

QUINCY PARK DISTRICT  
1310 Washington Street  
Quincy, Illinois

Regular Meeting  
Emerson Community Center – Board Room

September 14, 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 Mike Ridder, Patty McGlothlin, Jeff VanCamp, Chris Hogge 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: None.

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.

**FINANCE:** Commissioner Ernst stated that as a correction, he was not at the finance committee meeting last month and instead it should read Jeff VanCamp. COMMISSIONER VANCAMP STATED THAT THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HAD MET AND REVIEWED THE FINANCIAL REPORTS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND MOVED, SECONDED BY VICE PRESIDENT BEHRENS TO APPROVE THE REPORTS AS PRESENTED. UNANIMOUS. PRESIDENT FRANKENHOFF DECLARED THE MOTION CARRIED.

**MINUTES:** COMMISSIONER RIDDER MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOGGE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING ON AUGUST 10, 2011 AND APPROVE AND REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL THE EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES OF AUGUST 10, 2011 MEETING AS PRESENTED. UNANIMOUS. PRESIDENT FRANKENHOFF DECLARED THE MOTION CARRIED.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** President Frankenhoff stated that we don't have structured rules and appreciates their comments but asked they keep their comments to 3 minutes or less.

Larry Mitchell, 30755 Old Hwy 61, Taylor, MO, President of Miss Valley Historic Car Club spoke to the board regarding the Mississippi Valley Antique Car Museum's viable status in Quincy. He stated that it was built in 1968 in All America Park and spoke about correspondence with previous executive directors that shows the history of their relationship with the Park District. He stated that last fall the club informed the park board that there was a water drainage problem affecting the building. This spring we were working on an agreement with John Frankenhoff and then we received an eviction notice in July from Mr.

Gibble and the club feels betrayed by the board. He stated that the museum has been open to the public on Sunday afternoons Memorial Day thru Labor Day for the last 48 years. Mr. Mitchell stated that just last weekend a car enthusiast group traveled to Quincy and dollars were derived from their visit that benefits the community. He stated that he would like to meet with Mr. Frankenhoff and Mr. Gibble to discuss the future of the club in the near future and President Frankenhoff stated that they would set up a time to meet with him and his representatives.

John Gebhardt, 502 N. 28<sup>th</sup>, Quincy, IL spoke as the past president of the Mississippi Valley Historic Car Club and presented the board with signed petitions as part of the permanent record in support of the museum and reported on the dollars spent by car clubs that visited recently.

Vicki Coons, 1308 S. 22<sup>nd</sup>, Quincy, IL spoke on the many benefits to the community by having the Antique Auto Museum and the Friends of the Log Cabins organizations. She feels strongly that we need to continue this education for our children and grandchildren and that it does fall within the mission statement of the district and our recent study completed by Leisure Vision showed a need for senior programming of which both clubs currently offer.

Nancy Boone, 2300 N. 200<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Barry, IL stated that even though they are not residents of the park district, feels that their participation in restoring the log cabin village and the fact that all the cabins originally came from the surrounding counties, gives them a right of ownership. She stated that their Civil War, Call to Arms event will be held this coming Sunday at Quinsippi Island and they have a lot of support in the community. Nancy noted that in October they will be hosting a school group that wants to tour the village. She also passed out information about their upcoming event.

Steve Butts, 5315 Glencrie Drive, Quincy, IL stated that he is a citizen whose family has a historic attachment to one of the cabins. He stated that Quincy is unique with its diverse park system and history. He said he has never been to visit the cabin, but feels that Quinsippi Island has no attractions and doesn't understand why we are trying to get the cabins off the island and feels they are a real gem to the city and will do all that he can to make sure the cabins stay where they are and hopes the board hears what he has said.

John Gebhardt, 502 N. 28<sup>th</sup>, Quincy, IL spoke as President of Friends of the Log Cabins stating that Springfield has received their 501c3 application, they have purchased liability insurance, they have finished shingling the smokehouse and put cedar shingles on the Herleman cabin. He stated that Dave Lubbert provided scaffolding and finishing lumber for these jobs. Gebhardt gave the board signed petitions in support of the log cabin village to prove how important they are to the community. He stated that Will Giesing, a local boy scout, recently built a kiosk that features a guest signature book for the log cabin area as an eagle scout project and pointed him out in the audience. Gebhardt reported that this Sunday they will be having a dedication ceremony at 11:30am to Bob Mays for his donation of the stone smokehouse and for his support over the years.

Jeff Kerkhoff, 1221 Spruce passed out a clip from an old magazine that spoke about the history of the Quinsippi Island operations over the years. He stated

that he is concerned about the log cabins and antique auto museum disappearing from Quincy's history.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Gibble stated that the 9<sup>th</sup> annual Tri State Summit will be held on October 5<sup>th</sup> from 10-2pm if anyone wants to attend. He stated that the City wants to do some work to Aldo Boulevard and needs an easement from us and are working on the paperwork to bring it to the board at our next meeting.

