

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

February 11, 2015

The Champaign Park District Board of Commissioners held a Regular Board Meeting on Wednesday, February 11, 2015 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 S. Griggs, Commissioners Jane L. Solon, and Timothy P. McMahon (arrived at 7:34 p.m.), Treasurer Gary Wackerlin and Attorney Guy Hall.

Absent: Commissioner Barbara J. Kuhl

Staff present: Joseph DeLuce, Executive Director, Cindy Harvey, Assistant to the Executive Director/Board Secretary, Andrea Wallace, Director of Finance, Kevin Crump, Director of Operations and Planning, Megan Kuhlenschmidt, Director of Recreation and Marketing, Jameel Jones, Director of Cultural Arts, and Tammy Hoggatt, Director of Human Resources, Information Technology and Risk.

Several members of the public were in attendance.

Call to Order

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

Moment of Silence

President Petry requested a moment of silence to honor Dominique Phillips. Mr. Phillips was a part-time staff member at the Douglass Community Center who was tragically killed on February 6th.

CPD Highlights

None.

Comments from the Public

Dannel McCollum, 807 West Church, Champaign, addressed the Board regarding Dodds Park. He stated the school referendum is flawed, a long term liability and misuse of public funds. In his opinion, the school board is now asking the Park Board to save its referendum. What is lost at Dodds Park would need to be recreated elsewhere. He requested the Park Board take no action at this time. If the referendum fails then all options can be reviewed and a decision made that would be in the public's best interest. He did not think Dodds Park needed to be considered as a school site at this time.

Theresa W. Truelove, 508 South McKinley, Champaign, addressed the Board regarding the McKinley Aquatic Center. She stated the McKinley Aquatic Center is closing and its users do not have a place to swim. Ms. Truelove commented she was very enthused with the plan for an aquatic center presented by the consultants at a previous Board meeting. She encouraged the Board to make its pursuit a high priority.

Brent West, 404 East Park Street, Champaign, addressed the Board regarding Dodds Park. He stated he is chair of the City's neighborhood advisory board and a candidate for the Park Board.

Mr. West supports using Dodds Park for a school site as it presents great opportunities for intergovernmental collaboration for dual use of athletic facilities, collaboration with Parkland College, and parking. He would like to see options considered and suggested a long term lease.

Judy Wiegand, 3304 Summerview Lane, Champaign, addressed the Board to request a public forum. Speaking as the Superintendent of Champaign Unit #4 School District (Unit 4), she requested a public discussion to be held so elected officials could share their thoughts on Unit 4's request for Dodds Park to use as a site for a new Central High School.

Rochelle Funderburg, 2622 Natalie Drive, Champaign, addressed the Board regarding Dodds Park. She asked for Dodds Park to not be considered for a new school site. In her opinion, considering it did not fit the mission of the Park District.

Kathy Shannon, 2207 O'Donnell Drive, Champaign, addressed the Board regarding Dodds Park. She stated she is a candidate for the Unit 4 school board. Ms. Shannon thanked the Park Board for discussing the possible partnership with the Unit 4 school district.

Kathy Richards, 3001 Weeping Cherry Drive, Champaign, addressed the Board regarding Dodds Park. She stated she is a candidate for the Unit 4 school board. Ms. Richards requested the Board to participate in a public discussion with Unit 4 on Dodds Park.

Jim Simmons, 1316 West Ridge Lane, Champaign, addressed the Board regarding Dodds Park. He urged the Board to hold a public meeting with all stakeholders present to discuss the issue of Dodds Park as a new school site.

Byron Clark, 1607 Harbor Point Drive, Champaign, addressed the Board regarding Dodds Park. He stated he supports a new Central High School at Dodds Park. Mr. Clark also commented that he supports the school board and the referendum.

President Petry thanked all individuals for their comments.

