

**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, MAY 3, 2007.**

Park District President Thomas Feeney called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m., and the Secretary called the roll as follows:

Present:	Thomas Feeney	President
	Chip Kenyon	Commissioner
	Heidi Higgins	Commissioner
	Richard Peterson	Commissioner
Others Present:	Brad Burke	Secretary
	Lou Maggi	Superintendent
	Mary Cole	Secretary Burke's Secretary

The minutes of the April 5, 2007 meeting were placed before the Board. President Feeney made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion, and the minutes of April 5th were approved 4-0.

Secretary Burke reported on April payables. He noted the payables were standard which included an installment payment to the North Suburban Special Recreation Association in the amount of \$476.01. Secretary Burke said the Park District is at 104% revenue and 93% expenses, and is in decent shape for the last month of the fiscal year.

President Feeney asked about the payment for sprinkler repairs. Superintendent Maggi explained the expenses were for Townley Field, which is used so much that this has practically become an annual expense.

President Feeney made a motion to approve the April bills. Commissioner Higgins seconded the motion, and the bills were unanimously approved 4-0.

The discussion turned to the bids for Pee Wee Park playground equipment. Secretary Burke said the bid notice was published in the Wilmette Life on April 12, 2007. Bid documents were mailed out to four vendors recommended by Nu Toys Leisure Products. Requests were received for bid documents from five other companies. Two bids were received and opened at 2:00 p.m. on May 1, 2007. The bids received were:

Green-Up Landscape Inc.	Base Bid:	\$66,806
Deduct Alternate #1		4,806
Pedersen Construction, Inc.	Base Bid:	\$77,700
Deduct Alternate #1		6.800

Superintendent Maggi checked both companies' references and received positive comments on both firms.

Secretary Burke explained that the Deduct Alternate was for work which could be done by the Park District crew. The Board agreed that it was not economical to have the Park District crew do the work contemplated by the deduct alternate, and that the company who gets the project should do all the work that was bid.

Commissioner Higgins asked what company installed the tot lot at Townley. Superintendent Maggi said it was Great Lakes, but they did not bid on this project. Commissioner Higgins expressed her opinion this was unusual.

Commissioner Kenyon made a motion to accept the bid of Green-Up Landscape, Inc. in the amount of \$66,806 with no Deduct Alternate. President Feeney seconded the motion and the bid was approved unanimously 4-0.

President Feeney reported that he had sent a letter to Richard Storch to advise Mr. Storch that the Park Board will use Storch Funds for the landscaping only as part of the Pee Wee Park playground upgrade. President Feeney said he also has called twice and left messages, but has not heard back from Richard Storch. President Feeney noted he felt he would have heard from Mr. Storch if he had any problems with this decision.

Superintendent Maggi asked if the digging could be paid for by the Storch Fund. President Feeney stated he believed this expense fell under the category of landscaping.

President Feeney asked for an update on Little Springs. Secretary Burke said 116 campers had signed up so far for total registration revenue of \$86,000. President Feeney asked if that was on track. Secretary Burke said the budget was \$113,500 and there was still a month left for enrolling.

Commissioner Higgins asked some general questions about the summer camp. She wanted to know how the hiring was going.

President Feeney reported that tee-ball was going well. He said there were 41 children enrolled. Commissioner Peterson asked how the numbers were historically. President Feeney said they were about right from other years. He said the second week was when the most children showed up to play, then it dropped off for various reasons. President Feeney reported that he was all set with coaches.

President Feeney asked for a Lacrosse update. Commissioner Kenyon said he had 107 total enrolled and the program was in good shape.

President Feeney asked about football camp. Secretary Burke reported the Park District office had received 12 applications to date.

Superintendent Maggi asked about the pay rate for his summer help. Superintendent Maggi said he hoped Dave Myers would come back and he knew Brian McGinnis and Kenny Mayfield were coming back. He also has a new employee, Robert Brooks. There was discussion about the pay rates and how much to increase the returning employees' salaries. The Board decided to pay Dave Myers \$10.75 per hour; Brian McGinnis \$10.25 per hour, Kenny Mayfield \$9.75 per hour, and Robert Brooks \$9.25.

President Feeney made a motion to approve the salaries as discussed. Commissioner Higgins seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved 4-0.

Commissioner Higgins asked about installing a portable toilet at Pee Wee Field. Superintendent Maggi said this has come up in past years, and previous Park Boards have always denied it because of unsightliness. Commissioner Higgins said the children have to go through the underpass to use the Village House bathroom. President Feeney said a portable toilet could be placed by the dry cleaners and the stairs to the underpass. Commissioner Peterson asked if

they are expensive. Commissioner Higgins said she receives lots of complaints and suggested trying it out one summer.

Commissioner Peterson asked if the Park District needs permission from the Village. Superintendent Maggi noted the area by the Green Bay Road underpass is Cook County property.

Commissioner Higgins made a motion to approve setting up a portable toilet on a trial basis for the summer season. President Feeney seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously 4-0. Commissioner Higgins asked Secretary Burke to get prices. Superintendent Maggi said he would take care of it and asked how long the Board wanted the portable toilet to be on site. President Feeney said through September.

President Feeney asked about the timeline on Pee Wee Park upgrades. Superintendent Maggi said he is ready to start as soon as the contractor is ready; however, it will take some time for the equipment to be ordered prior to any work beginning.

President Feeney asked about garlic mustard plants at Mahoney Park. Superintendent Maggi said he and his crew spent some time today pulling garlic mustard plants. Superintendent Maggi stated he did not feel the Park Board had to hire anyone extra to control this plant this season.

President Feeney said the Park District should try to figure out a way to open up the vista at Mahoney Park. Commissioner Higgins said that could be a project for the boy scouts.

Secretary Burke said staff is working on the budget which will be pretty standard. The only change from routine expenditures will be the playground equipment. He said he will have the budget for the Board next month. Secretary Burke noted administration staff had called the new Park Board member to invite him to this meeting; however, the new commissioner could not be officially sworn in until after May 8th.

President Feeney discussed the need for new lights at Mahoney Park. Commissioner Peterson asked if there were any limits or regulations about lights. President Feeney said there are none because the new type lights do not spill over and just beam directly down.

Commissioner Kenyon brought up the issue of revamping Townley Field with Turf Field which is an artificial playing surface and requires little or no maintenance. He said the Lacrosse community wants a new field and Turf Field is state of the art material. Commissioner Kenyon said he and Superintendent Maggi learned about it this past month. He said Townley Field was in the worst shape of any suburban fields.

Commissioner Higgins asked about the cost. Commissioner Kenyon said estimated costs for installation at Townley Field are approximately \$750,000.

Superintendent Maggi said Townley Field has become condensed and beat up because of so much use. Superintendent Maggi noted he had visited a park in Northbrook that uses Turf Field and said this is the answer to a lot of problems, and it would be great for school usage because children do not get hurt on it.

Commissioner Peterson asked how the Park District could pay for this. Commissioner Kenyon said through private funds.

Superintendent Maggi said there are still some issues to be worked out such as drainage and the flooding of the ice rink in the winter, but he felt these could be worked out.

President Feeney said the baseball fence could be installed just at the surface. Commissioner Kenyon said it could be done. Superintendent Maggi said this could actually improve the drainage.

Commissioner Kenyon expressed his opinion if other members of the Park Board saw a field done in Turf Field they would be impressed and asked what the next step would be in moving towards redoing Townley Field.

Superintendent Maggi said if the Board directs him, he will get busy on obtaining a survey and soil borings which are necessary first steps in a project such as this.

Commissioner Higgins asked if this could really be done through private funding.

Commissioner Peterson asked if the Board would want to install the same material at Pee Wee Field at the same time. President Feeney said no, because Pee Wee is in good shape. Commissioner Peterson also asked about next steps.

Commissioner Kenyon said he thought it would be to get samples of Turf Field for people to see. He suggested a power point presentation at Sears School for potential investors.

Commissioner Higgins said she approved if private funding could be obtained.

Superintendent Maggi said this material is very forgiving and would be great for children.

President Feeney said Townley Field gets constant use.

Commissioner Peterson asked how long it would take to do Townley Field. Commissioner Kenyon said 1½ months. President Feeney said the field is used so much during July and August. A discussion followed about moving various sports groups to allow the new material to be put on the field.

Commissioner Peterson suggested Commissioner Kenyon keep investigating the possibility of doing this.

Commissioner Kenyon suggested getting a sales person in from Turf Field so the Board can learn more. He also suggested getting Village President Tolbert Chisum involved.

Superintendent Maggi asked if he should go ahead with the survey and soil borings. President Feeney said yes, the survey can be used for other things.

Commissioner Peterson made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Kenyon seconded the motion which was unanimously approved 4-0, and the meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Cole