President Frankenhoff apologized to the audience that he forgot to thank them when they finished but that the board appreciates their comments and concerns and felt they made some valid points tonight. He stated that later in the agenda the board will discuss some goals that were defined during a study session that was held in July.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORTS:**

**Parks:** Seger noted the updated storm damage handout. He stated that September 29<sup>th</sup> there will be a bid opening for Gardner Park shelter and still waiting on the Madison Park restroom. South Park bandstand roof repair will be moved up on our list due to storm damage but that it was already on our list for repairs. Clat Adams bench installation is complete. He stated that there has been some renewed interest in bringing back the Grand Prix of Karting event in South Park and they are going to do a test run and see if the roadways will support the race once again. Gibble stated that they know that we have no dollars available for roadwork. Commissioner Ernst asked about the trips to marinas in the Quad cities and Seger stated they were day trips to benchmark our operation against other operations of similar size. Commissioner Hogge asked about the soffits at Boots Bush restrooms and Gibble stated that they are not being repaired since they needed repaired before the storm but is on our list of projects in the Comprehensive Plan.

**Business Services:** Hilgenbrinck stated that we would receive approximately \$155,000 for repairs to the storm damaged facilities and the replacement cost coverage will be given once we make the repairs. He pointed out Page 19 is the Budget and Appropriation Timeline and noted that new legislation required an update to this timeline.

**Program Services:** Bruns stated that the afterschool program has started at Ellington and Adams with 38 students and 24 students respectively. Coed softball has started. Fall/winter brochure has been mailed out. Batting Cage is open thru October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Boots Bush athletic fields have had periodic use with Quincy High girls soccer tournament, United Soccer tournament in May, QND scrimmage games in July, QHS/QND scrimmage games, QHS and QND boys had

tournaments also. Bruns stated that there will be a QHS Cross Country meet in October that runs across the fields. We've had about 40 events and staff has done a great job with watering and care of the fields. He stated that only soccer has been played on the fields since Flynn got its new surface. Gibble asked Bruns to update the board about the other sites we looked at for the after school program and he stated that we had contacted the Kroc Center and Redman and Lee and our program wouldn't work on their sites.

**Golf:** Burry stated the course is busy with high school and college golfers. Held a 9 hole scramble for the ladies. He stated that we are scheduled to visit a couple of golf courses to see how they operate. We are hosting a 14 team high school conference this fall. Fall special is going well with our advertising and getting golfers from our outlying areas. We've had nearly 250 rounds since we implemented it. Commissioner Ernst thanked Jamie Busen for running ads promoting our specials. Ernst asked if we could visit over the phone with the golf courses instead of visiting them personally due to the added cost of travel and Burry stated that there is information that you gain from first hand experience that you cannot realize over the phone. Ernst agreed but would like to see Matt call and get some info over the phone and Burry stated that he had done some polling last fall. He stated the courses would be of similar size to ours, one at Pekin, Lick Creek Golf Course and at Normal, Ironwood Golf Course.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD PRESENTATION:** None.

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

COMMISSIONER RIDDER MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MCGLOTHLIN TO APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATION FOR ORDINANCE NO. 11-03 AN ORDINANCE FOR PUBLIC SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY WITH THE PROCEEDS RECEIVED FOR GOLF EQUIPMENT TO GO TO THE WESTVIEW FUND, PROCEEDS RECEIVED FOR THE BOAT TO GO TO THE MARINA FUND AND THE REMAINDER OF THE PROCEEDS TO GO TO THE HERITAGE TREE FUND. Under discussion, President Frankenhoff asked Seger to explain to the audience how the park district came into ownership of a boat. Seger stated that an individual had neglected to pay his rent in the marina and abandoned his boat and Illinois State law allows for us to sell it in lieu of rent once the appropriate paperwork and timing has been fulfilled. When we did that, we received no bids so the park district purchased it for \$1 and that allows us to turn around and sell it outright. He stated that the boat is being handled a little differently since it has greater value than the other surplus items being sold and is being listed on ebay first and then if not sold will be advertised in the paper. THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTES WERE CAST AND RECORDED:

COMMISSIONER VANCAMP	YES
COMMISSIONER ERNST	YES
COMMISSIONER RIDDER	YES
COMMISSIONER MCGLOTHLIN	YES
COMMISSIONER HOGGE	YES
VICE PRESIDENT BEHRENS	YES
PRESIDENT FRANKENHOFF	YES

PRESIDENT FRANKENHOFF DECLARED THE MOTION CARRIED.

