

building a Platform Hut. She informed the Board that the Glen Ellyn Platform Tennis Association is working on getting more information on what they would like to see and will bring it to the Board at a future meeting.

Celia Rodee, 393 Hill Avenue, expressed concern about the cost of building a Hut and asked if the Park District has explored other alternatives. She suggested allowing the Platform Tennis group to use the Holes & Knolls facility. She asked that fiscally sound decisions be made.

The Board responded that they have entertained that thought but unfortunately it is too far from where the courts are located and the approximation of the Hut to the court is important when running tournaments and other events.

The Board expressed concern about the time Staff has spent on this project but was reminded by Staff that they were directed by Board at a prior meeting to gather information regarding this agenda item.

Ryan Snyder, 250 Ryan Avenue, stated that he is a member of the Platform Tennis Association and informed the Board that the numbers are not set and the Association feels if they are involved in the process they can assist in many ways to try to keep the number in the \$175,000 range and can add on to the facility at a later date.

The Board stated that at this time they do not have the information needed to go further on this issue.

Law Firm Appointment

Commissioner Minogue moved, seconded by Commissioner Aubrey, to Appoint Steve Adams of Tressler LLP effective February 16, 2010 as counsel for the Glen Ellyn Park District.

*Roll Call: Aye: Commissioners Aubrey, Dallman, Minogue and President Hess
Nay: Commissioner Creech, Kinzler and Nephew Motion Carried*

Upon being asked by the Board why he left the previous firm, Attorney Adams responded that he had been the Park District's attorney for thirteen years and this was the first move of his career. Attorney Adams stated that Tressler LLP's practice includes many attorneys who limit their practice to local government law, has approximately 140 lawyers and represents 30 park districts. The new firm will be more depth and strength to better service his Park District clients. He also informed the Board that his new firm is a major player in park district law. Attorney Adams stated that the fee structure will remain the same and although he will be located in Chicago he does not charge for travel time. He advised that the firm also has an office located in Wheaton that is available for his use.

The Board asked Director Atwell if Brooks, Adams and Tarulis had approached the Park District about being retained and the Director responded they had not. Attorney Adams offered that it was his understanding that they were not looking to expand their governmental practice and were going to concentrate more in other areas.

The Board confirmed that there was no penalty for terminating with prior law firm and discussed comparing Attorney Adams fee structure to other law firms. They also discussed going through a request for qualification process.

President Hess explained that the motion tonight does not preclude the Board to RFQ at a later date. It was his suggestion that due to other issues, it is in the best interest of the Park District to retain Attorney Adams at this time.

PDRMA Review Award

Superintendent Woods explained that this is an award Staff receives after a thorough review of Park District's loss review process. She explained that the award money goes back in the liability fund.

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Director Atwell informed the Board that six Park Districts have approved and signed the Resolution for Intergovernmental Agreement and the seventh will be signing shortly.

Board Retreat

The Board discussed having a Board Retreat for the purpose of strategic planning, team building and goal setting. Director Atwell and President Hess both remarked that at the IAPD conference they attended excellent Workshops on these topics and suggested getting proposals from the consultants to assist the Board. Director Atwell stated that he will get proposals and forward them to the Board.

Superintendent Woods stated that there was money available in the contingency fund to pay for the consultants.

The Board Retreat was scheduled for March 20, 2010.

Matters from Staff

Director Atwell reminded the Board about the annual WDSRA fundraiser and asked them to contact him if they are planning on attending.

Director Atwell informed the Board that he is working on the roofing situation at Ackerman. He will forward the written recommendations upon receipt.

Matters from Commissioners

President Hess reminded Staff and Board that the purpose of the Matters section of the agenda is to acknowledge or share information and ask questions about minor issues that are not on the agenda. It is not the time to get an item on the agenda or ask questions about agenda items.

Commissioner Nephew thanked Director Atwell and Staff for the edible arrangement that was sent. She said that daughters Madeleine Diane and Sophia Julia are home and doing well.

Commissioner Creech stated that her girls had fun learning to skate at Center Ice and thanked the Park District. She thanked Director Atwell for keeping the Board apprised of the roof situation and stated that she does not expect Director Atwell and Superintendent Scarmardo to be roof experts, so she will support Staff if they want to bring a consultant in.

Commissioner Kinzler reviewed the Financial Report and had questions regarding reducing expenses. He remarked that the Ackerman report was good but would like to see a more strategic breakdown. He asked if it was possible for Staff to publish a weekly schedule of when the gym and fields at Ackerman are available for use.

President Hess commented that the Board has already approved the Budget and running the Park District is Director Atwell's responsibility with the Board's direction. The Board's position should not be to micro-manage every aspect of the Park District but set direction and policy.

Commissioner Dallman congratulated the Staff on the Ackerman Grand Opening. He also had questions for Staff regarding ice utilization at Newton.

President Hess stated that he enjoyed going to conference and went to many beneficial workshops. He commented that one workshop was on Roberts Rules and is trying to apply what he learned to make meetings more efficient and to run in a more Robert's Rules manner. He stated that he would like to get all the issues on the table but do it in a manner that we can have all the decisions from both sides of the table to make a good Board decision.

Adjourn

There being no further business Commissioner Dallman moved, seconded by Commissioner Creech, to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:34 p.m.

Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Laurelyn Woods
Board Secretary