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**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
KENILWORTH PARK DISTRICT BOARD HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL,
419 RICHMOND ROAD, AT 5:00 P.M. ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 2010.**

Park District President Thomas Feeney called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m., and the Secretary called the roll as follows:

Present:	Thomas Feeney	President
	Chip Kenyon	Commissioner
	Jason Hanold	Commissioner
	Heidi Higgins	Commissioner
(arrived 5:30)	Richard Peterson	Commissioner

Others Present:	Brad Burke	Secretary
	Lou Maggi	Superintendent
	Mary Cole	Mr. Burke's Secretary
	Debby Killion	515 Cumnor Road
	Lois Stanley	167 Sheridan Road
	Eileen Madigan	353 Melrose Avenue

The minutes of the December 3, 2009 meeting were placed before the Park District Board. ***Commissioner Higgins made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Hanold seconded the motion, and the December 3, 2010 minutes were unanimously approved as presented.***

Secretary Burke introduced the payables, noting the payment to Kordick Electric for the Park District's share of the backup generator to be installed at the Public Works building. Secretary Burke said all the wiring is in place, but the generator has not been delivered yet. Secretary Burke also noted the payment for liability and workers compensation insurance to the Park District Risk Management Agency are included with this month's bills. He said other than those two, everything else was pretty standard.

President Feeney asked about the payment for the refrigerator repair at the Village House. Secretary Burke explained the repair costs were \$400. He explained the refrigerator had originally cost \$5,000 to purchase; therefore, \$400 for repair seemed reasonable. A general discussion about whether or not to make repairs to the refrigerator or replace it followed. It was reiterated Sears School should contribute to the cost because the school is the heaviest user of the unit.

Commissioner Higgins said she felt the Park District did not need a \$5,000 refrigerator, but could use a modest \$300 appliance. She said she wants to set up a meeting with Secretary Burke and school officials to discuss shared financial responsibilities.

President Feeney made a motion to approve the payables. Commissioner Higgins seconded the motion, and the December payables were unanimously approved.

President Feeney said the next item on the agenda is consideration of sealed bids received for sale of the Park District pickup. Secretary Burke said the Park District had received 4 bids, noting the highest bid was lower than the blue book value of the pickup. He asked for the Board's guidance on whether to accept the high bid or send the truck to auction for sale. President Feeney asked about the cost of sending the vehicle to auction.

Commissioner Higgins suggested going to CarMax. Secretary Burke noted state law would not permit the Park District to sell directly to a dealership as the process would not be open to the public.

Commissioner Hanold asked if there were a possibility of getting less money from the auction. Secretary Burke said that is a risk. Superintendent Maggi said hopefully there are more people who will be likely to bid at an auction. A general discussion on the auction process followed.

President Feeney made a motion to dismiss the received bids and go to Obenauf Auction to see if a better price on the vehicle can be received. Commissioner Higgins seconded the motion which was unanimously approved upon a voice vote.

Next, Secretary Burke presented the 2010 meeting schedule noting that the April 1 meeting was changed to April 8th because it is the first day of Spring Break at Sears School, and that the June 3rd meeting date is also the date of 8th grade graduation. The Board decided to change both the June and July meeting dates to one week later.

Commissioner Peterson made a motion to change the June 3, 2010 meeting date to June 10, 2010 and to change the July 1, 2010 meeting date to July 8, 2010. Commissioner Kenyon seconded the motion, and upon voice vote, the changes were unanimously approved.

President Feeney asked about Georgia Heisinger attending the meeting to represent the Girl Scouts. Mary Cole explained Ms. Heisinger had called late in the afternoon to report she could not attend, but will definitely come to the February meeting.

Secretary Burke said staff has updated camp applications, but noted that fees for camp have not been raised in some time. President Feeney expressed his opinion there should not be any increases if there will still be construction at the School. Secretary Burke said he had reached out to the school to confirm there would be no major construction at the school this coming summer; however, even in light of possible construction, camp fees for Kenilworth were very low. Secretary Burke called attention to the spreadsheet included in the packets that shows 10%, 15% and 20% increases in current fees.

He noted in many instances, parents could not hire babysitters for that amount. Secretary Burke said he will follow up to get confirmation from the school about construction. President Feeney said, if there will not be construction, the Park District should go for the 20% increase. Commissioner Higgins agreed, saying if we can use the gym, the District should look at charging increased fees.

Eileen Madigan said two reasons the camp has been so successful is that it is not so expensive and the great counselor camaraderie. She expressed concern about last year's camp counselors, saying they were not so concerned with the kids and did not get along well amongst themselves. Commissioner Higgins said she had heard these comments from other parents in town. There was a lengthy discussion about the traditions of the camp and the history of hiring Kenilworth kids who had, when they were younger, participated as campers at the program.

Commissioner Peterson asked if there were a preference to hire Kenilworth kids. Commissioner Higgins said she always tried to hire most Kenilworth kids. Commissioner Kenyon asked what percentage of the counselors were non-Kenilworth residents.

Eileen Madigan said the women who used to run the program were very involved with the community.

Commissioner Higgins said someone on the Park Board used to be more involved with the camp and she volunteered her services. She reiterated she had heard from others in the community that the counselors were not so concerned with the children during the previous camp season.

Next, Commissioner Hanold said he was ready to roll with the Basketball Program. He said 105 children have enrolled and applications are still being received. He noted registrations are down about 15 children from last year but a lot of applications have come in late since the holidays.

President Feeney said he and Secretary Burke have had some preliminary discussion with members of the Kenilworth Assembly Hall about the Park District involvement with the building and operation of the facility.

Superintendent Maggi reported that the skating rink is up and in operation, and three guards have been hired. He added that the school has not used the ice rink yet. There was general discussion about school usage. Superintendent Maggi also said he will be taking down the holiday tree in the fountain next week.

Lois Stanley said it is time to send out letters for the Storch Fund. President Feeney explained the letters are to invite projects which could possibly be funded by the Storch Fund. Ms. Stanley noted the Park Board has to comply with the trust. President Feeney said the Park District needs to format the letter.

Secretary Burke said Superintendent Maggi and he are working to meet with Townley Field users. He will send his list of identified users out to the Board to make sure no one is left out.

President Feeney said the Park District has to inform the school about the planned Fall work and the scheduling. Commissioner Higgins suggested doing that after she meets with school officials about sharing more expenses. Commissioner Peterson said the school needs to know this project is coming.

Lois Stanley said the ladies of the Beautification Committee had received a good response to their fundraising letter from residents and are interested in improving Water Tower Park. President Feeney said any improvements would need to be sure to leave adequate open space so kids have room to play. Ms. Stanley said the Beautification Committee is planning to work on seating, adding some roses and making a path to the gazebo from the east side. They are also interested in tree trimming.

Commissioner Higgins made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Kenyon seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Cole