

**SUGAR GROVE PARK DISTRICT**  
**MONDAY, January 12, 2009**  
**6:00PM**

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**1. Meeting was called to order** by President Kevin Johnson at 6:07PM.

Roll call was taken:

President Kevin Johnson	Present
Commissioner Mike Bachio	Present
Commissioner Steven Becker	Present
Commissioner Sean Carmody	Present
Commissioner Eleanor Rzeminski	Present
Executive Director Greg Repede	Present

Others Present:

Karen Pritchard, Superintendent of Recreation  
Ginny Pavesich, Recording Secretary  
JoAnn Becker  
Mike Romas

**2. Public to Address the Board –**

Mr. Mike Romas expressed to the Board his concern that after the cost to play traveling baseball was originally provided to families, the Board decided to increase the rate. He wanted clarification if the increase is effective for 2009 or 2010 playing season.

Executive Director Repede responded to Mr. Romas that the increased fee to play traveling baseball is for 2009, unless the Park District Board rescinds its decision. The increase was based on the cost of field upgrades, field maintenance, pitching machine, legal fees, insurance, and office staff costs related to traveling baseball. In order for the Park District to not lose revenue on the traveling teams, the player's fee was increased to \$125, from \$55.

Commissioner Bachio suggested reviewing the details of the expenses involved with traveling baseball. Commissioner Becker suggested that the \$125 fee is reasonable, and is not opposed to rates being increased. However, Commissioner Becker questioned the team fee being raised from \$800 to \$1,500.

Executive Director Repede suggested that the Park District Board and the managers of the traveling baseball teams, negotiate the fee for the 2009 season.

Joanne Becker commented that the team she represents has funds accumulated in order for the team to play. Her team's parents were notified in October that the fee would be \$800 and she does not agree with an increase to that amount, which was passed at the December Park District Board meeting.

Commissioner Becker would like the coaches and managers to be included in a discussion of fees. Commissioner Bachio suggested getting feedback from Knights coaches, reducing the fee for the 2009 season, and increasing the fee for the 2010 season.

Executive Director stated that the current policy is that if a team has money in its accounts at the end of the year, the team can request money back, not to exceed the amount put in. In-house baseball players pay a fee, and do not receive a refund.

Mr. Romas commented that an increase in fees should take effect in 2010, not in 2009.

### **3. Secretary's Report**

Commissioner Rzeminski made a motion to approve the December 8, 2008 Secretary's Report. Commissioner Bachio seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

### **4. Treasurer's Reports**

Commissioner Bachio made a motion to approve the December 2008 Treasurer's Report and Disbursements totaling \$76,751.17. Commissioner Becker seconded. Roll call vote was taken as follows:

Commissioner Johnson	Aye
Commissioner Bachio	Aye
Commissioner Becker	Aye
Commissioner Carmody	Aye
Commissioner Rzeminski	Aye

Motion approved 5-0

### **5. Unfinished Business**

#### **A. October 13, 2008 Meeting Minutes Reconsideration –**

A motion was made by Commissioner Rzeminski and seconded by Commissioner Bachio to amend the October 13, 2008 Board Meeting Minutes, Item 6.K. as follows: "2009 Travel 13 Baseball Program – Ten of twelve players named to the 2009 13U team have decided not to play under the park district program."

Motion passed unanimously.

## **B. Hampsted Park Acquisition**

Executive Director Repede reported that the acquisition of Hampsted Park may have an estimated cost of up to \$8,000 per year to maintain the burn area, and possible additional expenses up to \$5,000 to fix/improve the area; the Park District would also maintain the railway blacktop. Hampsted Park is a decent size park with playground and turf in the center of the park. There is some vehicle parking available.

The Village of Sugar Grove is currently reviewing the revised design plan and the Park District Board is not making any decision on acquiring Hampsted Park at this time. The costs to the Park Board will be made firm if it is decided to acquire Hampsted Park.

## **C. Lake Run Estates Annexation**

Executive Director Repede reported that per the Attorney, an ordinance is expected for review at the February, 2009 Park District Board Meeting, for the entire parcel of Lake Run Estates. Approximately one-third of the area is in Aurora. However, Aurora is not interested to retain it, nor is the Fox Valley Park District. The ordinance will annex the entire parcel to the Sugar Grove Park District with the attorney fees to be paid by the developer.

## **D. Personnel and Program Issues**

Commissioner Becker stated his desire to move past the issues which occurred at the Park Board regarding the traveling baseball program. President Johnson asked if there were any other comments. Commissioner Bachio commented that the Park District supports both Commissioner Becker and the Park District staff. Commissioners Rzeminski and Bachio would like it put behind the Board, as well.

Commissioner Carmody suggested a Park District program idea for the teens in which they would do a service project, possibly with seniors. Karen Pritchard welcomed service project suggestions.

## **E. Master Plan Status**

General topics of the Master Plan were discussed with the Sugar Grove Park District and Planning Resources, Inc., and what will be provided and the schedule.

## **6. New Business**

Board Outing –

After discussing a Board Outing, considering that the IPRA Conference is being held at the end of January, it was agreed to have the Board Outing on Thurs, January 29, the first day of the IPRA Conference. If Commissioner Bachio is not available, a Board Outing will be held locally.

**7. Commissioner Comments**

Commissioner Becker inquired regarding the status of Walnut Woods. Executive Director Repede responded that it is still in court.

Commissioner Becker commented regarding the overflowing garbage and snow being plowed into the space. Executive Director Repede will look into this situation and thinks that the Park District will maintain the service in Summer 2009.

**8. Meeting Adjournment**

Commissioner Bachio made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Rzeminski seconded. President Johnson adjourned the meeting at 7:53pm.