

**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, FEBRUARY 4, 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 Chip Kenyon Heidi Higgins	President Commissioner Commissioner
Absent:	Richard Peterson Jason Hanold	Commissioner Commissioner
Others Present:	Brad Burke Lou Maggi Mary Cole Lois Stanley Eileen Madigan Joan Callan Georgia Heisinger Arlene Haynes Kristin Casas Kelly Chestnut	Secretary Superintendent Mr. Burke's Secretary 167 Sheridan Road 353 Melrose Avenue 736 Cummings Avenue 544 Exmoor Road 427 Sheridan Road 234 Warwick Road 133 Kenilworth Avenue

The minutes of the January 7, 2010 meeting were placed before the Park District Board. ***President Feeney made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Higgins seconded the motion, and the January 7, 2010 minutes were unanimously approved as presented.***

Secretary Burke introduced the payables for January 2010, noting the payment to the North Suburban Special Recreation Association (NSSRA) which is the Park District's annual fee to have inclusion and assisted activities available to Kenilworth Park District residents. Secretary Burke noted everything else reflected in the monthly list of bills was of a routine nature.

Georgia Heisinger, representing the Kenilworth Girl Scouts, presented drawings for a Girl Scout project to renovate the scoreboard at PeeWee Park. Ms. Heisinger said Brett Johnson and Mr. Scheidt were helping the girls with the project. She said they had only about seven weeks to complete the project because the spring sports season will be starting up soon. Ms. Heisinger asked if Park District staff could remove the old scoreboard and take it to Mr. Scheidt's office at Sears School.

***Commissioner Higgins made a motion to approve the project and the plans for the new scoreboard. Commissioner Kenyon seconded the motion, and the scoreboard renovation project was unanimously approved.***

Next, Secretary Burke discussed camp registration fees. He confirmed there would be no construction at Sears School this coming summer other than possible asphalt repaving of the back playing court. In light of this information and discussion at last month's meeting, Secretary Burke requested the Board's direction regarding possible increase to the camp fees. He noted staff would like to get the applications out soon, but needed direction from the Board on the program fees.

***President Feeney made a motion to increase summer camp fees 20%. Commissioner Higgins seconded the motion which was unanimously approved upon a voice vote.***

Next, Secretary Burke distributed information on the pay scale for personnel who worked at the summer camp last year. Secretary Burke suggested, in light of the economic climate, no changes in pay for counselors or adult staff. Secretary Burke said Brian Drelicharz, a past employee and brother to former Camp Director, Mark Drelicharz, had expressed interest in being a director for the camp. Secretary Burke explained he had met with Brian Drelicharz and felt he was a good fit, very well qualified, and had many great ideas for the direction of the camp.

Commissioner Higgins asked if Secretary Burke thought he could get a two year commitment from Brian Drelicharz. She said she would want to go ahead and hire him if he would commit to two years. Secretary Burke said he would talk with Mr. Drelicharz regarding the potential for a long-term commitment to the camp.

Secretary Burke then told the Board about the new audit firm, Lauterbach & Amen, the Village Board approved hiring at their January 16<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. He explained Lauterbach & Amen focuses primarily on municipal accounting and provided proposals that were at a better price than the current audit firm. The Park Board was in unanimous agreement to go along with the Village and use Lauterbach & Amen for auditing.

Secretary Burke said staff has prepared a letter inviting various garden clubs in town to propose projects to possibly be funded by the Storch Fund.

Secretary Burke noted the spread sheet on the basketball program in each Commissioner's packet. President Feeney, in light of Commissioner Hanold's absence, said the program was going very well.

Park District Superintendent Maggi said the ice rink has been open for 23 days. He said, at this point with some melting having occurred, the ice is okay. Superintendent Maggi indicated his intent to keep the rink open as long as possible.

Superintendent Maggi reported on an unexpected power outage at the Village House yesterday. ComEd was out to review the situation and said it was the Park District's issue; therefore, Mr. Maggi explained he had retained the services of Adams Electric to fix the problem. Superintendent Maggi noted power has been restored to the facility and explained ComEd intends to install a new electric meter to serve the facility.

