

# MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING CHAMPAIGN PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

December 9, 2013

The Champaign Park District Board of Commissioners held a Special Board Meeting on Monday, December 9, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. at the Bresnan Meeting Center, 706 Kenwood Road, Champaign, Illinois, pursuant to notice duly given. President Petry presided over the meeting.

Present: President Joseph Petry, Vice President Alvin Griggs, Commissioners Barbara Kuhl and Timothy McMahon, Treasurer Gary Wackerlin, and Attorney Guy Hall.

Absent: Commissioner Jane Solon

Staff: Bobbie Herakovich, Executive Director/Secretary, Joe DeLuce, Deputy Director, Andrea Wallace, Director of Finance, J.R. Pope, Superintendent of Planning & Operations, Laura Auteberry, Director of Marketing & Development, Tammy Hoggatt, Human Resources Manager, and Cindy Harvey, Executive Assistant/Assistant Secretary.

Also in attendance was Reporter Patrick Wade, *The News Gazette*.

## Call to Order

President Petry called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

## Comments from the Public

President Petry called for comments from the audience. There were none.

## Closed Session

Vice President Griggs made a motion as set forth below to convene in Closed Session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McMahon. The motion passed 4-0. Upon roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Commissioner McMahon – yes; Vice President Alvin Griggs – yes; President Petry – yes; and Commissioner Kuhl – yes. The Board convened in Closed Session under the Illinois Open Meetings Act, specifically 5 ILCS, Par. 120/2(c)(1) for the discussion of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, or legal counsel for the public body.

## Reconvene into Open Session turn to Regular Meeting

Following the adjournment of the Closed Session, the Board reconvened in open meeting.

Commissioner Kuhl expressed appreciation on the Board's behalf to Tammy Hoggatt and Cindy Harvey for the extra efforts during the executive director search process. She stated that they appreciated all their efforts

President Petry also thanked Ms. Hoggatt, Ms. Harvey and Ms. Herakovich for their efforts with this process. He thanked the Board as well. President Petry stated that the Board really appreciate their efforts. President Petry also thanked Ms. Herakovich for her years of service. He said that this was a bittersweet process. President Petry stated that Ms. Herakovich has been fabulous during this process. He stated that Ms. Herakovich has done much during her tenure. The Board appreciates her help and guidance through this process. Ms. Herakovich stated that she enjoyed being a part of the process. She received a round of applause.

President Petry thanked the Board for its efforts during this process. He reported that Commissioner Solon was ill and unable to attend the meeting. He especially thanked Commissioner Kuhl for serving as the liaison with the search firm and expressed his appreciation for all the time Commissioner Kuhl committed to this process.

**Action Item**

Action to Appoint new Executive Director

Commissioner Kuhl made a motion to appoint and approve a resolution hiring Joe DeLuce as the next Executive Director of the Champaign Park District. The motion was seconded by Vice President Griggs. The motion passed 4-0.

President Petry congratulated Mr. DeLuce. He received a round of applause. Mr. DeLuce thanked the Board. He stated that he hopes to continue what Ms. Herakovich and Mr. Toalson have done for 40 plus years. Mr. DeLuce noted that the District has great staff. He thanked the Board again for the opportunity to serve as Executive Director.

President Petry also agreed that the Park District has great staff, had had great leadership in the past, and the Board looks forward to that leadership continuing. He welcomed Mr. DeLuce to his new position and stated that the Board has a great deal of confidence in him.

**Adjourn**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner McMahon made a motion to adjourn the Special Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Vice President Griggs. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Approved:

  
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Joseph A. Petry, President

  
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Cindy Harvey, Assistant Secretary