

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

October 9, 2019

PUBLIC HEARING

The Champaign Park District Board of Commissioners held a Public Hearing on Wednesday, October 9, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Bresnan Meeting Center, 706 Kenwood Road, Champaign, Illinois, pursuant to published notice duly given. President Hays presided over the hearing.

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

Staff Present: Joseph DeLuce, Executive Director, Cindy Harvey, Assistant to the Executive Director/Board Secretary, Andrea Wallace, Director of Finance, Dan Olson, Director of Operations, Jameel Jones, Director of Recreation and Andrew Weiss, Director of Planning.

Katie Bermingham, CPA, Manager with CliftonLarsonAllen, Jim Lopez, President of Broeren Russo Builders, Inc., and Jeannette Donaldson, Champaign resident.

Open the Public Hearing

President Hays opened the public hearing at 7:00 p.m. He stated the purpose of the public hearing was to discuss and receive comments on the intent to issue \$1,168,900 in General Obligation Bonds. He reported a notice of the public hearing was published in *The News-Gazette* on October 1, 2019.

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

Commissioner Kuhl made a motion to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Vice President Miller. The motion passed 5-0.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

The Champaign Park District Board of Commissioners held a Regular Board Meeting on Wednesday, October 9, 2019 immediately following the Public Hearing at the Bresnan Meeting Center, 706 Kenwood Road, Champaign, Illinois, pursuant to notice duly given. President Hays presided over the meeting.

The Commissioners, Officers, staff and public present at the Public Hearing were in attendance at the Regular Meeting.

Call to Order

President Hays called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Presentations

Audit

Katie Bermingham, CPA, Manager with CliftonLarsonAllen, presented the audit. She thanked Ms. Wallace and her team for preparing for the audit. She reviewed the audit process and highlighted areas of the Governance Letter, Financial Statements, and graphs. Ms. Bermingham reported that the Park District received an unmodified (clean) opinion. She also reviewed other areas of the financial statement.

The Board then thanked Ms. Bermingham for the presentation.

Bicentennial Center

Mr. DeLuce reported that staff is considering the possibility of relocating the Champaign-Urbana Special Recreation (CUSR) and other Park District programs to the Bicentennial Center for the next 10 years. He stated that staff hired Broeren Russo Builders, Inc. to provide a cost estimate to renovate the building.

Mr. Jim Lopez, President of Broeren Russo Builders, Inc., reported that the company was hired to study the space at the Bicentennial Center for future use by CUSR for the next 10 to 15 years. He presented the executive summary of findings as well as budget estimates. Discussion ensued. Mr. Lopez responded to questions by the Board. Further discussion ensued about the proposed construction schedule and contract with The Cage.

Ms. Wallace discussed the cost sharing between the Park District and Urbana Park District for CUSR. Mr. DeLuce staff that staff will seek Board direction on whether to move forward with the renovation at a future meeting.

Comments from the Public

There were no comments from the public.

Communications

President Hays circulated the communications.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Lawson reviewed the Treasurer's Report for the period September 1- 30, 2019 and found it to be in appropriate order.

Commissioner Solon made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for the period September 1-30, 2019. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McMahan. The motion passed 5-0.

Executive Director's Report

General Announcements

Mr. Olson reported that the Park District, with INDR's assistance, is introducing fall trout fishing at Kaufman Lake. The season opens at 5 a.m. on October 19, 2019. Mr. DeLuce reported that FlannelFest will be held October 11, 2019 at 5 p.m. in Hessel Park. He updated the Board on a video promoting the event called Flannel Fairy featuring Operations staff. Mr. DeLuce requested an earlier start time for the November 13, 2019 Regular Board meeting due to Board, Officers, and staff attending the Legal Symposium on November 14, 2019 in Oak Brook, IL. Discussion ensued. It was the consensus of the Board to begin the November 13, 2019 meeting at 5:45 p.m.

Committee and Liaison Reports

Champaign Parks Foundation

Commissioner Miller reported that the Foundation Board had not met.

