

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
CHAMPAIGN PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

April 9, 2014

The Champaign Park District Board of Commissioners held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, April 9, 2014 at 7:00 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, Jane Solon, and Timothy McMahon, Treasurer Gary Wackerlin and Attorney Guy Hall.

Staff: Joseph DeLuce, Executive Director, Andrea Wallace, Director of Finance, J.R. Pope, Director of Operations, Jameel Jones, Director of Cultural Arts, Tammy Hoggatt, Director of Human Resources, Kevin Crump, Director of Planning, Design and Construction, Cindy Harvey, Assistant to the Executive Director/Board Secretary, and Stacey Cornell, Administrative Specialist.

Call to Order

President Petry called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Comments from the Public

None

CPD Highlights

Commissioner McMahon reported he liked the new park sign format. He thought it looked more updated and professional. President Petry requested staff provide the Board with the old and new park signs to show the differences between the old and new formats.

Commissioner Solon complimented staff on the CUSR Sports Banquet. It was a very nice event and rewarding to see how much the participants enjoy being a part of the special recreation activities.

Communications

President Petry circulated the communications.

Treasurer's Report

Consideration of Acceptance of the Treasurer's Report for the Month of March 2014

Mr. Wackerlin presented the Treasurer's Report for the month of March 2014. He stated that the Park District's finances have been reviewed and found to be in appropriate order.

Commissioner Solon moved to accept the Treasurer's Report for the Month of March 2014. The motion was seconded by Vice President Griggs. The motion passed 5-0.

Executive Director's Report

Volunteer of the Month

Mr. Jones reported that Noah Lenstra was chosen as the March Volunteer of the Month for his efforts in leading computer classes for seniors at the Douglass Annex. He was presented with a certificate of appreciation and bag of goodies by Mr. Jones and Darius White, Senior Coordinator.

The Board thanked Mr. Lenstra for his efforts.

General Announcements

Mr. DeLuce thanked Vice President Griggs for accompanying him to LaGrange Park for the OSLAD grant announcement. He also thanked Commissioner Solon for attending the CUSR Sports Banquet. Mr. DeLuce reported that Hannah Sheets, CUSR Athletic Coordinator, was chosen to coach the Illinois

volleyball team at the national competition in New Jersey. Two CUSR athletes will compete in the competition.

Mr. DeLuce reported that staff joined a webinar on the "Keys to Relevance in Parks and Recreation". A printed copy of the PowerPoint slides was provided. He stated that a canoe with flowers and a fisherman has been installed in the middle of Kaufman Lake by operations staff. Mr. DeLuce also stated that a promotional music video is being shot for the opening of the new Leonhard Recreation Center. The Commissioners are invited to participate on Friday, April 18 at 7:00 p.m.

Committee Reports

Champaign Parks Foundation

Commissioner Solon reported that the Foundation Board will meet on Monday, April 14, 2014.

Report of Officers

Attorney's Report – Ordinance No. 578

Attorney Hall recommended approval of Ordinance No. 578, Annexing Territory Pursuant to Petition (4809 West Windsor Road).

Vice President Griggs moved to approve Ordinance No. 578. A copy of the ordinance is attached to the minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McMahon. The motion passed 5-0.

President's Report

None

Consent Agenda

President Petry stated that all items on the Consent Agenda are considered routine and shall be acted upon by one motion. If discussion is desired, that item shall be removed and addressed separately. The items are as follows:

1. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, March 12, 2014
2. Minutes of the Closed Session Meeting, March 12, 2014

Commissioner Kuhl made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items. The motion was seconded by Vice President Griggs. The motion passed 5-0.

New Business

Approval of the List of Bills for March 2014

Commissioner Kuhl made a motion to approve the list of disbursements for the period beginning March 13, 2014 and ending April 9, 2014. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Solon. The motion passed 5-0.

Approval to Apply for OSLAD Funding for Spalding Park

Mr. Crump presented the staff report. The anticipated redevelopment project cost is \$800,000, of which the grant reimbursement would be \$400,000.

Vice President Griggs moved to approve applying for an OSLAD grant in the amount of \$400,000 to be used to off-set the costs of park redevelopment as part of the Spalding Park master plan. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McMahon. The motion passed 5-0.

Approval of Request for Easement in Centennial Park from Ameren Illinois Company

Mr. Crump presented the staff report. A printed map of the area was provided. The purpose of the easement is so that the Unit 4 School District may add natural gas service to their sports field shed west of Centennial High School.

Commissioner Kuhl moved to approve granting the easement in Centennial Park to Ameren Illinois Company and waiving the easement fee, and requesting reimbursement from Unit 4 for any and all attorney's fees associated with preparing the easement document. The motion was seconded by Vice President Griggs. The motion passed 5-0.

