

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

**October 8, 2008**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

The Champaign Park District Board of Commissioners held a Public Hearing on Wednesday, October 8, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Bresnan Meeting Center, 706 Kenwood Road, Champaign, Illinois, and pursuant to notice duly published September 29, 2008. President Kuhl presided over the Hearing.

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

Absent: Commissioner Alvin Griggs

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

Other staff were present as well as members of the public.

President Kuhl reported that the purpose of the public hearing was to discuss and receive comments on the intent to issue \$975,000 in General Obligation Bonds. She reported that the public hearing was advertised in *The News-Gazette* on September 29, 2008.

President Kuhl called for comments from the public. There were no public comments received.

Commissioner Petry made a motion to close the Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by Vice President Solon to close the Public Hearing. The motion passed 4-0.

**REGULAR MEETING**

President Kuhl called to order the Regular Board Meeting immediately following the Public Hearing, pursuant to notice duly given to all parties entitled thereto. President Kuhl presided over the meeting.

Upon roll call, the Commissioners, Officers and staff present at the Public Hearing were in attendance at the Regular Meeting as well as other staff members and members of the public.

**Comments from the Public**

There were no comments from the public.

**Communication**

President Kuhl circulated the communication.

**Presentations**

None

**Treasurer's Report**

Consideration of Acceptance of the Treasurer's Report for the Month of September

Treasurer Wackerlin presented the Treasurer's Report for the month of September 2008. He stated that the Park District's finances have been reviewed and found to be in appropriate order.

Commissioner Dodds made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for the month of September 2008. The motion was seconded by Vice President Solon. The motion passed 4-0.

## **Executive Director's Report**

### Volunteer of the Month

Sharon Lawhead was chosen as volunteer of the month for October for her volunteer efforts at the Virginia Theatre. Jody Groff, Special Events and Volunteers Coordinator, stated that Ms. Lawhead is a long time Virginia Theatre volunteer and sets the standard for volunteer work ethic and takes great pride in all she does. Ms. Groff presented Ms. Lawhead with a Certificate of Appreciation, gift certificate and a bag of goodies from the Park District.

Ms. Herakovich reported that the Park District was hosting a Legislative Breakfast on Monday, October 13, 2008 at the Virginia Theatre. She stated that Senator Mike Frerichs, Representatives Bill Black, Shane Cultra, and Naomi Jakobsson will be in attendance. Ms. Herakovich reported that the Champaign County Forest Preserve and Urbana Park District Boards have been invited to the breakfast.

Ms. Herakovich reported that staff will provide information about the capital budget for the next fiscal year at the October 22, 1008 Study Session. She asked the Board to start thinking about projects they would like to see funded.

Ms. Herakovich reported that a joint City/School District/Park District meeting will be held on October 20, 2008 at 7 p.m. at the Champaign Public Library.

### **Attorney's Report**

None

### **President's Report**

None

### **Consent Agenda**

President Kuhl stated that Consent Agenda items were items that had been discussed at a Study Session meeting or were considered routine in nature. These items were:

1. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, September 10, 2008
2. Minutes of the Closed Session Meeting, September 10, 2008
3. Minutes of the Study Session Meeting, September 24, 2008
4. Awarding a bid to purchase a mini van to the lowest, responsive bidder, Shelby Motors of Champaign, in the amount of \$20,855 (including trade-in)
5. Awarding a bid and authorizing the Executive Director to execute a contract for Sealcoat and Line Striping of Parking Lots of various sites, except the Bresnan Lot, to the lowest, responsive bidder, Cross Construction, Inc. of Urbana, in the amount of \$28,147.87
6. Awarding a bid for the construction of Johnston Park path to the lowest, responsive bidder, Feutz Construction, at the bid price of \$91,211.20

Vice President Solon made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Petry to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion passed 4-0.

### **Action Items**

#### Consideration of Approval of Ordinance No. 533: Providing for Disposal of Personal Property

President Kuhl stated that staff recommended Board approval of Ordinance No. 533: An Ordinance Providing for Disposal of Personal Property owned by the Champaign Park District, which will allow staff to dispose of one 1995 Pontiac Grand Am Sedan.

Commissioner Petry made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 533. The motion was seconded by Vice President Solon. The motion passed 4-0.

### Showmobile Rates

President Kuhl stated that staff recommended Board approval of the new showmobile rental rates as presented.

Discussion ensued about implementing an out-of-town fee in addition to the proposed base rate, hourly rate and rate for additional amenities. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Board that a \$2.00 per mile rate be assessed for out of Champaign rentals.