Report of Officers

Attorney's Report

Mr. Hall reported that he is working on contracts related to the Martens Center.

President's Report

None.

Consent Agenda

President Hays stated that all items on the Consent Agenda are considered routine and shall be acted upon by one motion. President Hays reported that Consent Agenda Item 1 is being removed and shall be discussed separately.

2. Acceptance of the FY19 Audit Report as presented.
3. Approval of Ordinance No. 640, an ordinance providing for the disposal of personal property owned by the Champaign Park District of Champaign County, which will allow for the disposal of items listed in Attachment A.

Vice President Miller made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items 2 and 3. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Solon. The motion passed 5-0.

1. *Approval of a Donation Agreement between OSF Healthcare System, OSF Healthcare Heart of Mary Medical Center and the Park District*

Commissioner Kuhl expressed concern about the proposed location of the OSF name on the door and proposed transfer of rights to another building in the event something happens to the Martens Center. She also inquired about the effective date of the agreement. Mr. DeLuce stated that staff will revisit these issues and present the agreement at a future meeting.

New Business

Approval of Disbursements as of September 11, 2019

Vice President Miller made a motion to approve the list of disbursements for the period beginning September 11, 2019 and ending October 8, 2019. 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; Vice President Miller – yes; President Hays – yes; and Commissioner Kuhl – yes.

Approval to Solicit Bids for Issuance of General Obligation Bonds

Vice President Miller made a motion to approve and confirm authorizing the Treasurer and Director of Finance to solicit bids for the issuance of \$1,168,900 in General Obligation Bonds for the purpose of paying debt service on certain outstanding obligations and for financing, as applicable, the maintenance, improvements and protection of lands, buildings and parks, including land acquisition, and related design, facilities, improvements and costs, as provided in a resolution adopted by the Board at its Regular Meeting held September 11, 2019. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Solon. The motion passed 5-0.

Approval of a Resolution Estimating Taxes to be Levied for FY20-21

Ms. Wallace presented the report. She reported that the Board is required to pass a resolution setting the tax levy for the following fiscal year (FY) 2021. Afterwards, the staff will publish the Truth in Taxation notice, if required. She presented three options for consideration. Discussion ensued. After discussion, Commissioner Kuhl made a motion to table this item until the October 23, 2019 Special meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McMahon. The motion passed 5-0.

Approval of the Martens Center Project

Mr. DeLuce presented about the Martens Center. The update included discussion about associated cost and space needs with the Don Moyer Boys and Girls Club and Champaign County Regional Planning Commission, possible inclusion of a pool, PARC Grant, and other matters relating to the Martens Center. Staff responded to questions from the Board. Staff recommended proceeding with development and construction of the Martens Center at Human Kinetics Park pursuant to the previous assessments and evaluations by the Board. Discussion ensued about amenities and uses for the Martens Center.

Commissioner Kuhl made a motion to table this item. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McMahon. The motion passed 5-0.

Old Business

None.

Discussion Items

President Hays encouraged everyone to review the estimated budgets for the proposed Bicentennial Center as a facility for CUSR.

Comments from Commissioners

Commissioner Kuhl reported that a person approached her about problem trees in Morrissey Park and before she could pass the information on to staff, staff has already begun the cleanup. She thanked thank for their efforts. She also reported that she received a compliment about how Virginia Theatre staff handled the Bob Nutt concert. She also complimented the Virginia Theatre staff for their efforts.

Commissioner Solon commented on the thank you card in Board correspondence from Noel Park neighbors regarding the playground and other improvements to the park. She reported that she received pictures of children playing in the park and thanked staff for their efforts.

President Hays has attended programs at the Virginia Theatre the last week and found that both programs were great. He thanked the Virginia Theatre staff for their efforts.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Kuhl made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Vice President Miller. The motion passed 5-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 10.11 p.m.

Approved

Craig W. Hays, President

Cindy Harvey, Secretary