Approval of Dental/Life Insurance Premiums

Ms. Hoggatt presented the staff report and responded to questions from the Board. The proposed increase for dental is 6.5% for a total annual cost of approximately \$1,400. The proposed increase for life insurance is 12.5% for a total annual cost of approximately \$1,200. Both would be for one year terms. Discussion ensued.

Vice President Griggs moved to approve continuing the dental and life insurance benefits with Principal Financial Group at the current benefit levels at the increased guaranteed rate beginning May 1, 2014 and ending April 30, 2015. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McMahon. The motion passed 5-0.

Old Business

Approval Awarding a Request for Proposal for Existing Leonhard Recreation Center

Mr. DeLuce presented the staff report and responded to questions from the Board. He reported that staff has worked through the various concerns expressed by the Board. Staff conducted a walk through of the facility with Shawn Tabeling of The Cage, LLC to make sure he understood all the issues and conditions with the facility. Mr. Tabeling will make any necessary repairs. Staff contracted with a structural engineer to evaluate the Leonhard Recreation Center to make sure it could support the cables and netting associated with the batting cages. Mr. Tabeling has agreed to hire a structural engineer to design the batting cage system that would be installed to ensure it is constructed properly. Staff has resolved all insurance, tax, and liability issues through PDRMA. Staff met with Mr. Tabeling to discuss fees and he has agreed to pay a monthly fee for the facility. Mr. DeLuce stated that the naming of the facility is still a matter for Board discussion and approval.

Attorney Hall reported that he is awaiting confirmation of the release from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) of the restrictive covenant governing the property.

Commissioner McMahon moved to approve accepting the request for proposal from The Cage, LLC and directing the Executive Director to prepare an agreement for use of the existing Leonhard Recreation Center. The final agreement will be presented to the Board for final approval. The motion was seconded by Vice President Griggs. The motion passed 5-0.

Discussion Items

None

Comments from Commissioners

Vice President Griggs commented that the trip to LaGrange Park was good. He distributed information on the Kickapoo Rail Trail fundraiser. Vice President Griggs also presented President Petry with a framed picture of the trestle over the river along the trail.

President Petry noted that the Park District only applied for the OSLAD grant amount of \$300,000 for Douglass Park improvements. He commented that the engineer's estimate for the project was close to \$700,000. President Petry stated it is a balancing act to get as much grant funding as possible without pressure to spend more than desired. President Petry questioned whether lighting should be included as a component of the redevelopment of Douglass Park.

Commissioner Solon attended the Douglass Park public meeting and commented that the older citizens want things to do in the park such as shuffleboard or pickleball. Mr. Crump responded that at the initial meeting the only items mentioned were horseshoes and a shelter. He stated shuffleboard and re-stripping one of the basketball courts for pickleball could be done in house. Mr. DeLuce commented that bocce ball

may be more popular than shuffleboard.

Commissioner McMahon asked if there were any immediate plans for programming at Spalding Park. J.R. Pope responded that pickleball lines are going to be overlaid on the tennis courts and that the courts will be reserved for pickleball play during specified hours. Mr. DeLuce stated that staff could meet with the neighborhood associations to gauge their interests and plan some events. Mr. Jones commented that a 3 on 3 basketball tournament has been discussed and a portable pickleball net was purchased.

Commissioner Solon noticed that lap swimming at the Sholem Aquatic Center is only offered in the morning with no evening hours as in the past. Mr. DeLuce said he would check into the reduction of the lap swimming times.

Closed Session

Vice President Griggs moved as set forth below to convene in Closed Session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Solon. The motion passed 5-0. Upon roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Commissioner Solon – yes; Commissioner McMahon – yes; Vice President Griggs – yes; President Petry – yes; and Commissioner Kuhl – yes. The Board will convene into Executive Session under the Illinois Open Meetings Act, specifically 5 ILCS 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, and 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5) for the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body.

Return to Regular Meeting

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

Closed Session Action Items

Approval of Legal Counsel Contract

Commissioner Solon made a motion to approve a two year contract for legal counsel with Guy Hall of Robbins Schwartz. The motion was seconded by Vice President Griggs. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Staff Wage Increases FY 14/15

Vice President Griggs made a motion to set the staff wage increase for FY14-15 at \$97,000. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McMahon. The motion passed 5-0.

Further Discussion

The Commissioners and Mr. DeLuce briefly discussed the conditions at Parkland Way regarding potholes. Repairs will be undertaken.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Board, Vice President Griggs made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Solon. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Approved:

Joseph A. Petry, President

Cindy Harvey, Secretary