

**SUGAR GROVE PARK DISTRICT**  
**Monday, May 11, 2009**  
**7:00PM**

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**1. Meeting was called to order** by President Kevin Johnson at 7:00PM.

Roll call was taken:

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| President Kevin Johnson        | Present           |
| Commissioner Mike Bachio       | Present           |
| Commissioner Steven Becker     | Present           |
| Commissioner Sean Carmody      | Present at 7:10pm |
| Executive Director Greg Repede | Present           |

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| Guests: | Eleanor Rzeminski | Past Board Member    |
|         | Brian LeFevre     | Sikich, LLP          |
|         | JoAnn Becker      | Sugar Grove Resident |

Others Present:

Karen Pritchard, Superintendent of Recreation  
John Clayton, Superintendent of Parks  
Ginny Pavesich, Recording Secretary

**2. Public to Address the Board –**

JoAnn Becker addressed the Board stating that her purpose was to present her notes from the January 2009 Board meeting. She emailed the Board Commissioners on April 13 and received email receipts from two. She stated that the January, 2009 Board minutes were approved, but they are incorrect and missing vital information from people who spoke that night. She distributed documents labeled Exhibits A, B and C to the Commissioners only. She said she felt it was necessary to take extra time to appear to address the issue that recording of public comments should be accurately documented.

She said a follow-up letter from the board to explain the outcome of concerns would be appreciated. She stated that skimming over notes five minutes before the meeting doesn't make it, and if the Board wants paraphrasing, that's up to them, but she is a taxpayer. She described what each Exhibit was and Exhibit C was the differences in what was voted on, and what was correct. Her corrections were highlighted.

She is looking for the Board to come together that she was at the meeting in January and that there was another resident who also addressed the Board and was not recorded accurately in the minutes.

She stated that some of the Commissioners may not have received her April 13 email due to difficulty with emails at the office which may be due to a spam filter.

She requested a written response from the Board to her January 2009 notes.

**3. Secretary's Report**

Commissioner Becker made a motion to approve the April 13, 2009 minutes, to include the following change to page 3, paragraph 3, item 1): delete "subject to tax cap" and replace "with no tax increase allowed". Commissioner Bachio seconded the motion and the motion passed.

**4. Treasurer's Reports**

President Johnson made an inquiry re an item in the Treasurer's Report regarding "Waste Mgmt Error" in the amount of \$48,003.12. It was a bookkeeping error per Director Repede. Also questioned was the entry to National Seed in the amount of \$456.80. Superintendent Pritchard reported that the expense was for chalk.

Commission Carmody made a motion to approve the April 2009 Treasurer's Report and Disbursements totaling \$82,672.09. Commissioner Becker seconded. Roll call vote was taken as follows:

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| President Johnson    | Aye |
| Commissioner Bachio  | Aye |
| Commissioner Becker  | Aye |
| Commissioner Carmody | Aye |

Motion approved 4-0

**5. Unfinished Business**

None listed on Agenda. Note section **Commissioners Comments** following Item 6. New Business below.

**6. New Business**

**A. Recognition – Eleanor Rzeminski**

President Johnson presented outgoing Commissioner Rzeminski with a recognition plaque in grateful appreciation for her years of service on the Sugar Grove Park District Board from 2001 to 2009.

**B. Presentation of 2008 Audit**

Mr. Brian LeFevre, Sikich LLP, thanked the Board for the opportunity to present the audit reports for the Year 2008. He reviewed the Financial Reports and the Management Letter, GASB #45 and #51, and an option available through August 2009 to choose a "phase in rate" for IMRF contributions made by the Park District.

Commissioner Bacchio made a motion to approve the Year 2008 Audit as presented. Commissioner Becker seconded and the motion passed.

### **C. Commissioner Interviews**

The Board interviewed two residents interested in the open Commissioner position. These residents are Rebecca Kinsland and Mary Ochsenschlager.

Commissioner Carmody made a motion to nominate Mary Ochsenschlager to fill the two year term beginning June 2009 until the next election in April 2011.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Bachio. Roll call was taken:

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| President Johnson    | Aye |
| Commissioner Bachio  | Aye |
| Commissioner Becker  | Nay |
| Commissioner Carmody | Aye |

Motion passed.

Director Repede will contact both individuals on May 12, 2009 with the decision of the Board.

### **Commissioner Comments**

President Johnson called for discussion on:

- 1) Comments from Resident JoAnn Becker; and
- 2) Updates from Planning Resources, Inc.

Discussion 1): Commissioner Becker stated that JoAnn Becker felt that when the public addresses the Board, the public records should be more formal with more detail and the January Board Meeting minutes didn't include everything the public said. With board commissioners, it is understood that the minutes are abbreviated.

Director Repede stated that at the February 2009 board meeting, the Board identified and made corrections to the January 2009 minutes. Director Repede stated that JoAnn Becker presented to him her minutes from the January 2009 meeting with substantial corrections. Director Repede explained to her that he could not change board minutes at his discretion. He did not disagree with wanting more detail, but he had no authority to change it without board approval. He explained that the Board was satisfied with the minutes, as was he, and if she chose, she should take her exceptions to what she said, and the way her statements were recorded, to the Board.

President Johnson commented that with the Exhibits A, B, and C which JoAnn Becker presented, the Board has an opportunity to review her notes and see what additional things the Board may want to add. President Johnson asked if the Board was ready to make any decisions at this time. Commissioner Bachio wanted an opportunity to read the Exhibits and review the minutes. Commissioner Carmody agreed with that. President Johnson asked Board Members to review the information and bring comments to the next Board meeting.

Director Repede asked how the Board wanted this conveyed to JoAnn Becker in consideration that she requested a written response from the Board. President Johnson suggested that Director Repede send an email to her to share what the Board had chosen to do.

Discussion 2): The public hearing regarding the Open Space Master Plan will be held at the Prairie Building at 7pm, on June 8<sup>th</sup>, following the regularly scheduled Board Meeting at 6pm at the Sugar Grove Park District office.

It was suggested to prepare a presentation for the public hearing to include the survey, findings and suggestions made by the public; also a showing of facilities, trails and parks locations. Maps as prepared by Planning Resources may be included.

President Johnson questioned a reference, on the last page, item K which reads “west of route 47 and north of Wheeler Road” to be corrected.

President Johnson called for any other unfinished business.

Discussion was held regarding ruts which are being created in the ground at the ballpark complex near the dugouts, when vehicles are parking to unload equipment. Director Repede will request coaches to park away from dugouts.

Commissioner Becker suggested the Park District hold a fishing derby and he offered to speak to the board in his subdivision about it being held there.

Commissioner Carmody suggested a program for November to be a Turkey Shoot or Turkey Bowl. The Turkey Shoot is a basketball event, ie free throw contest. A Turkey Bowl is “rolling” a turkey down a hallway. Commissioner Bachio offered to plan a Turkey Shoot.

Another suggestion was to involve the teens to assist at the food pantry as a service project during the holiday season.

### **Meeting Adjournment**

Commissioner Becker made a motion to adjourn and Commissioner Carmody seconded. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm