

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

**February 11, 2009**

The Champaign Park District Board of Commissioners held a Regular Board Meeting on Wednesday, February 11, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Bresnan Meeting Center, 706 Kenwood Road, Champaign, Illinois, pursuant to notice duly given. President Kuhl presided over the meeting.

Present: President Barbara Kuhl, Commissioners Newton Dodds, Alvin Griggs, and Joseph Petry, Treasurer Gary Wackerlin and Attorney Guy Hall

Absent: Vice President Jane Solon

Staff: 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, Terri Gobble, Park Planner, Tammy Hoggatt, Human Resources Manager, and Cindy Harvey, Administrative Assistant

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

**Call to Order**

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

**Comments from the Public**

There were no comments from the public.

**Communications**

President Kuhl circulated the communications.

**Treasurer's Report**

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

Treasurer Wackerlin presented the Treasurer's Report for the month of January 2009. He stated that the Park District's finances have been reviewed and found to be in appropriate order.

Commissioner Petry made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for the month of January 2009. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Griggs. The motion passed 4-0.

**Executive Director's Report**

Staff Introductions

Ms. Herakovich introduced Lisa Sprinkle the new Marketing Coordinator. She also introduced Clair McInnis a journalism student in her last semester at the University of Illinois.

Volunteer of the Month

Tim Born was chosen as Volunteer of the Month for February. Mr. DeLuce reported that Mr. Born has coached Youth Hoops basketball since December 2007. He stated that Mr. Born always does a great job and exemplifies the values of sportsmanship that the Park District tries

to teach young children. He was presented a certificate of appreciation, gift certificate and bag of goodies from the Park District.

#### Champaign Fire and Heat Wheelchair Basketball Teams

Tony Oligney-Estill, Director of the Champaign-Urbana Special Recreation Program, introduced Mina Mojtahedi, coach of the Champaign Fire and Heat Wheelchair Basketball teams.

Ms. Mojtahedi provided a brief overview of the Champaign Fire and the Champaign Heat basketball teams. Champaign Fire is an adult wheelchair basketball program. She stated that the Fire finished second in the nation in the National Wheelchair Basketball Association and has a record of 24-6 this season. Ms. Mojtahedi stated that this is the second season for the teams. She reported that currently the Park District does not offer any physical activity opportunities for kids with physical disabilities. Ms. Mojtahedi stated that children with physical disabilities have had to travel as far as Peoria to participate in sports on a weekly basis. Champaign Heat is a youth wheelchair basketball program, with some support from CUSR. The Heat roster has tripled since its inception a year and a half ago, so there appears to be a high level of interest in the program. Ms. Mojtahedi reported that currently the program is run by student athletes at the University of Illinois, resulting in a high turnover in organizers and coaches for the Heat. She stated that the program needs a foundation within the community, such as within the Park District, in order to assure continuity of the program. The Heat team parents and kids are seeking more organizational and managerial support from the Park District.

Margaret McNamara and Julie Pryde, parents of participants, discussed the positive impact the program has had in their children's' lives; the opportunity to be physically active; how enriching it is for the kids to play sports with their peers on equal terms; and having adults (athletes) with physical disabilities as role models. The children have the opportunity to participate in sports locally and not have to travel hours away to do so. They learn independence as well as healthy lifestyles through physical activity.

#### Park and Trails Guideline Policy

Ms. Herakovich reported that the Park and Trails Guideline Policy will be presented to the Board at the February Study Session meeting.

#### Government Finance Officers Award (GFOA)

Ms. Herakovich reported that the Park District received a qualified GFOA Distinguished Budget Award, and she acknowledged Ms. Plotner's efforts in attaining the achievement.

#### Garden Hills Award

Ms. Herakovich reported that the Garden Hills Initiative program received the 2009 Audrey Nelson Community Development Achievement Award- "Honorable Mention".

#### 2009 IPRA/IAPD Conference Report

Ms. Herakovich thanked the Board for the opportunity to attend the 2009 IPRA/IAPD Annual Conference in Chicago and for making funds available for staff to attend. She stated that she felt that it was important for staff to attend the Conference.

#### **Attorney's Report**

Attorney Hall presented for Board approval Ordinance No. 538: An Ordinance Annexing Territory Pursuant to Petition (2404 North Mattis Street) into the Champaign Park District.

Commissioner Griggs made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 538. Commissioner Petry seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

### **President's Report**

President Kuhl reported that the Land Dedication Task Force is moving closer to an agreement that can work for all parties. She stated that the Park District should take a look at the comprehensive plan that City staff is putting together.

Commissioner Dodds commented that the Park District operates under a set of guidelines mandated by the State. He expressed his concern that the Park District be cautious about taking direction from the City of Champaign.

