

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

November 13, 2013

The Champaign Park District Board of Commissioners held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, November 13, 2013 at 5:30 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, Commissioners Barbara Kuhl, Jane Solon, and Timothy McMahon, and Attorney Guy Hall.

Absent: Vice President Alvin Griggs

Staff: Cindy Harvey, Executive Assistant/Assistant Secretary.

Present at the meeting were Mr. Keith Frankland and Ms. Jane Hodgkinson of Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates (HYA).

Call to Order

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

Convene into Closed Session

Commissioner Kuhl made a motion to convene into closed session according to the provisions stated below. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Solon. The motion passed 5-0. Upon roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Commissioner Solon – yes; Commissioner McMahon – yes; President Petry – yes; and Commissioner Kuhl – yes. The Board convened into Closed Session at 5:35 p.m. under the Illinois Open Meetings Act, specifically 5 ILCS, Par. 120/2(c)(1) for the discussion of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, or legal counsel for the public body.

After the closed session, the Board reconvened in Open Session to conduct a Public Hearing.

Public Hearing

The Champaign Park District Board of Commissioners held a Public Hearing on Wednesday, November 13, 2013 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, Commissioners Barbara Kuhl, Jane Solon, and Timothy McMahon, Treasurer Gary Wackerlin, and Attorney Guy Hall.

Absent: Vice President Alvin Griggs

Staff: Bobbie Herakovich, Executive Director/Secretary, Joe DeLuca, Deputy Director, Andrea Wallace, Director of Finance, J.R. Pope, Superintendent of Planning and Operations, Laura Auteberry, Marketing and Development Director, Andrew Weiss, Planner, Megan Kuhlenschmidt, Sports & Aquatics Manager, and Cindy Harvey, Executive Assistant.

Other staff and members of the public were present.

Open Public Hearing

President Petry opened the Public Hearing. He reported that the purpose of the public hearing was to discuss and receive public comments on the proposed Property Tax Levy for the year commencing May 1, 2014 and ending April 30, 2015. A notice of the proposed 2014-2015 Tax Levy was published in *The News-Gazette* on November 1, 2013 in compliance with State Statute.

Public Comments Regarding Tax Levy

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

Close the Public Hearing

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

Reconvene into Open Meeting

The Board reconvened into its Regular Open Meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Comments from the Public

President Petry called for comments from the public. There were none.

Communications

President Petry circulated the communications.

Treasurer's Report

Consideration of Acceptance of the Treasurer's Report for the Month of October 2013

Treasurer Wackerlin reported that staff recommended acceptance of the Treasurer's Report for the month of October 2013.

Commissioner Solon made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for the month of October 2013. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McMahon. The motion passed 4-0.

Executive Director's Report

Volunteer of the Month

Mr. Gleason reported that Seamus Reilly was chosen as Volunteer of the Month for October. Mr. Reilly was chosen for volunteering to coach the Dodds United select soccer teams. He was presented with a certificate of appreciation and a bag of goodies.

The Board thanked Mr. Reilly for his efforts.

General Announcements

Ms. Herakovich reported that the Operations Department is working hard on bocce ball and the horseshoes left at Centennial Park as well as cleaning up the area.

Ms. Herakovich reported that with Ms. Auteberry working with a Champaign Parks Foundation member, the Foundation is looking forward to receiving a \$15,000 donation to help fund youth scholarships from Midland States Bank.

Finally, Ms. Herakovich reported that the Park District will be partnering with the U of I Arboretum Committee on trials and annual plans. The committee will be working on placing plants along trail areas.

Report of Officers

Attorney's Report

None

President's Report

President Petry reported that he is associated with the Illinois Association of Park Districts (IAPD). One of the things the association is doing is thanking member agencies. Champaign has been a member of IAPD for many years and has provided a great deal of leadership over the years. President Petry stated that if there are matters that IAPD can be doing better, please let him know

and he will communicate them to the IAPD Board and Peter Murphy. President Petry is excited to see that several Board members and staff will attend the Annual IAPD/IPRA Conference in January 2014. He noted that Mr. DeLuce, Ms. Wallace, Mr. Hall and he attended the IAPD Legal Symposium on November 7, 2013.

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 addressed separately. The items are as follows:

1. Minutes of the Special Board Meeting, September 25, 2013
2. Minutes of the Closed Session Meeting, September 25, 2013
3. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, October 9, 2013
4. Approval Inserting Joseph Petry as Delegate, Alvin Griggs as 1st Alternate, Jane Solon as 2nd Alternate and Joe DeLuce as 3rd Alternate to the IAPD/IPRA Credentials Certificate

Commissioner Kuhl made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Solon. The motion passed 4-0.

