

**SUGAR GROVE PARK DISTRICT**  
**Monday, April 13, 2009**  
**6:00PM**

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

- 1. Meeting was called to order** by President Kevin Johnson at 6:00PM.  
Roll call was taken:

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

Others Present:

Daryl Garrison, Planning Resources, Inc.  
Erin Weleski, Planning Resources, Inc.  
Karen Pritchard, Superintendent of Recreation  
Ginny Pavesich, Recording Secretary

- 2. Public to Address the Board –**  
None

**3. Secretary's Report**

Commissioner Rzeminski made a motion to approve the March 9, 2009 Minutes.  
Commissioner Becker seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**4. Treasurer's Reports**

Commissioner Bachio made a motion to approve the March 2009 Treasurer's Report and Disbursements totaling \$64,373.67. Commissioner Rzeminski seconded. Roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

Motion approved 4-0

## **5. Unfinished Business**

### **A. January 12, 2009 Board Meeting Minutes**

There was no further discussion on the January 12, 2009 Board Meeting Minutes.

### **B. Board Vacancy**

Executive Director Repede reported that the April, 2009 Sugar Grove Park District Board meeting is the last meeting of Commissioner Rzeminski's term. Director Repede received letters of interest in the Board vacancy from two residents: Mary Ochenschlager and Rebecca Kinsland. President Johnson stated that an announcement should be printed in the Elburn Herald announcing a deadline to apply for the board vacancy. Director Repede will move forward with scheduling meetings with the two current applicants in the month of May.

### **C. Nature Guide**

Superintendent Pritchard reported that the Nature Guide is undergoing some editing and the guides will be ordered at the end of the summer, with quantity to be determined.

### **D. WebTrac**

Superintendent Pritchard reported that she and Staff Suzanne Serrurier previewed WebTrac and are very excited about this new technology. Training on the new module is scheduled for the week of May 11.

## **6. New Business**

### **A. Presentation of Open Space Master Plan – Planning Resources, Inc.**

Mr. Garrison of Planning Resources, Inc. thanked the Board for the opportunity to present the Open Space Master Plan and for its review of the draft of such Plan. Comments were submitted by the Board to Planning Resources. The final document was reprinted by Planning Resources, dated April 2009, and distributed at the Board meeting to each Commissioner. (An electronic copy of the Plan was also provided on CD.) The following items were mentioned by Mr. Garrison and Ms. Weleski as being edited/included in the final Plan:

Addition of three parks to the inventory section, excel chart and recreation section, ie. Prairie Glen, Hampstead and Hannaford Parks;

Itemization of the parks currently owned by SGPD and those which are pending;

Number of tennis courts and other facilities;

Site landscaping should serve a functional purpose within a park;

Text was added in the Program Evaluation Section regarding the possibility of resident and non-resident fees in the future;

Financial assessment section was modified regarding tax cap revisions with more clarification;

Text was added to the intergovernmental agreements regarding Fox Valley Special Recreation Association.

Mr. Garrison stated that it is the decision of the Board whether or not to hold a public hearing for official adoption of the Plan.

During the meeting, the Commissioners reviewed the final Plan, and made the following comments:

- 1) clarified that the Park District can issue bonds without holding a referendum but subject to tax cap
- 2) Hampstead Park is referenced in the Plan as “in negotiation”
- 3) The boundaries of the Village of Sugar Grove and the Park District are not the same and the final document is not accurate;
- 4) The Park District includes Prestbury and Waubensee;
- 5) The western boundary of the Park District ends at Dugan Road;

Note: Mr. Garrison requested a map of the Park District boundaries and he was referred to contact David Burroughs at EEI to obtain a map of Park District boundaries, in order to change all maps in the Plan which need correction.

President Johnson commented that he anticipated that the Open Space Master Plan would include specifics as to population predictions, and appropriate park or facility sizes. Director Repede inquired if there is a correlation between population projections and numbers of new parks, which could be included in the Plan.

Mr. Garrison stated that the current open space and the number of parks is appropriate for the current population. He added that he could detail acreages in light of new developments and projections of population, and possible acquisitions from developers.

President Johnson stated that the Board would review the updates in the final Plan document, as distributed, to determine if there is anything else to be addressed, along with Planning Resources redoing the Park District boundaries in the final Plan document.

Director Repede stated that the staff is in agreement with the Standards section of the Plan, and that the Plan would be made available to potential developers. Director Repede suggested scheduling a public meeting for presentation of the Open Space Master Plan in June, following the corrections to the maps by Planning Resources. It was decided to consider holding the public meeting immediately following the June Board Meeting of the Park District, with the possible location to be the Sugar Grove Fire Department in order to have additional space. General Recommendations of the Plan would be presented

**Commissioner Comments/Staff Responses**

Walnut Woods needs a trash can --

*Staff will address*

Please keep Commissioners' home phone numbers unavailable to callers;

When will baseball fields be turned over?

*Staff is preparing them as weather permits.*

Why is the baseball scheduling taking so long? Is there something which can be done to make it a priority?

*Sugar Grove must wait for other towns to complete their registration periods; then the schedule is set.*

Umpires need their schedules, as well. Sugar Grove Park District waits for other towns to complete their registrations in order to schedule umpires. Sugar Grove is at the mercy of others.

FVSRA Barbeque is Wednesday, April 22.

**Meeting Adjournment**

Commissioner Becker made a motion to adjourn and Commissioner Rzeminski seconded. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:05pm