Director of Program Services Bruns stated that the State of Illinois recently passed Zach's law dealing with unsecured soccer goal posts and to comply with this new law we need to pass a policy adopting the Movable Soccer Goal Safety Act. He stated that we will post signage and stickers on our posts and staff will conduct monthly compliance inspections. COMMISSIONER ERNST MOVED, SECOND BY VICE PRESIDENT BEHRENS TO APPROVE THE SOCCER GOAL AND EDUCATION POLICY AS PRESENTED. UNANIMOUS. PRESIDENT FRANKENHOFF DECLARED THE MOTION CARRIED.

Executive Director Gibble presented a draft of the goals and objectives along with board consensus statements from the July retreat/study session with objectives to accomplish those goals with final board approval at the October board meeting. Frankenhoff asked the board to focus on the timeline on page 40 and asked the board for their input and questions. Listed below are comments on the goal statements from commissioners and staff.

VanCamp asked on page 42 about the marketing timeline and Gibble stated that it's the same as winter 2012 in December as winter in January 2012.

VanCamp asked if Administration Goal 4. Objective C. on page 43 should be changed to "pending foundation approval". Gibble stated that it could be.

Frankenhoff asked about Administration Goal 4 regarding WAC with construction beginning the summer of 2014? Gibble stated that has to do with budget numbers but could be earlier depending on the funding.

Frankenhoff asked about Administration Goal 6 regarding Emerson, if we have info on the PARC grant and if awarded and spent what are the ramifications if we then abandon the building? Gibble stated that he was advised that it could jeopardize future grant and is checking with another individual about their opinion on the matter.

Westview Goal 6 Objective D. Frankenhoff mentioned that the restrooms have a target completion of spring 2014 and the board would like for it to be sooner but that depends on the price tag.

Frankenhoff reminded commissioners that not all are goals from the retreat but a few are staff goals and they will be listed without consensus statements with them.

Westview, Goal 7 - Ernst likes the idea of a fund raiser to help pay for operations and commended staff for their initiative.

Van Camp asked about Recreation, Goal 1 Objective E. to add the current year. Marina, Goal 1 Objective A. Gible stated that depending on whether we stay at Emerson or not, Recreation staff may do the front-house operation of the marina to allow the parks department more time for the maintenance duties.

Gible stated that Parks, Goal 1 is to establish standards to let the board know how we operate and you can understand our mowing rotation, etc.

Frankenhoff hopes that the Boots Bush fields will continue to be used.

Frankenhoff restated that we have no plans for the following projects in the next five years: skate park, indoor ice arena, dog park at any other site other than possibly south park, a park on the campus of JWCC or Quinsippi Island bridge.

Gible stated that we would only do work to the Q. Island bridge in the next 5 years that an inspection deemed needed to be done.

Parks, Goal 10 Objective A. Frankenhoff stated that the Moorman Park shelter engineer's evaluation will be made at the October board meeting.

As a side note: Commissioner Ernst asked if we could put some grills at Bob Mays Park shelter and staff agreed that it was needed and would look into doing that.

Frankenhoff asked about Park, Goal 11 – Gible stated that is a staff goal in case we move out of Emerson.

Frankenhoff asked about Business Office/Technology Goal 7 and Hilgenbrinck stated as clarification that it would be at the facilities with existing internet.

VanCamp about the Goal 5 – Gible stated that we would like to have wi-fi connections at facilities and parks and Hilgenbrinck stated that we would not be investing substantial dollars to accomplish this since they would already have the equipment there to run our operations.

**PUBLIC INPUT:** Jeff Kerkhoff, 1221 Spruce, read to the audience Parks, Goal 5 and Parks, Goal 9 pertaining to the log cabins and the antique car museum. He stated that we should respect our history and return to focusing on what we have. He spoke about all the features that were on the island and in other parks that have been removed since he was a child. Gible pointed out that the island and All America Park features were removed because the district defaulted on the bonds they issued to pay for those and the board now needs to move financially prudent. President Frankenhoff reminded Kerkhoff that those were in the past and we need to move forward.

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

6. The setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body.
11. Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case

**the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting.**

THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTES WERE CAST AND RECORDED:

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

PRESIDENT FRANKENHOFF DECLARED THE MOTION CARRIED.

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

Executive Director Gible stated that we are currently in negotiations to place a cell tower at Indian Mounds Park adjacent to the pool and will bring a proposal to the board at the next board meeting. President Frankenhoff asked Dan to send out a press release about it.

The board discussed the Friends of the Log Cabins goals as presented and felt that a plan needs to be in place and work needs to follow that plan to stay within the timeframe that has been developed.

Executive Director Gible asked the board if they still feel comfortable with the goals and objectives that have been established and presented tonight? The board stated that they are comfortable.

The board decided that the next Study Session will be held on October 5, 2011 from 4:00-6:00pm in the Board Room with a light dinner being served.

With no other business to discuss,

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

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