Commissioner Kenyon discussed the Park District's Recreation Fund. He indicated it was his estimate Lacrosse programs had generated about \$15,000 in funds allocated to the Recreation Fund. President Feeney asked when the money was received, to which Commissioner Kenyon answered the funds have been accumulating over time since the District began offering lacrosse programs. Secretary Burke explained the Park District Recreation Fund is a total of the monies from all Park District recreation programs and noted fee revenues are not segregated in the fund by type. Secretary Burke explained Lacrosse program money from the previous 3 years is included as one component of the available fund balance in the Recreation Fund; however, the balance will also reflect other program fee revenue in addition to Lacrosse. President Feeney asked if Lacrosse expenses had come out of the fund. Secretary Burke said it was his recollection there was between \$10,000 and \$15,000 from Lacrosse remaining in the Recreation Fund if all expenses for the program were netted out of revenues received.

President Feeney felt the request was unusual because the Park District does not give money back to the basketball program or other recreation programs for revenue generated from fees charged.

Commissioner Kenyon noted he has been saying for the last four years Lacrosse money should be kept separate from other program revenues.

President Feeney said the Park Board will have Finance Administrator Van Dyke check to see how much Lacrosse money remains less expenses for the program. Commissioner Kenyon explained he has expenses for Lacrosse that need to be paid and he would like to use these funds to make payment. Commissioner Higgins reiterated that the Board will look into this.

Kelly Chestnut asked why all the recreation funds are put together. She felt this had an effect on field usage.

Kristin Casas said she didn't understand but Travel Basketball had \$3,200. She felt Travel Basketball expenses should be paid for from the money made by the program.

Secretary Burke explained that government accounting did not work that way. Staff and the Park District spending authority is based upon the approved budget and appropriation ordinance. He noted, historically, Little Springs has generated revenue needed to fund or subsidize many of the Park District's other programs.

Commissioner Kenyon expressed his opinion, in the future; each recreation program should get something back related to the program revenues generated.

Commissioner Kenyon proceeded to remind the Board that last October the Girls Lacrosse Program came to the Board meeting and asked for field time. They want Mondays and Wednesdays at 5 pm on Townley Field. He said the Board has not made any progress on field scheduling, and this group is waiting for an answer. Commissioner Kenyon also said that historically, the KWBA has Monday through Friday evenings on Townley Field.

President Feeney said staff is compiling a list of all users. Kristin Casas asked what the process is. Secretary Burke said we are trying to meet with all Townley Field users. Kelly Chestnut pointed out that she felt the number of children involved in each program was important for allocation of field time. Commissioner Kenyon said there are 150 Lacrosse players, and he would like more fair usage of the field. Kristin Casas explained how the school allocates gym time.

Kristin Casas said a lot of people not living in Kenilworth are using Kenilworth fields. Commissioner Higgins said the Park Board would check on this. Commissioner Kenyon said Lacrosse is almost all Kenilworth children.

A general discussion of field usage followed. Commissioner Kenyon expressed his opinion the Board should look at the number of players in each program, and break down field usage in this manner.

Commissioner Higgins said the Board has to be careful, because some children got kicked off the fields last year.

Eileen Madigan pointed out there are some Kenilworth programs run by Kenilworth people, but others are mixed with people from other towns. Lacrosse is not like baseball or soccer where teams may be assembled from residents of various communities.

Kelly Chestnut said the numbers are the same. She felt that if there are 3 children playing baseball and 15 playing lacrosse, 2 fields should not be allocated for baseball.

Commissioner Kenyon pointed out that the 5:00 p.m. slot is desirable due to ability to secure coaches for the various programs and noted Lacrosse needs some access at that time.

Kristin Casas asked about the Park Board's priorities. She said she offered help to the Board in October, but the Park Board has to make the decisions.

Lois Stanley reminded the Board that there was mention of using Mahoney Park for some programs. President Feeney said AYSO could maybe use Mahoney Park.

Lois Stanley reminded the Park Board about doing a letter requesting donations for repairing Townley Field. President Feeney said the Park Board had held off because of the Garden Club letter regarding donations.

Kelly Chestnut asked if this discussion was referring to new grass in Townley Field. Secretary Burke said yes with a slight regrade for improved drainage.

Lois Stanley asked about the drainage, and various Board members responded with the plan for improvement.

Kelly Chestnut said maybe some donations could be directed to the Village House which is in bad repair. President Feeney said he had spoken with the School Board several years ago, but they were unwilling to give money. The Park District does not have the funds to renovate the Village House. Kristin Casas suggested the Board solicit funds and collaborate with the school. Commissioner Higgins agreed and noted the school uses the Village House more than anyone.

Commissioner Kenyon said after the field is improved, the Park Board should address the Village House.

Commissioner Higgins made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Kenyon seconded the motion, which was unanimously carried and the meeting adjourned at 6:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Cole