

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

February 27, 2008

The Champaign Park District Board of Commissioners held a Special Board Meeting on Wednesday, February 27, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. at the Bresnan Meeting Center, 706 Kenwood Road, Champaign, Illinois, and published pursuant to notice duly given. President Kuhl presided over the meeting.

Present: President Barbara Kuhl, Vice President Jane Solon, Commissioners Alvin Griggs and Joseph Petry, Treasurer Gary Wackerlin and Attorney Guy Hall

Absent: Commissioner Newton Dodds

Staff present: Bobbie Herakovich, Executive Director/Secretary, Jan Plotner, Director of Finance, Joe DeLuce, Director of Recreation, Jim Spencer, Director of Operations, Laura Auteberry, Marketing and Development Director, and Terri Gibble, Park Planner

Others: Ted Flickinger, Executive Director of Illinois Association of Park Districts

Call to Order

President Kuhl called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Action Items

Consideration of Approval of a Temporary Construction and Access Easement

Mr. Spencer presented the staff report on the request from Broeren Russo Construction, Inc. for a Temporary Construction and Access Easement to enable the construction of an apartment structure adjacent to Washington Park. He reported that the period of construction for this temporary construction and access easement would commence March 10, 2008 and end August 1, 2009. Mr. Spencer stated that staff recommended Board approval of the easement in compliance with the Park Districts ordinance.

President Kuhl requested that staff provide a drawing for future requests.

The Board discussed the Park District's Easement Ordinance in depth and noted concerns with its duration.

Commissioner Griggs made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Petry to approve the Temporary Construction and Access Easement, directed staff to review the Easement Ordinance's fees and timeframes, and inform the University of Illinois of the project. The motion passed 4-0.

Consideration of Approval of a Bid for Construction of a Dog Park

Ms. Herakovich reported that staff recommended awarding the bid for construction of the dog park to the lowest bidder, Stark Construction, in the bid amount of \$119,561.20. She stated that staff will present a change order at the March Board meeting to lower the cost of construction.

Mr. Spencer stated that he felt confident that staff would be able to reduce the price by approximately \$20,000. He indicated that the project would still be over the budgeted amount of \$75,000.

Ms. Herakovich stated that the \$25,000 difference would come out of the capital budget.

Commissioner Petry made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Griggs to accept staff recommendation to approve Alternate 1 – award the contract for the base bid to the low bidder, Stark Construction, at \$199,561.20 and authorize staff to enter negotiations with the contractor to lower cost by eliminating some work and accomplishing other work in-house, and that the Marmion Family donation be 51% of the Park District's base expenses.

Discussion ensued. It was decided that the Marmion Family will not be entitled to naming rights if they do not raise 51% of the base cost.

The motion passed 3-1, with Vice President Solon opposed.

Recess to Closed Session

Commissioner Petry made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Griggs to convene into Executive Session under the Illinois Open Meetings Act, specifically 5 ILCS, Par. 120/2(c)(16) to conduct a self evaluation with a representative of a statewide association of which the public body is a member. Upon roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Commissioner Petry – yes; Vice President Solon – yes; President Kuhl – yes; and Commissioner Griggs - yes. The motion passed 4-0.

Reconvene to Special Meeting

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

Comments from Commissioners

None

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Petry made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Griggs to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 4-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Approved:

Barbara J. Kuhl, President

Bobbie Herakovich, Secretary