Report of Officers

President's Report

President Petry requested Board consensus to dedicate the February 25 Park Board Meeting to engage in fact finding and public input on Unit 4's request for 40 acres of Dodds Park for a new Central High School site. He asked the discussion to involve Dr. Wiegand from Unit 4, a City of Champaign staff representative, a Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District staff representative, a Parkland College staff representative and members of the public. He asked that all Park Board discussions relating to Unit 4's request be held in open session. He requested the Executive Session on an unrelated topic scheduled for the February 11th meeting be cancelled. President Petry asked that all Executive Sessions be suspended until a decision on the Unit 4 request had been made.

Vice President Griggs and Commissioner Solon were agreeable to holding a public forum on February 25. President Petry read a statement from Commissioner Kuhl that expressed her support of such a meeting. Unanimous approval was given to place the item on the February 25 meeting. Mr. DeLuce was directed to invite the aforementioned parties to the meeting. The regular time and location of 5:30 p.m. at the Bresnan Meeting Center were deemed appropriate. If there were a change made in the location it would be publicly disseminated.

Communications

President Petry circulated the communications.

Presentation

City of Champaign staff, Alex Nagy, Civil Engineer, and Dennis Schmidt, Director of Public Works, gave a presentation on the Phase 2 West Washington Street Drainage Improvements.

Mr. Nagy reported that Phase 1 of the plan had been completed. Phase 2 includes a detention basin in the Glenn Park area. The goal is to solve flooding issues. Meetings were held with stakeholders and six issues were identified. One of those was to develop new green space similar to the look and feel of Glenn Park.

Commissioner McMahon arrived at the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

President Petry commented he liked the path that went around the basin and that a nine foot wide one would be favorable.

It was the consensus of the Board to support the concept presented. Mr. Schmidt stated that staff would return with the final plan.

Treasurer's Report

Consideration of Acceptance of the Treasurer's Report for the Month of January 2015

Treasurer Wackerlin presented the Treasurer's Report for the month of January 2015. He stated that the Park District's finances have been reviewed and found to be in appropriate order.

Vice President Griggs made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for the month of January 2015. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Solon. The motion passed 4-0.

Executive Director's Report

Volunteer of the Month

Mr. Jones reported that Susan Curtis was chosen as January Volunteer of the Month. She was recognized for her efforts with the youth theatre program. Ms. Curtis was presented with a bag of gifts in appreciation.

The Board thanked Ms. Curtis for her efforts.

General Announcements

Mr. DeLuce reported he had spoken with Shawn Tabeling, owner of The Cage business operating in the old Leonhard Recreation Center. Mr. Tabeling informed him they have 473 individual clients and several teams using the facility. Mr. DeLuce stated the Trails Master Plan is moving forward with the Regional Planning Commission conducting research and updating the county trails map. The steering committee is meeting April 2. Mr. DeLuce announced the new Virginia Theatre website had been launched and staff was working on a new Champaign-Urbana Special Recreation website next.

Committee Report

Champaign Parks Foundation

Commissioner Solon reported the Foundation had met on February 9. The plans for the car raffle fundraiser are progressing. She stated Laura Shapland would be presented to the Board for approval to the Foundation at a future meeting.

Report of Officers

Attorney'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 discussed separately. The items are as follows:

1. Approval of Minutes of the Executive Session, December 20, 2014
2. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, January 14, 2015
3. Approval of Minutes of the Executive Session, January 14, 2015

Vice President Griggs made a motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McMahon. The motion passed 4-0.

New Business

Approval of Disbursements as of January 14, 2015

Staff recommended the approval of disbursements for the period beginning January 14, 2015 and ending February 10, 2015.

Commissioner Solon made a motion to approve the list of disbursements for the period beginning January 14, 2015 and ending February 10, 2015. The motion was seconded by Vice President Griggs. The motion passed 4-0.