Vice President Solon made a motion to approve the new showmobile rental rates. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Petry. The motion passed 4-0.

### Dodds Park Review of Master Plan and Remaining Projects

Ms. Herakovich stated that staff recommended Board approval to fund the following three projects in FY 2008-09 in the Dodds Park Complex: purchase and install a playground; install a path from the soccer parking lot to the soccer fields; and widen the south soccer parking lot entrance off Parkland Way. In addition, staff recommends that the Board consider funding the remaining three projects in future budget years.

Vice President Solon made a motion to approve funding of the three projects in FY 2008-09 in the Dodds Park Complex and consider funding the remaining three projects in future budget years. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Petry. The motion passed 4-0.

### Request for use of Property for the Purpose of Parking at the Tennis Center

Ms. Herakovich stated that staff recommended Board approval to pursue a request from Carle Foundation Hospital to lease parking spaces from the Park District at the Tennis Center assuming an acceptable agreement can be attained.

Vice President Solon made a motion to approve staff's request to pursue the request with Carle Foundation Hospital to lease parking space at the Tennis Center. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Petry. The motion passed 4-0.

## **New Business**

### Consideration of Approval of List of Bills for September 2008

Staff recommended that the List of Bills for September 2008 be approved.

Commissioner Dodds made a motion to approve the List of Bills for August 2008. The motion was seconded by Vice President Solon. The motion passed 4-0.

### Consideration of Approval of an Agreement with the Fountain Head Drainage District

President Kuhl stated that staff recommended Board approval of an agreement between the Park District and the Fountain Head Drainage District for development at Porter Park.

Commissioner Dodds made a motion to approve the agreement with the Fountain Head Drainage District. Commissioner Petry seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

### Consideration of Approval of a Transfer from General Fund to Capital Improvements Fund

President Kuhl stated that staff recommended Board approval to transfer of \$100,000 from the General Fund to the Capital Improvements Fund.

Commissioner Petry made a motion to approve the transfer from General Fund to Capital Improvements Fund. The motion was seconded by Vice President Solon. The motion passed 4-0.

### Consideration of Approval to Solicit Bids for the Issuance of \$975,000 in General Obligation Bonds

President Kuhl stated that staff recommended that the Board confirm authorizing the Treasurer to solicit bids for the issuance of \$975,000 in bonds for the purpose of providing funds to pay for the building,

maintaining, improving and protecting the parks and boulevards of the District and for the payment of expenses incident thereto, as provided in a resolution adopted by the Board at its Regular Meeting held September 10, 2008.

Commissioner Dodds stated that he does not think that the Park District should proceed with the issuance of bonds. Ms. Plotner stated that she will follow up with the Park District's bond counsel to find out if it would be best to delay the issuance of bonds.

President Kuhl stated that she did not see a concern with the bidding process because the Park District has the right to reject the bids.

Commissioner Petry made a motion to confirm authorizing the Treasurer to solicit bids for the issuance of \$975,000 in bonds. The motion was seconded by Vice President Solon. The motion passed 3-1, with Commissioner Dodds voting no.

#### Consideration of Approval of a Resolution Estimating Taxes to be Levied for FY 2009-2010

Ms. Herakovich stated that staff recommended Board approval of the proposed Resolution setting the tax levy for fiscal year beginning May 1, 2009 and ending April 30, 2010 at \$10,025,513 and scheduling a public hearing on the Tax Levy Ordinance for Wednesday, November 12, 2008 at 7 p.m. at the Bresnan Meeting Center as required by the Truth in Taxation Act.

Discussion ensued about the proposed tax levy amount. She stated that staff will create a fact sheet for the Board's use.

Commissioner Dodds made a motion to approve the Resolution estimating taxes to be levied for FY 2009-10. The motion was seconded by Vice President Solon. The motion passed 4-0.

#### **Old Business**

None

#### **Discussion Items**

##### Draft of Land Donation Conditions

Ms. Gibble presented a draft of suggested conditions when considering easements and park and trail donations.

Discussion ensued. Ms. Herakovich asked the Board to review the suggested conditions and give any comments to Ms. Gibble. She stated that after the conditions have been finalized, they will be presented to the Board for approval.

#### **Comments from Commissioners**

None

#### **Adjourn**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Dodds made a motion, seconded by Vice President Solon to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 4-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Approved:

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Barbara J. Kuhl, President

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Bobbie Herakovich, Secretary