

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING HELD ON
DECEMBER 15, 2010 AT 7:15 P.M. AT MEMORIAL PARK

Committee Members Present: Fred Bilotto, John Murphy, John Spizzirri, Raeann Zylman, and Joanne Ring

Committee Members Absent: None

Park Staff Members Present: Jane Kawanna, Mark DeRango, Chris Sobczak, Chris Hobson, Octavio Carbajal, Tina Morin

Others present: Carol Kaiser, Gerald Hall, Tommy Brown, Carmine Bilotto, Charlotte Westcott, Elaine Lentz, Louie Gallo, Roberto Sarli, Dexter Johnson, Dick Decker, Gary Decker, Ronald Young, Joe Murphy.

Commissioner Bilotto called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm. Item # 17 on the agenda was moved to the top of the agenda to accommodate Brent Widler from Widler Architectural, Inc. Mr. Widler updates and advises the committee that the contract between the Blue Island Park District and Decker Brothers Construction has not been fulfilled. He proceeds to inform the committee that the water line has indeed been connected to the sewer but has yet to be attached to the water supply. Dick Decker argues that attaching the water line to the water supply is not in the contract. Shouting directed from the Decker Brothers ensues during a heated conversation. President Bilotto pounds the gavel and advises another meeting to hammer out the details. Dick Decker also suggests the pipes be tested. President Bilotto asks the audience for comments. Brent Widler reiterates that the nature of the proposal is to connect water to the stadium. Mr. Widler proceeds to remind the committee that he is here as the committee's representation and in his professional opinion, the job has not been completed. There is still no water going to the stadium. Mr. Widler informs the committee that there may be additional work involved outside the scope of the contract in regards to replacing old valves, but the nature of the contract is to connect water to the stadium. Further discussion on how to accomplish this task takes place. Tommy Brown addresses the committee as well as the audience and states that he understands where both Decker Brothers and Widler Architectural are coming from, but believes that Decker Brothers Construction should get paid if they fulfilled their end of the contract. Commissioner Zylman moves to add an item to next week's agenda by deciding to pay Decker Brothers Construction. Vice President Murphy interjects and requests an amount for a possible change order. Commissioner Spizzirri adds by asking for a ball park figure. Dick Decker barks out various installment scenarios and estimates about \$5000.00 to complete the connection. Commissioner Zylman makes another motion to pay Decker Brothers Construction. Jane Kawanna reminds President Bilotto that waivers from Decker Brothers Construction are needed prior to handing out check. Gary Decker informs the committee that they will hand over the waivers when they receive their check. Ron Young requests to address the committee and President Bilotto approves. Mr. Young suggests that the pipes be tested and reiterates that it is very important to acknowledge thinking that extends 30 years into the future. Commissioner Spizzirri confirms that drawings to complete the water connection will be drawn up by Widler Architecture at no charge.

Commissioner Zylman requests a moment of silence in remembrance of Carlos Salgado's birthday. President Bilotto covers the minutes and accounts payables and advises the committee to review. President Bilotto covers payroll and touches on Funds Transfer resolution. 2011 committee meeting dates are established on the 3rd and 4th Wednesday of each month by President Bilotto. President Bilotto reviews Legal Calendar with Jane Kawanna. President Bilotto moves onto the

budget and hands it to Jane Kawanna. Jane Kawanna will begin preparation of the budget and asks the committee to forward any items that they wish to include in the budget process. Commissioner Spizzirri reassures Tommy Brown that the Park District is not making attempt to cease the Recreation Center from him and commends him for his hard work. Commissioner Spizzirri asks for a budget deadline to be set at January 17th, 2011. P-Cards are addressed by Commissioner Spizzirri as he requests a better system to access funds for park initiatives outside of office hours. Commissioner Zylman asks Octavio Carbajal if money is accessible in the office for purchasing purposes. Octavio Carbajal replies that it is so long as he is there to document it.

Men's 16" Softball is addressed and Chris Hobson updates the committee that contact has been made with the coach. Mr. Hobson proceeds to elaborate on the tentative schedule and informs the committee that details are currently being hammered out. Commissioner Spizzirri inquires on financial figures in regards to the softball team and Mr. Hobson updates him that concrete figures are currently on the agenda.

RecTrac is addressed and Jane Kawanna informs the committee that sending all 4 office employees to a RecTrac course during the upcoming convention will hinder opportunities to capitalize on the various courses offered throughout the convention. Jane Kawanna continues to report that the RecTrac course offered is not exclusive to RecTrac as it covers various other programs not currently used by the park district.

Employee Christmas party is discussed. Commissioner Ring and President Bilotto requested that the party be at a restaurant. Commissioner Spizzirri informs the committee he will speak with Richie's Too establishment.

Field House hours are discussed and Commissioner Zylman feels they can be adjusted to compliment peoples work schedules. Jane Kawanna informs that the hours used to be 10AM to 5PM. Commissioner Zylman adds that people do not get out of work until 5pm and having the office open until 6PM will help accommodate their needs. Office hours for the upcoming holiday week are also discussed by Jane Kawanna and the committee comes to the consensus that the office should close on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.

