

**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, JUNE 6, 2007.**

Park District President Thomas Feeney called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. The first order of business was the swearing into office of new Park District Commissioner, Jason Hanold. Next, the secretary called the roll and the following persons were present:

Present:	Thomas Feeney	President
	Richard Peterson	Commissioner
	Jason Hanold	Commissioner
Absent:	Chip Kenyon	Commissioner
	Heidi Higgins	Commissioner
Others Present:	Brad Burke	Secretary
	Lou Maggi	Superintendent
	Mary Cole	Secretary Burke's Secretary
	Maryann VanDyke	Finance Administrator
	Mary Gallagher Nomelini	544 Wayland Avenue

The minutes of the May 3 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 May 3, 2007 were approved 3-0.

Secretary Burke discussed the May bills. He said it was broken up into two parts; the General Fund at \$13,000, and the Recreational Fund at \$39,000.

Commissioner Peterson asked about Little Springs. Secretary Burke said there 250 children enrolled and the fees were in Deferred Revenue meaning the registration fee revenue would not be realized on the Park District finances until the next fiscal year.

Commissioner Peterson made a motion to approve the May bills. President Feeney seconded the motion which was unanimously approved 3-0.

Secretary Burke explained the Revised Fiscal Year 2007 Combined Budget and Appropriation Ordinance.

Commissioner Peterson asked if the State of Illinois was concerned about revising the ordinance. Secretary Burke explained not if the revised ordinance did not exceed the total of the original ordinance.

President Feeney made a motion to approve the 2007 Revised Budget and Appropriation Ordinance. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Yea:	Feeney, Peterson, Hanold
Nay:	None
Absent:	Higgins, Kenyon
Abstain:	None

The Ordinance was approved 3-0.

Secretary Burke discussed the proposed Combined Budget and Appropriation for Fiscal Year 2008. He explained that the Pee Wee Park improvements had the greatest influence on the proposed budget. He also noted the budget proposed two more cell phones for the Park District crew. He also noted the requirement for backflow preventer valves for sprinkler systems is an added cost. It is a new expense for certified plumbers to come in and inspect these every year and send verification to the Park District's insurance company. Secretary Burke also proposed that Superintendent Maggi's car allowance be increased to \$4,800 to keep in line with Village department heads.

Secretary Burke explained that the increased budget expenses are contemplated to be addressed by a transfer from the Park District Reserve Fund and the Working Cash Fund. Even with this transfer, the Park District has a six month reserve.

Commissioner Peterson asked why the fund balance and the Work Cash fund balance are at the level found today. Secretary Burke said it was recommended a number of years ago by the Treasurer.

President Feeney made a motion to approve the 2008 Budget and Appropriation. Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken as follows:

Yea:	Feeney, Peterson, Hanold
Nay:	None
Absent:	Higgins, Kenyon
Abstain:	None

The budget was approved 3-0.

Superintendent Maggi said he is waiting for equipment delivery for Pee Wee Park. When he knows the delivery date, he and his crew will clean out the Park.

Commissioner Peterson asked how long the improvements will take. Superintendent Maggi said it will not take long once they get started.

Commissioner Peterson said the contractor will do the excavating as opposed to the improvements done at Townley Field.

Secretary Burke gave a Little Springs Camp update. He said he and Finance Administrator VanDyke has met again with Directors Amy Kinsella and Mark Drelicharz. Secretary Burke has come up with a formal camp manual as required by PDRMA.

Next, Secretary Burke discussed the summer camp late fees for late enrollment. He mentioned several late comers who had been upset by the late fees. President Feeney said the purpose of the late fees was so Little Springs would not be a "last resort" camp and there is trouble with hiring more counselors at a late date. He proposed the fee should be \$150.00 plus \$25.00 per child.

Commissioner Hanold agreed noting the incentive was still on the application.

Secretary Burke asked about one family from Winnetka. President Feeney and the Commissioners agreed that, again, the late fee should be \$150.00 plus \$25.00 per child.

Commissioner Hanold said the Park Board should know what the hardship is in cases where fees are requested to be waived. Secretary Burke said sometimes situations are referred to the Park District by the school.

Secretary Burke said we have to establish a policy.

Commissioner Peterson said T-Ball went well. There were 40 participants. The program is over for the year, but he has some T-Shirts left for next year.

President Feeney, reporting for Commissioner Kenyon who was absent, said Lacrosse went very well.

Secretary Burke reported that there were 51 enrollees in Football Camp this year.

Mary Gallagher Nomelini of 544 Wayland Avenue addressed the Park Board. She stated she and her family had moved to Wayland Avenue last year and she has worked as a nurse. Last year, she became concerned about the pesticides used at Pee Wee Park because her child plays there. She came to ask the Park Board not to spray pesticides at Pee Wee Park. Ms. Nomelini said the Village of Wilmette uses organics for weed control. She said this can be outsourced to a company called Fertilizer King. She noted, with organics, there is not as much control over the weeds for the first couple of years. She also noted that, additionally, in the first couple of years, it is more expensive, but then the soil returns back to the condition it was in before pesticides were used on it, and it actually requires less mowing and less water. She had a video presentation from the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection which the Board watched.

President Feeney asked Superintendent Maggi if the Park District spray pesticides on Townley Field. Superintendent Maggi said very little is utilized.

President Feeney said the Park District is certainly willing to hear out the company who does organic spraying.

Mary Nomelini presented supporting pages to the Board. She noted that child cancer trends are on the rise, and there also may be a link to breast cancer risk. She noted that the pesticide chemicals are heavy and closer to the ground so affect children more.

President Feeney said the Park District will contact the company.

Superintendent Maggi reiterated that the Park District does not spray much.

Secretary Burke asked for a copy of the video Ms. Nomelini presented.

President Feeney asked how the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade parade went. Commissioner Hanold said it was wonderful.

Superintendent Maggi reported that a topographic survey of Townley Field would cost between \$3,400 and \$5,500 for the synthetic turf which has been recommended by Commissioner Kenyon.

Commissioner Peterson said synthetic turf would cost \$800,000. President Feeney said the field is the Park District's only asset. Superintendent Maggi said the Park crew seeds the field every year.

Commissioner Hanold said there is a significant maintenance savings with synthetic turf.

Superintendent Maggi said the Park District could possibly install a taller fence in the baseball area of Pee Wee Field. Commissioner Hanold said he wife has noted that balls really fly around when the older children are playing baseball.

Mary Nomelini asked if the Park District were going to spray Pee Wee Field. Superintendent Maggi said he would hold off until the District has time to look into organics. He noted that over the years, the District has received more complaints about weeds than about pesticides.

President Feeney told Ms. Nomelini the Park District will look into the matter.

President Feeney noted that next meeting will be on July 12<sup>th</sup> because of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

President Feeney made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion which was unanimously carried, and the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Cole