Approval of Summer 2015 Part-Time and Seasonal Position Pay Rates

Tammy Hoggatt presented the staff report and responded to questions from the Board. She reported that the approval of seasonal pay rates had been done annually and this year part-time wages were included. Prior to 2009, returning seasonal staff received a \$0.25 increase. Due to difficulties in retaining staff, a \$0.15 increase based on performance was recommended. Certain positions received increases due to market demand. Seasonal operations will have three different positions with each having two levels. Ms. Hoggatt stated an Inclusion Supervisor position was added that would also need to be approved by the Champaign-Urbana Special Recreation board. She outlined the changes regarding sports officials.

Vice President Griggs made a motion to approve the summer 2015 pay rates with a performance based increase of \$0.15 for returning staff and year round part-time pay rates as stated on the attached document. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Solon. The motion passed 4-0.

Approval of a Resolution and Authorization for Staff to File the Abatement Certificate for Series 2013A Bond

Ms. Wallace presented the staff report. She stated it is an annual requirement.

Commissioner Solon made a motion to approve a resolution and authorize staff to file the Abatement Certificate for Series 2013A Bond. The motion was seconded by Vice President Griggs. The motion passed 4-0.

Approval of a Contract for Health Insurance with the City of Champaign

Ms. Hoggatt presented the staff report. She reported plan had been approved by the Champaign City Council. By using all of the revenue share funds and making minor changes to the plan, rates would increase 0.5%. The cost to the Park District was estimated to increase \$2,800 when compared to the prior year.

Commissioner Solon made a motion to approve a contract for health insurance with Health Alliance through the City of Champaign. The motion was seconded by Vice President Griggs. The motion passed 4-0.

Approval of a Bid for Brochure Printing and Mailing

Ms. Kuhlenschmidt presented the staff report and responded to questions from the Board. She reported this is bid annually. It is for the printing and mailing of the Park District's three seasonal program guides.

Commissioner Solon made a motion to approve the bid for brochure printing, mailing, and preparation to the lowest responsible bidder, Action Printing, in the amount of \$49,144.00. The motion was seconded by Vice President Griggs. The motion passed 4-0.

Approval of an Agreement between the Park District and Illinois Futbol Club

Ms. Kuhlenschmidt presented the staff report and responded to questions from the Board. She reported the partnership over the past eight years has been mutually beneficial. Ms. Kuhlenschmidt stated minor changes regarding insurance requirements, job titles, and rental rates were made from the previous agreement.

Commissioner Solon made a motion to approve the agreement between the Park District and the Illinois Futbol Club for a period of three (3) years and authorize the Executive Director to execute the agreement. The motion was seconded by Vice President Griggs. The motion passed 4-0.

Approval of Ordinance No. 594: An Ordinance Providing for Disposal of Personal Property Owned by the Champaign Park District of Champaign County

Commissioner Solon made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 594: An Ordinance Providing for Disposal of Personal Property owned by the Champaign Park District, which authorizes, approves, and ratifies the trade-in of a 2006 Chevrolet Mid Bus. The motion was seconded by Vice President Griggs. The motion passed 4-0.

Old Business

None.

Discussion Items

None.

Comments from Commissioners

Vice President Griggs apologized for speaking on behalf of the Board during the past week. He reported attending a Champaign County Design and Conservation meeting where Don Olson spoke on the Kickapoo Trail. Vice President Griggs requested that Mr. Olson be invited to present a slide show on the trail at a future Board meeting. The Board was agreeable and Mr. DeLuce was directed to contact Mr. Olson for scheduling.

Commissioner Solon commented that perhaps some of the remarks Vice President Griggs provided to the media were from past executive sessions. She requested that in the future, items discussed in executive session not be discussed until the minutes for that meeting are released.

Commissioner McMahon inquired about Board members being able to participate remotely. Ms. Harvey stated the Park District has a policy and she would provide it to him.

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 Vice President Griggs. The motion passed 4-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Approved:

Joseph A. Petry, President

Cindy Harvey, Secretary