

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

September 27, 2017

The Champaign Park District Board of Commissioners held a Special Board Meeting on Wednesday, September 27, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. at the Bresnan Meeting Center, 706 Kenwood Road, Champaign, Illinois, pursuant to published notice duly given. President Hays presided over the hearing.

Present: President Craig W. Hays, President, Commissioners Barbara J. Kuhl, Jane L. Solon, Kevin J. Miller, and Attorney Guy Hall.

Absent: Vice President Timothy P. McMahon and Treasurer Gary Wackerlin.

Staff Present: Joseph DeLuce, Executive Director, Cindy Harvey, Assistant to the Executive Director/Board Secretary, Andrea Wallace, Director of Finance, Andrew Weiss, Director of Planning, Chelsea Norton, Director of Marketing and Communications, Laura Auteberry, Development Director, and Bridgette Moen, Park Planner.

Other staff were in attendance as well as Tim Mitchell, reporter with *The News-Gazette*, Rainer and Julia Marten, Laura Shapland, Chair of Champaign Parks Foundation, Art Thoma, Secretary of Champaign Parks Foundation, Patrick Harrington, Champaign Parks Foundation, Sam Banks, Executive Director of Don Moyer Boys and Girls Club, Ed Scofield, RATIO Architects.

Call to Order

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

Presentations

Commissioners Park Design Update

Bridgette Moen presented the design and process for Commissioners Park. She reported that the 20 acre park has potential for grant funding for the natural areas. Ms. Moen talked about the developments surrounding the park. The park has good connectivity to the Park District trail systems with the Trails at Abbey Fields and the future Pipeline trail. She reviewed the site plan submitted to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, which has come oversight of development for the park. It will include soccer, a half-court basketball, picnic shelter, a playground and 35 trees. Ms. Moen stated that there is room for future expansion in the event the neighborhood and the Park District pursue additional development. Discussion ensued about "lumping trees" together in the schematic. Ms. Moen responded that this is done partially for aesthetics as well as demonstrates creating space for picnic areas.

Comments from the Public

None.

New Business

Approval and Renewal of Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement with Champaign Community Unit School District No. 4

Mr. DeLuce presented the report. He reported that Attorney Hall revised the agreement to better outline the changes to the agreement.

Commissioner Miller made a motion to approve and renew the Intergovernmental Agreement with Champaign Community Unit School District No. 4. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Solon. The motion passed 4-0.

Approval of Master Facility License Agreement with the University of Illinois

Mr. DeLuce presented the report. He reported that this is a renewal of an agreement that was entered into in 2013. Mr. DeLuce stated that the agreement provides for the Park District to work with the University of Illinois and State Farm Center to produce shows at the Virginia Theatre. The agreement allows the two managers work together to create and document agreement for each event that they decide to jointly produce, similar to the Million Dollar Quartet production.

Commissioner Solon made a motion to approve the Master Facility License Agreement with the University of Illinois. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kuhl. The motion passed 3-0, with Commissioner Miller abstaining. Commissioner Miller is an employee of the University of Illinois.

Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding regarding Human Kinetics Park

Mr. DeLuce presented the report. He reported that Rainer and Julie Martens are donating money for ten (10) acres of land, the current Human Kinetics Park, to be owned by the Park District, and provide funds to establish a community center at the site. The Martens have agreed to donate \$4 million to construct the center. He stated that this is a great opportunity for the Park District to work with the Martens and a unique opportunity that it is going to be multi-service facility that will not only handle Park District programs and activities but also a variety of other programs, including some for the Don Moyer Boys and Girls Club, as well as a table club tennis. Mr. DeLuce stated that there will be numerous groups and organizations seeking to use the facility. He reported that staff recommends approval of the Memorandum of Understanding to move forward to move this process forward.

Commissioner Kuhl made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding regarding Human Kinetics Park. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Solon. The motion passed 4-0.

President Hays made the following statement: the Champaign Park District Board of Commissioners is excited to have this partnership come to fruition. Our community is fortunate to have a family like the Martens and an organization like Human Kinetics who are invested in the growth and betterment of Champaign. The Marten Center will make a big difference in our residents' lives. We encourage the community to support and invest in this effort. We also look forward to partnering with the Don Moyer Boys and Girls Club to provide afterschool and summer day camp programs in the new center. We know the impact of this gift will be huge and we are grateful to the Martens for their partnership opportunity.

Mr. Martens thanked the Board for having them at the meeting and appreciate the support for the proposal. He stated that as a child he grew up in a local community playing in the sports programs that a community recreation program provided. He stated that his whole life has been about sports, and he turned it into a business and career. Mr. Martens stated that as Julie and he have benefited so much from this community's support and had outstanding employees, they felt that this was an opportunity to give back to the community, and to at least initiate the effort here to build a community center in an area of the community that can really benefit from it. He reported that they are excited about the participation of the Don Moyer Boys and Girls Club.

Ms. Martens stated that it is a neat opportunity, bringing together the Don Moyer Boys and Girls Club, the Park District, businesses and Human Kinetics Foundation. She commented that it makes them happy and they are looking forward to getting more people on board and obtaining additional financing to make this dream come true.

Mr. Banks thanked the Rainer and Julie Martens for an outstanding gift to the community on behalf of the board, staff and most importantly on behalf of the children and families which it serves. He stated that it is an outstanding opportunity to partner and meet the needs of the people in the community. Mr. Banks reported that the facility will be used for the club's afterschool and summer camp programs. It will free up space at the club's current location.

Mr. Scofield unveiled the preliminary site drawings for the community center. He briefly discussed the concept for the center. Mr. Scofield expressed gratitude for RATIO Architects to be involved with the project.

Old Business

None.

Discussion Items

None.

Comments from Commissioners

Commissioner Solon commented that she was excited about the project and hopes the parties can move forward and raise the additional funds for the amenities and the community center.

President Hays stated that it has been an exciting process and he looks forward to the future.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Solon made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Miller. The motion passed 4-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

Craig W. Hays, President

Cindy Harvey, Secretary