

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

January 24, 2018

The Champaign Park District Board of Commissioners held a Special Meeting on Wednesday, January 24, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. at the Bresnan Meeting Center, 706 Kenwood Road, Champaign, Illinois, pursuant to published notice duly given. President Craig W. Hays presided over the meeting.

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

Absent: Treasurer Donna Lawson

Staff Present: Joe DeLuca, Executive Director, Cindy Harvey, Assistant to the Executive Director/Board Secretary, Andrea Wallace, Director of Finance, Daniel Olson, Director of Operations, Jameel Jones, Director of Recreation, Tammy Hoggatt, Director of Human Resources, and Andrew Weiss, Director of Planning.

Call to Order

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

Presentation to Outgoing Treasurer Gary Wackerlin

President Hays stated that Gary Wackerlin started in 1985 as treasurer of the Champaign Park District; in 2005 as treasurer of the Champaign Parks Foundation; and in 1999 as a Park Commissioner. He noted that during his time on the Foundation Board, Mr. Wackerlin not only served as the treasurer, but was also well-reasoned in his remarks. President Hays stated although he was not a voting member, he was a valued member. On behalf of the Park Board and the Foundation Board, President Hays presented Mr. Wackerlin with a plaque in recognition of his outstanding service to the Champaign Park District as Park District treasurer from 1985 to 2018; Foundation treasurer from 2005 to 2018; and Park Commissioner in 1999. He also presented Mr. Wackerlin with a pen and letter opener set as well as a lifetime membership to he and his wife to the Leonhard Recreation Center.

Mr. Wackerlin noted that the presentation means a lot to him because of his years of affiliation with the Park District. He stated that it has been a privilege to serve the community and the Park District. Mr. Wackerlin told the Board that they have tremendous assets to steward and are privileged to do that. He wished them all well.

President Hays commended that the Park District will miss 32 years of experience.

Presentations

Centennial High School Project Update

Elizabeth Stegmaier, Director of Capital Projects with Champaign Unit 4 School District, presented the Centennial High School project update. She reported that Unit 4 will let the project for bid next month or two with an anticipated construction commencing in April.

Sean Widener, Vice President of Clark Dietz, Inc. presented the overall site plan for the project. He discussed the proposed drainage plan and property lines, as well as the prospect of an intergovernmental agreement. Mr. Widener discussed the proposed request for coordination between Unit 4 and the Park District to construct a dry detention on park land in Centennial Park. He addressed the Park District's possible need for a detention basin due to the proposed expansion of the operations facility and a desire to come up with a plan that may be beneficial to both

governmental bodies. Discussion ensued. Park Commissioners questioned why the need to build the detention on park land and whether it would be beneficial to the Park District. The Board directed staff and Farnsworth Group to meet with Clark Dietz to discuss the matter.

Heritage Park Trail

Sean Widener, Vice President of Clark Dietz, Inc., presented the Greenbelt Bikeway status update. He discussed the preliminary findings, stakeholder update, and next steps. He proposed two options, Option A and Option B plus alternate options for the project. Clark Dietz, Inc. recommends Option A. Discussion ensued. Mr. Widener responded to questions from the Board and staff. The next steps include the funding approach, submitting a formal request to the Illinois Commerce Commissioner (ICC), applying for grants, completing the design, and bidding and awarding the bid for the project. It was a consensus of the Board to move forward with the project.

Comments from the Public

There were no comments from the public.

New Business

Readdress the Illinois Futball (IFC) Agreement

Mr. DeLuce presented the report. He reported that the agreement presented and approved by the Board was for five years with an option to renew for an additional five years. Mr. DeLuce reported that John Moore with IFC was in audience. He stated that IFC would prefer a ten (10) years agreement. Staff recommends approving the agreement for a ten (10) year term.

Commissioner Kuhl made a motion to approve the term of the agreement for ten (10) years. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Solon. The motion passed 5-0.

Discussion Items

Health Insurance for Employees

Ms. Hoggatt presented the report and answered questions from the Board. She reported that the initial recommendation from Health Alliance to the Benefits Advisory Committee (BAC) was for a 16% increase, but was revised to offer 3%. Ms. Hoggatt stated that BAC's proposal is to use the risk share to buy down the increase to a decrease of 2.64%. The recommendation will be presented to the City Council for consideration on February 5, 2018 and to the Park Commissioners on February 14, 2018. Discussion ensued. Commissioner Kuhl noted that this is a tremendous benefit for staff. Commissioner Solon concurred.

This item will be placed on the consent agenda at the February 14, 2018 Regular meeting for approval.

Resolution Authorizing Cash in Lieu of Health Insurance Benefits as IMRF Reportable Earnings

Ms. Wallace presented the report. She reported that the cash in lieu of health insurance is significantly less than the employee's cost to purchase health insurance pursuant to pension code changes, IMRF amended its definition and the effect of cash in lieu of health insurance. The Board has the option to approve a resolution and file it with IMRF to permit reporting of "cash in lieu" to be deemed reportable earnings. If the Board does not approve a resolution, reporting will cease with the next payroll in February.

Attorney Hall stated that in the past cash in lieu of health insurance was not required to be reported, but it was reported pursuant to an interpretation of the IMRF manual with a resolution. He discussed options.

Discussion ensued. Attorney Hall responded to questions from the Board and read an email received from Beth Clark with IMRF which indicated that if no resolution is passed, the Park District should cease reporting earnings as of February 1, 2018. He suggested the Board send a confirming letter to IMRF if it chooses not to pass a resolution.

President Hays asked the Commissioners whether they want to pass a resolution to include cash in lieu of health insurance as reportable earnings. There was a unanimous consensus by the Board to not adopt a resolution.

Commissioner Kuhl suggested that staff review the amended pension code to determine if there are additional changes. Staff will send the Board information regarding IMRF reportable earnings.

Comments from Commissioners

Mr. DeLuce reported that Mr. Weiss will lead tours of Housing Authority of Champaign County building on Thursday at noon and Friday at 4 p.m.

Commissioner Kuhl asked if there was residual smoke smell in the Virginia Theatre from the fire at the nearby church. Mr. DeLuce responded no.

Adjourn

There being no further items to come before the Board, Commissioner Kuhl made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Solon. The motion passed 5-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Craig W. Hays, President

Cindy Harvey, Secretary