New Business

Consideration of Approval of Disbursements as of October 10, 2013

President Petry reported that staff recommended approval of disbursements for the period beginning October 10, 2013 and ending November 13, 2013.

Commissioner Solon made a motion to approve disbursements for the period beginning October 10, 2013 and ending November 13, 2013. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McMahon. The motion passed 4-0.

Consideration of Approval Designating an Honorary Commissioner(s) for 2013

Ms. Herakovich reported that staff requested Board approval designating an Honorary Commissioner(s) for 2013. Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Kuhl made a motion to approve designating Representative Naomi Jakobsson and Charlie Finn as Honorary Commissioners for 2013. The motion was seconded by President Petry. The motion passed 4-0.

Consideration of Approval to Pay off 2012 Bond Issue

President Petry reported that staff requested Board approval to pay off the 2012 bond issue in the amount of \$1,060,550.09 due November 30, 2013.

Commissioner Solon made a motion to approve the pay off of the 2012 bond issue. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McMahon. The motion passed 4-0.

Consideration of Approval Awarding a Bid for General Obligation Bonds

President Petry reported that staff requested that the Board accept the low bid from Busey Bank at 0.64% for the annual \$1,068,000 General Obligation Bond issue.

Commissioner Solon made a motion to approve accepting the low bid from Busey Bank at 0.64% for the \$1,068,000 bond issue. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McMahon. The motion passed 4-0.

Consideration of Adoption of Ordinance No. 575 Bond Ordinance

President Petry reported that staff recommended adoption of Ordinance No. 575: An Ordinance authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Park Bonds (Limited Tax), Series 2013, of the Champaign Park District, Champaign County, Illinois, and providing the details of such Bonds and for the levy of direct annual taxes to pay such bonds and related matters.

Commissioner Kuhl made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 575. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Solon. Upon roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Commissioner Solon – yes; Commissioner McMahon – yes; President Petry – yes; and Commissioner Kuhl – yes. The motion passed 4-0. A copy of Ordinance No. 575 is attached to the minutes.

Consideration of Adoption of Ordinance No. 576: Tax Levy Ordinance

President Petry reported that staff recommended adoption of Ordinance No. 576: An Ordinance to Levy Property Taxes in the amount of \$11,381,395 for FY beginning May 1, 2014 and ending April 30, 2015.

Commissioner Solon made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 576. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McMahon. Upon roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Commissioner Solon – yes; Commissioner McMahon – yes; President Petry – yes; and Commissioner Kuhl – yes. The motion passed 4-0. A copy of Ordinance No. 576 is attached to the minutes.

Consideration of Approval of a Contract with Ratio Architects

Staff is requesting Board approval authorizing staff to negotiate a contract with Ratio Architects for creation of design and construction documents for Douglass Park redevelopment.

Ms. Herakovich reported that the Park District is proceeding with the Douglass Park re-development grant application. She stated that staff would like to have the bid/construction documents prepared to move forward in the spring/summer 2014 if the Park District is successful in receiving the grant. The architect fees would be eligible for reimbursement. Discussion ensued.

Staff reported that the architects will hold a public meeting with residents to select the final design. Staff also reported that if the Park District is unsuccessful in receiving the grant, the plans would be finalized and the Park District would need to determine how to fund the project. There was discussion about surveying the area and engineers that will be used for the project. Staff reported that the budget amount for the project is approximately \$540,000; however, the OSLAD application amount was \$600,000.

Commissioner Solon made a motion to approve authorizing staff to negotiate a contract with Ratio Architects for creation of design and construction documents for Douglass Park redevelopment. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McMahon. The motion passed 4-0.

Consideration of Approval of a Request for Proposal for the Restoration of the Prayer for Rain Statue

President Petry reported that staff recommended approval of a request for proposal for the restoration of the Prayer for Rain Statue.

Ms. Herakovich reported that the Prayer for Rain statute is cited in many historical publications and people want to visit it when they come to town.

Mr. Pope reported that the Prayer for Rain pedestal continues to deteriorate. There is \$21,500 in the 2013/14 capital budget for limestone replacement and restoration work. Mr. Pope reported that the extent of this work and the schedule limitations of the firm that submitted a proposal will likely extend to Fiscal Year 2015 when \$63,900 could be allocated out of the FY14-15 capital funds. The proposed fees will be good through November 2014. Staff recommended that the Board approve accepting the request for proposal from Conservation of Sculpture and Objects Studio Inc. of Forest Park, Illinois, at the estimated cost of \$85,400 and authorize the Executive Director to execute a contract for the work. It was noted that the project might be suitable for fundraising efforts by the Champaign Parks Foundation. Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Kuhl made a motion to approve accepting the request for proposal from Conservation of Sculpture and Objects Studio Inc. of Forest Park, Illinois, at the estimated cost of \$85,400 and authorize the Executive Director to execute a contract for the work. The motion was seconded by

Commissioner Solon. The motion passed 4-0.