Commissioner Petry thanked President Kuhl for her efforts in trying to move the land dedication matter forward. President Kuhl stated that there would not have been enough votes to pass it and that a collaborative effort with developers will work. Commissioner Griggs also thanked President Kuhl for her efforts.

### **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 Study Session Meeting, January 12, 2009
2. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, January 12, 2009
3. Minutes of the Closed Session Meeting, January 12, 2009
4. Awarding the Bid for Brochure Printing and Mailing preparation to the low bidder, Premier Print Group, in the amount of \$67,000.00
5. Awarding the Bid for Pool Chemicals to the low bidder, Brenntag South, at a projected cost of \$42,092.00

Commissioner Dodds made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Griggs. The motion passed 4-0.

### **Action Items**

#### Consideration of Approval Awarding a Bid for Scott Park

President Kuhl stated that this item was discussed at the Study Session meeting. She suggested that the Board decide on whether to include all or part of the Alternates by reviewing them individually. After reviewing the Alternates individually, it was the consensus of the Board to consider the base bid plus Alternates 1, 3, 4, 5, and 6.

Commissioner Dodds made a motion to approve awarding the base bid and Alternates 1, 3, 4, 5, and 6 for Scott Park to Petry-Kuhne at a cost of \$718,265. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Griggs. The motion passed 3-0, with Commissioner Petry abstaining.

Commissioner Dodds expressed this opinion that in close bidding situations the Park District give due consideration to local taxpaying businesses.

President Kuhl stated that she would like further clarification on bidding processes.

#### Consideration of Approval Awarding a Bid for Toalson Park

President Kuhl stated that staff recommended that the bid for the work in Toalson Park be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, Feutz Construction, at the bid price of \$264,625.80.

Commissioner Griggs made a motion to approve awarding the bid for Toalson Park to Feutz Construction at the bid price of \$264,625.80. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dodds. The motion passed 4-0.

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

President Kuhl stated that staff recommended approval of a contract for health insurance with the City of Champaign.

Commissioner Dodds made a motion to approve a contract for health insurance with Health Alliance Medical Plans, Inc. through the City of Champaign. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Griggs. The motion passed 4-0.

#### Consideration of Approval of a Request for Easements in Dodds Park

President Kuhl stated that staff recommended approval of the requests from DreamShop Properties, LLC for easements in Dodds Park in compliance with the Park District Ordinance No. 459 at a fee of \$2,755 to be paid before construction begins.

Commissioner Dodds made a motion to approve the easement request in Dodds Park. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Griggs. The motion passed 4-0.

#### Consideration of Approval of the Revised Orientation of New Board Members Policy

Ms. Herakovich reported that the Illinois Association of Park Districts recommended that new board members receive additional information and that orientation the policy be revised.

Commissioner Petry made a motion to approve the revised Orientation of New Board Members Policy. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Petry. The motion passed 4-0.

#### Consideration of Approval of the Capital Improvements Budget

President Kuhl stated that staff recommended approval of the FY 2009-10 Capital Budget.

Commissioner Dodds made a motion to approve the Capital Budget with the exception of the funds for improvements to Hallbeck Park. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Griggs. The motion passed 4-0.

### **New Business**

#### Consideration of Approval of List of Bills for January 2009

Staff recommended that the List of Bills for January 2009 be approved.

Commissioner Griggs made a motion to approve the List of Bills for January 2009. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dodds. The motion passed 4-0.

#### Consideration of Approval for Authorization to Forward Abatement Certificate

Ms. Herakovich reported that staff was seeking Board authorization to forward the Tax Abatement Certificate to the Champaign County Clerk. She stated that this is an annual process and that it is necessary to keep in compliance with the Alternate Revenue Bond and Debt limitations.

Commissioner Dodds made a motion to authorize forwarding Abatement Certificate to the Champaign County Clerk. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Griggs. The motion passed 4-0.

Thereafter, Commissioner Dodds commented about stewardship of public funds, although there can be extraordinary needs that have to be addressed from time to time.

**Old Business**

None

**Discussion Items**

None

**Comments from Commissioners**

None

**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)(6) the setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body and Par. 120/2(c)(21) for the discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this Act, whether for purpose of approval by body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06. Upon roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Commissioner Petry – yes; Commissioner – Dodds; President Kuhl – yes; and Commissioner Griggs – yes. The motion passed 4-0.

**Return to Regular Meeting**

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

**Closed Session Items - Action**

Consideration of Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with Hallbeck Homes

Commissioner Petry made a motion to table this item. Commissioner Griggs seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

**Adjourn**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Dodds made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Petry. The motion passed 4-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Approved:

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Barbara J. Kuhl, President

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Bobbie Herakovich, Secretary