January 2nd Newsletter is discussed by Chris Hobson and Commissioner Zylman highlights that all volunteers for the Polar Express by acknowledged. Commissioner Spizzirri praises the news letter that was sent to the Forum. A deadline is set for Wednesday January 22nd, 2010 to have the letter ready.

Commissioner Zylman brings up Friends Of The Park events and requests to have the facility fees waved for the fundraiser. Commissioner Zylman continues to elaborate on the event and provides further details. The 1st Friday in February is highlighted and financial inquires are directed to Cathie Spizzirri.

119th Property for the soccer fields is spearheaded by President Bilotto and he proceeds to inform he may be going to Chicago to sign documents in regards to this initiative. Commissioner Spizzirri expresses excitement as closing date approaches and highlights a possible Soccer Committee for the Park District. Commissioner Spizzirri interjects the names of interested members such as Roberto Sarli, Rosey Carrillo, Mr. Brown, Mr. Young and others to include a representative of the Recreation Department as well as Maintenance. Roberto Sarli addresses the committee and inquires about the fields. Vice President Murphy interjects that the field usage should be rotated to allow time for the field to replenish themselves. Carmine Bilotto addresses

the committee and offers his advice in regards to field and team coordination to compliment field sizes for all age groups.

Polar Express is brought up and a follow up is requested by Commissioner Spizzirri. Chris Hobson recaps on the huge success and provides the committee with visual aid illustrating expense, income and profit reports. Commissioners Spizzirri and Zylman express appreciation in a job well done. Commissioner Spizzirri inquires in regards to information passed down from prior years.

Penny Carnival is addressed by Commissioner Spizzirri and asks Commissioner Zylman if dates have been locked in with neighboring schools. Commissioner Ring asks Commissioner Spizzirri to elaborate on the Penny Carnival. Commissioner Zylman proceeds to deliver details to the proposed event.

Program book is addressed and Commissioner Spizzirri asks Chris Hobson to get the ball started. President Bilotto asks Octavio Carbajal to enter William Cazares' last program book design into the IPDA/IPRA contest to be held.

Santa house is addressed and Chris Hobson delivers positive news on the whole endeavor. Commissioner Zylman ads that she has been pushing this endeavor to kids she comes in contact at school. Commissioner Spizzirri interjects Mr. Hopkins generous time donation with Big Bird. Ron Young addresses the audience and touches on the feat to get Big Bird. Commissioner Spizzirri commends the Recreation Department and the Maintenance Department for a job well done. Mark DeRango highlights the noisy generator as a possible nuisance in future events.

Ice rink is addressed by Commissioner Spizzirri and inquires on the status. Chris Sobczak updates the committee and informs them that the rink is practically ready. Commissioner Spizzirri asks how soon the park can open the doors to the ice rink. Octavio Carbajal updates the committee and informs them that a schedule has already been generated in anticipation of opening prior to January 1st, 2011. Commissioner Spizzirri confirms an official grand opening date of January 1st, 2011 even as the rink may open as soon as Thursday, January 23rd, 2010. The All Terrain Vehicle is addressed and Commissioner Spizzirri feels a necessity to attain an ATV. Commissioner Spizzirri provides guidance in acquiring an ATV and directs it towards the maintenance department.

Generator is addressed by Mark DeRango and he advises the committee that it is on its last leg. Vice President Murphy encourages an overhaul of the current generator in opposition to investing in a new one.

President Bilotto addresses waivers and the Guildhaus Centennial Rental is brought up for Saturday, Aug 6th 2011. Vice President Murphy expresses concerns.

Commissioner Zylman would like to set up a Dwight D. Eisenhower football fundraiser. Details are hammered out with Jane Kawanna. Commissioner Zylman asks Octavio Carbajal to coordinate a web design crash course for office employees. She has provided contact information in previous emails. Commissioner invites everyone to the Tommy Brown Extravaganza.

Tommy Brown addresses the committee in regards to a donation. The committee agrees to donate \$250.00 to the Tommy Brown Association.

President Bilotto opens up for public comments. Mr. Roberto Sarli expresses interest in seeing the taxpaying community that participate in school district sporting endeavors receive preference over non-tax paying organizations when it comes to field usage. Commissioner Spizzirri acknowledges Mr. Sarli's concerns and highlight schedule conflict as a critical element in field reservation. Commissioner Spizzirri implies field usage coordination is possible if reservations are placed in a timely manner.

Carmine Bilotto addresses the committee and audience to provide further guidance in selecting a well qualified Soccer Committee that offers the best advice.

Ron Young addresses the committee and expresses appreciation towards the great joy the Santa endeavors bring kids.

Tommy Brown addresses the committee to thank for the park district support. Furthermore, Mr. Brown requested 5 additional tables for his event. Inquires were directed towards the office staff and further direction was then provided.

President Bilotto clarifies on item 17 on the agenda. It was moved up to the beginning of the agenda to accommodate Brent Widler.

Charlotte Wescott offers an early Christmas present by not commenting.

Committee adjourned at 9:04 PM

Approved:

Fred Bilotto, Chairperson