Consideration of Approval of a Bid for Hessel Park's Pavilion Fire Restoration Work

Ms. Herakovich reported that staff recommended the Board approve accepting the bid from Taylor'd Restorations Inc. of Champaign, Illinois for pavilion repair and restoration at Hessel Park in the bid amount of \$50,889.56 and authorize the Executive Director to execute a contract for the work. That company was the only bidder. She stated that the cost of the work is covered by insurance minus the \$1,000 deductible.

Commissioner Kuhl made a motion to approve accepting the bid from Taylor'd Restorations Inc. of Champaign, Illinois in the bid amount of \$50,889.56 and authorize the Executive Director to execute a contract for the work. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Solon. The motion passed 4-0.

Old Business

None

Discussion Items

New Leonhard Recreation Center Construction Budget Update

Mr. Weiss provided an update on the new Leonhard Recreation Center construction budget. He reported that the project is on schedule. Mr. DeLuce reported that staff was working on finalizing the equipment, security system and wiring.

New Leonhard Recreation Center Proposed Operating Budget

The Board was provided a revised proposed operating budget for the new Leonhard Recreation Center. Ms. Herakovich thanked Ms. Kuhlenschmidt, Mr. Oligney-Estill and the sports and aquatics staff for their efforts preparing it. Ms. Herakovich stated that the Park District does need to generate fees to help cover costs. Discussion ensued about the membership fees and fitness equipment. Staff answered questions posed by the Board.

Ms. Herakovich reported that staff will proceed with bidding the fitness equipment for presentation to the Board for consideration. Staff will determine percentage of cost recovery through membership dues for the new Leonhard Recreation Center. Mr. DeLuce responded that staff will follow up with the contractor. As an aside, he reported that staff was happy with the new ticketing system at the Virginia Theatre.

Commissioner Kuhl reported that a group of their friends "bought" an evening at the Virginia Theatre through the Rotary auction. The group was there to see the Great Gatsby. Commissioner Kuhl stated that she thinks that it exceeded everyone's expectations. Similar events may be opportunities for fundraising.

Commissioner Solon reported that she attended the showing of the movie "All About Eve". She stated that there was a nice turnout and Mr. Bentz and the staff did an excellent job.

Comments from Commissioners

Commissioner Solon reported that when the Rotary Club West held its meeting at the Virginia Theatre and were very impressed. She stated that Steven Bentz provided a nice tour of the theatre. She did notice that there was paint peeling off the floor at the theatre and suggested that the staff follow up with the contractor.

Reconvene into Closed Session

Commissioner Solon made a motion to convene into Closed Session according to the provisions stated below. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McMahon. The motion passed 4-0. Upon roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Commissioner Solon – yes; Commissioner McMahon – yes; President Petry – yes; and Commissioner Kuhl – yes. The Board convened into Closed Session at

5:35 p.m. under the Illinois Open Meetings Act, specifically 5 ILCS, Par. 120/2(c)(1) for the discussion of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, or legal counsel for the public body.

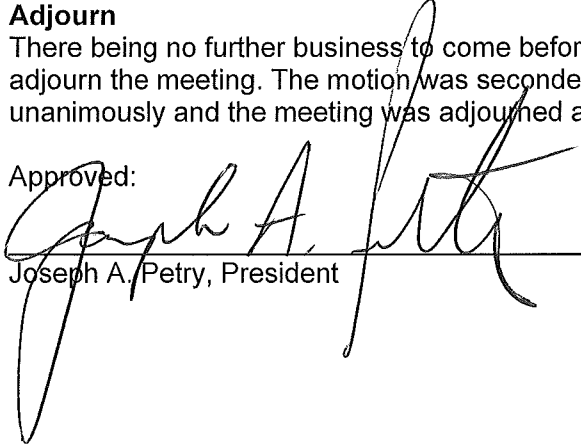
Reconvene Into Open Session

Following the adjournment of the Closed Session, the Board reconvened into the Open Meeting.

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 Commissioner McMahon. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Approved:



Joseph A. Petry, President



Bobbie Herakovich, Secretary