



# Peninsula Metropolitan Park District

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## MINUTES OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL MEETING

Wednesday, September 2, 2009

**PRESENT: Board Members**

William Sehmel  
Scott Junge  
Todd Iverson  
Jon Ortgiesen  
Curtis L. Hancock

**Staff**

Marc Connelly  
Elaine Sorensen  
Bill Miller  
Mark Roberts – District Attorney

**Visitors**

None

**PLACE:** PenMet Parks Administrative Office  
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**6:00 PM CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Peninsula Metropolitan Park District was called to order by Commissioner Sehmel at 6:00 p.m.

**ITEM 1 EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board went into Executive Session at 6:01 to discuss a property matter and potential litigation. The Board returned from Executive Session at 6:40 p.m. and went into Regular Session.

**ITEM 2 NEW BUSINESS**

The Board made a decision to have the District Attorney send a notice to start the process of the Sehmel Homestead park off-site permit issues.

### **ITEM 3 2010 BUDGET DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Commissioner Junge noted the following budget issues:

Recreation Program – Commissioner Junge noted that he would like more time to evaluate the expansion of the recreation program and special events and would like to investigate the possibility of hiring contract personnel to do events, grants and expand the Endowment Fund. He noted that contract personnel will keep the District's personnel overhead expense down.

Soccer Center – Commissioner Junge suggested moving these capital funds into the Park Improvement Fund until a decision is made regarding this capital project.

Maintenance Barn – Commissioner Junge requested that a report be presented to the Admin and Finance Committee on the finished maintenance barn structure.

Slicer – Commissioner Junge asked if the District could postpone the purchase of this equipment until 2011. After discussion a decision was made to postpone the purchase of the slicer until 2011.

Commissioner Hancock noted the following budget issues:

Commissioner Hancock agreed with Commissioner Junge's comments and requested a full presentation of the recreation program at the next Admin and Finance Committee meeting.

Commissioner Hancock noted that the Capital Improvement Program dollars should remain the same and not be reduced.

Commissioner Hancock was in support of staff receiving their yearly step increases but no cost of living adjustment and in the future, the Board should consider increasing the amount of health insurance cost paid by the staff.

Commissioner Hancock also expressed concern regarding the amount of dollars spent on special events and was in support of finding sponsorships to help fund the events budget.

Commissioner Iverson noted the following budget issues:

Commissioner Iverson requested a study session at the next Admin and Finance & Capital Committee meetings to make decisions on the 2010 budget.

Commissioner Iverson was in support of moving the soccer center funding into the Park Improvement Fund and delaying the purchase of the slicer.

Commissioner Iverson requested a presentation of the recreation software which includes a demonstration of the product.

Commissioner Iverson was in support of staff receiving their yearly step increases, but no cost of living adjustment and he was not in support of increasing the amount of health care cost paid by the staff.

Commissioner Ortgiesen noted the following budget issues:

Commissioner Ortgiesen noted that he is in support of expanding the recreation program but would like a presentation of the program at the next Capital Committee meeting.

Commissioner Ortgiesen is not in support of any staff pay increases.

Commissioner Sehmel noted the following budget issues:

Commissioner Sehmel asked if some of the recreation program could be funded by increasing the hours of the current staff. Marc Connelly noted that he will review the current staff positions.

Commissioner Sehmel also asked if the funding for the Maintenance Barn was for a 100% complete facility. Bill Miller noted that it was for a complete facility.

Commissioner Sehmel noted concern regarding the step increases and cost of living adjustments for the staff and would like to discuss changing the personnel manual to have current staff pay more of the cost of health care.

Commissioner Sehmel also noted that he would like to have a goal of 75% sponsorship of District event expenses.

The Board then had a discussion of a possible Scarecrow Festival in the fall of 2010 at Sehmel Homestead Park.

**ITEM 4 ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Iverson made a motion to adjourn the meeting,  
Commissioner Junge seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:22  
p.m.

**APPROVED BY BOARD ON:** 9-21-09

William V. Schmel  
President

Judd Iverson 9/21/09  
Clerk Date

Submitted by: Elaine Sorensen