

**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, OCTOBER 4, 2007.**

Park District President Thomas Feeney called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m. and the Secretary called the roll as follows:

Present:	Thomas Feeney	President
	Chip Kenyon	Commissioner
	Jason Hanold	Commissioner
	Heidi Higgins	Commissioner
Absent:	Richard Peterson	Commissioner
Others Present:	Brad Burke	Secretary
	Lou Maggi	Superintendent
	Mary Cole	Secretary to Mr. Burke
	Maryann Van Dyke	Finance Administrator

The minutes of the September 6, 2007 meeting were placed before the Board. President Feeney made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Hanold seconded the motion, which, upon a voice-vote was unanimously approved.

Secretary Burke reviewed the September payables. Secretary Burke noted the payables were pretty standard except for two major expenses which were the fence for PeeWee Park and the storm expense which included four trees removed by Sunrise Tree Service. He said the Park District was right on target with the budget. He noted overtime was slightly higher due to the storm response.

President Feeney asked Finance Administrator Van Dyke how the Park District stands with the PeeWee Park renovation and the fact that no taxes have been received yet. Ms. Van Dyke did not have final figures, and Superintendent Maggi said he was still receiving invoices and turning them in to Finance Administrator Van Dyke,

President Feeney asked Finance Administrator Van Dyke if the Park District has enough cushion if taxes are held up longer. Ms. Van Dyke said we may have to move money from IPTIP to cover the bills. Finance Administrative VanDyke noted the Park District does have funds available, it is simply a matter of cash flow and moving funds to accounts where they may be more accessible should the need arise.

Secretary Burke said there has been no word as to when the tax bills are going out. He said he has received the preliminary tax levy report from the County Assessor's office. Secretary Burke said the Park District may have to move funds but there is no danger of the Park District exceeding its existing fund balance.

Finance Administrator Van Dyke said this is exactly why the Park District needs and maintains a base level of reserves.

President Feeney moved to approve the payables. Commissioner Higgins seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved 4-0, and the September payables were approved.

Secretary Burke passed out copies of a maturity notice for the \$600,000 certificate of deposit for the Storch Fund. He said the Storch Fund needed to repay the general fund \$26,350.30 for the PeeWee Park renovation and \$143,913.44 for the Wayne Hummer investment. The balance should be reinvested as per Board direction. Finance Administrator Van Dyke said North Shore Community Bank has offered a 5% interest rate for a CD for any length of time which is up from the current rate of 3.94%. The Board discussed different time increments, and agreed on rolling the funds into an 18 month CD.

Commissioner Higgins made a motion to reinvest the Storch Fund CD for 18 months. Commissioner Hanold seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved 4-0.

Secretary Burke said the Board needed to discuss bonuses for the summer camp director and co-director. He said the last bonuses, given in 2004, were in the amount of \$400.00 each for the Camp Director and Assistant Director. There was general discussion, and President Feeney noted the two new directors did a wonderful job.

Commissioner Higgins recommended \$150.00 for each of them. President Feeney agreed since it was their first year.

President Feeney made a motion to give the director and co-director \$150.00 each for bonuses. Commissioner Higgins seconded the motion, which was unanimously carried 4-0.

Secretary Burke said he had received a request from A T & T to install a cable cabinet in the same location as an existing easement at South Park. He said Board approval was not needed since the easement for AT&T to locate utilities in this location was granted previously. Secretary Burke stated it was his intent to simply make the Park Board aware of the installation. Secretary Burke noted he did not know exactly when they plan to do this installation. Superintendent Maggi added that he has never had a problem with A T & T.

Superintendent Maggi reported he has not received a survey of Townley Field yet. He found out the survey company was running behind. They have done all the field work and just need to finish up in preparing the document.

President Feeney said the Park Board needs to do something about the lighting at Townley Field, either minimally or incrementally. He said the current lights shine on to the properties along Cumnor Road.

Superintendent Maggi said the lights were originally installed in 1935 and have been upgraded, but are too low to the ground.

Commissioner Kenyon asked the Board if they are going to seriously pursue the lighting issue. President Feeney said he thought it was a realistic project for the Board.

Commissioner Higgins asked if we had any estimates. Superintendent Maggi said he had gotten estimates last year from electrical companies, but will get new ones. He said the biggest expense in such a lighting project is the purchase of new poles or lighting standards.

President Feeney said there are new telescoping poles that go up and down. Superintendent Maggi said they are easier to maintain.

President Feeney said the Kenilworth Baseball Association should help with the expense, since one field is used mostly for baseball. Commissioner Higgins asked Superintendent Maggi to look into lighting. Superintendent Maggi said the Park District needs an engineer and estimates, and noted he would pursue gathering additional information.

Commissioner Kenyon brought up the issue of revamping Townley Field. He said it is the worst field in the area, even though the field is Kenilworth's most precious area and all the children in town play there. Commissioner Kenyon said he has 12 or 13 people who have volunteered to help with the cost. Commissioner Kenyon stated he intended to gather potential supporters together for a meeting later in the month to discuss donations.

Commissioner Higgins told Commissioner Kenyon that one reason the Park Board is hesitating on this project is because residents ask Board members how much it would cost, and based upon the current estimates, it would require all available money of the District being used for this one single project.

Commissioner Kenyon said people are volunteering to donate money.

Commissioner Higgins asked how the Board could help Commissioner Kenyon. Commissioner Kenyon said he will know soon if he can get enough donations or the project will die.

President Feeney noted the Board is firmly behind this but does not have the funds for such a project. Commissioner Kenyon said he is holding a meeting in a week and a half with the 12 to 13 people who have volunteered money. The project needs to be done next summer or he will lose the donors. If people think it's a waste, he will let it go. He noted that artificial turf drains well.

Superintendent Maggi asked the Board, that if the search for donors for artificial turf fails, would they want to re-do the field on a less expensive scale. President Feeney said the Board should look at other products.

Commissioner Higgins said the Board is supportive of Commissioner Kenyon's idea.

Commissioner Kenyon said people approached him and convinced him to check into this.

Commissioner Higgins asked Commissioner Kenyon how Katie Nahrwold likes PeeWee Park. Superintendent Maggi said Ms. Nahrwold picnicked there last weekend. Commissioner Kenyon said it is the place to be.

Superintendent Maggi said the new taller fence was installed between the ball park and the tot lot. He said he had a little more to do to complete the project, but it is almost finished. Superintendent Maggi said the insurance company had inspected PeeWee Park and it passed the inspection. The insurance company told him to put a concrete ramp in, which he will do.

Commissioner Higgins said she is working on the basketball program. She wants to re-hire Bill Doll. She directed staff to send him a new contract offering the same money as last year. Commissioner Higgins said the Board could discuss bonuses later.

Commissioner Kenyon asked Secretary Burke if a check had been received for lacrosse. He thought it should be for about \$2,200. Commissioner Kenyon asked if this money goes into a separate fund. Secretary Burke said it goes to the general fund.

President Feeney asked if a separate fund could be created. Commissioner Kenyon said having a separate fund would help with paying coaches and paying for equipment. Commissioner Kenyon noted he has paid for this himself in the past.

Secretary Burke said the staff can create a line item for lacrosse. He explained that the Park District still has to get waivers whether the people hired to help with the program are put on the records as employees or contractors.

Commissioner Higgins moved to adjourn. Commissioner Kenyon seconded the motion, which was unanimously carried, and the meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Cole