and depends on the public support they get. Local clubs were involved in the original donation of the cabins and they hope to ask them for money for the restoration.

COMMISSIONER ERNST MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER RIDDER TO RESUME THE REGULAR RULES OF THE MEETING. UNANIMOUS. PRESIDENT ERNST DECLARED THE MOTION CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Blessing Hospital, Maureen Kahn – Thank you.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Gibble referred to the handout report of storm costs through July 10, recreation facility update and log cabin village executive summary. He clarified that staff worked on the storm during regular hours and his report doesn't reflect those dollars. South Park clean-up was contracted with Littleton Tree Service and debris removal at Westview was contracted also. Gibble stated that we estimate work on the ground currently at this time to be 1600 staff hours costing in house payroll of \$25,000. Commissioner Ernst asked about hiring teenagers for clean-up labor and Gibble stated that we would still have to pay union wages. He stated that we are using low or no cost alternatives such as the Sheriff's Dept. and IDOT trucks. Commissioner Ridder asked about South Park and Seger stated that it will open Friday. Gibble stated that our labor costs will not be reimbursed by insurance.

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS:

Parks: Seger stated that Moorman Park Playground proposals are due tomorrow with internal staff review and bring to the August board meeting for approval. Dredging has been delayed at the marina and they hope to start next week. He stated that the Quinsippi Island bridge inspection for June has been delayed due to high water also. South Park/Cherry Lane trail is complete and the fence has been installed on the park district side of the trail. Tennis court contractor is back at work on our courts and hopes to finish soon. Ernst asked about the women's restroom at the marina and Seger explained that we are waiting on the insurance adjuster. Hogge asked about South Park mowing on the hill and Seger stated that we may have missed one mowing due to the storms. Behrens stated that he was at Washington Park last week and was very impressed with the condition and it looked great.

Business Services: Hilgenbrinck stated that the adjuster has been out looking at all the damage and hopes to have a report to the board at next month's meeting. He reported that the Gardner Park shelter was a total loss.

Program Services: Bruns reported the storm closed facilities/programs for a few days and we are playing baseball games at Johnson Park in the grass that were being played at South Park. All youth games should be complete by next week and adult games by the first week of August. He reported that the in house work done on the ball fields have helped us to play games as scheduled this season. He noted his program report in the handouts with the batting cage being down in income and attendance is down at both pools but financial

assistance is up this year. Frankenhoff asked if we still want to do the Wavering/Moorman ball fields like Boots Bush and Bruns stated that he would like to but most of the money set aside was spent on Boots Bush. Frankenhoff asked about Boots Bush soccer field usage and Bruns stated that the Senior High soccer team might want to play some games on it and QND may want to use it next year for their tournaments. Staff is looking at developing some leagues of our own on the fields also. Frankenhoff reported that he noticed one of the sprinklers at Boots Bush soccer field was not operating properly.

Golf: Burry stated that Little Peoples brought 185 golfers to Westview and was very successful and Nan may want to add one more division to Westview next year. He stated that Westview was closed for 2 ½ days due to the storm and we reopened and held the Men's/Women's city tournaments and the course looked great. He showed the new water bottles they are giving out to season pass holders for free to fill at our new chilled water fountains. We are saving labor costs by using the new chilled drinking fountains instead of the coolers with ice that previously staff prepared and put on the course.

DEPARTMENT HEAD PRESENTATION:

Ed Seger, Director of Parks

Seger passed out a handout with the June 27th storm timeline and spoke about the damage to the various parks throughout the district in detail with downed power lines, tree clean-up and structural damage. We utilized some contract work with private contractors and used the DOC labor (prisoners from Clayton work camp) in South Park and Berrian Park and stated that they have been an immense help in removing debris from the parks. South Park still has a power line down and some large hangers that are keeping it closed at this time but hope to have it open by Friday night for the special event on Saturday. Hogge asked how many trees we lost and Rome stated that it's probably well over 100 trees. Seger stated that we borrowed a lift from the company that we bought one from that has yet to be shipped and also rented one to help with clean-up. Frankenhoff praised staff for their efforts and decisions made during the storm clean-up. All commissioners stated that staff did an excellent job with the marina, Westview and all the park operations during this time.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

President Frankenhoff stated that we will bring changes to the board policy manual to the August board meeting for approval.

NEW BUSINESS:

Executive Director Gible stated that he is presenting the storm related emergency authorization for information only due to the fact that this is the first emergency situation we have experienced since he was hired.

COMMISSIONER ERNST MOVED, SECONDED BY VICE PRESIDENT BEHRENS TO APPROVE THE LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH THE QUINCY ART CENTER AS PRESENTED. UNANIMOUS. PRESIDENT FRANKENHOFF DECLARED THE MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC INPUT: None.

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

21. Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06.

THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTES WERE CAST AND RECORDED:

COMMISSIONER VANCAMP	ABSENT
COMMISSIONER ERNST	YES
COMMISSIONER RIDDER	YES
COMMISSIONER MCGLOTHLIN	YES
COMMISSIONER HOGGE	YES
VICE PRESIDENT BEHRENS	YES
PRESIDENT FRANKENOFF	YES

PRESIDENT FRANKENHOFF DECLARED THE MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER ERNST MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MCGLOTHLIN TO RESUME THE REGULAR MEETING. UNANIMOUS. PRESIDENT FRANKENHOFF DECLARED THE MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER ERNST MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOGGE TO APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATION OF RELEASING SPECIFIC EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES WITH ALL NAMES REDACTED AND TO DISPOSE OF ALL CLOSED SESSION AUDIO TAPES MORE THAN 18 MONTHS OLD. UNANIMOUS. PRESIDENT FRANKENHOFF DECLARED THE MOTION CARRIED.

Frankenhoff reminded commissioners that the board retreat will be held on Monday, July 18 at the Oakley Lindsay Center and discussed the agenda for that meeting. Frankenhoff stated that commissioners should have all the reports listed on his handout and if not the office staff will make copies for you. Frankenhoff asked commissioners to think about what you want to accomplish at the end of the day.

Gibble and Frankenhoff have set some goals and questions for commissioners. Gibble stated that he would like the board to come up with some recreation ideas/programs also and we will be asking for the board to reach a consensus on these questions. The board will set the goals and formulate the objectives and bring back to a monthly meeting for approval.

With no other business to discuss,

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

Secretary

President

Date

Date