

**CHAMPAIGN PARK DISTRICT
MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
NOVEMBER 8, 2023**

The Champaign Park District held a Decennial Committee Meeting on Wednesday, November 8, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at the Bresnan Meeting Center, 706 Kenwood Road, Champaign, Illinois, pursuant to published notice duly given. President Craig W. Hays presided over the meeting.

Present: President Craig W. Hays, Commissioners Barbara J. Kuhl, Jane L. Solon, and Michael R. Somers, Sarah Sandquist, Executive Director, Jarrod Scheunemann, Deputy Executive Director/Board Secretary, Attorney Guy Hall, and Committee Member Amy Durukan.

Excused with prior notice duly given: Vice President Timothy P. McMahon and Committee Member Brian Davidson.

Staff Present: Andrea Wallace, Director of Finance, Dan Olson, Director of Operations and Planning, Heather Miller, Director of Human Resources, and Jimmy Gleason, Director of Facilities.

Sarah Rocknowski, Clara Bright, and three additional online attendees also joined the meeting.

Call to Order

President Hays called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Public Comments

Ms. Sarah Rocknowski, a resident of Mahomet, shared public comments in favor of conservation and new park development. Ms. Rocknowski expressed her interest in converting private property located near the intersection of Town Center Boulevard and Neil Street into public park space. She highlighted recreation and wildlife amenities to include within the restoration project.

President Hays thanked Ms. Rocknowski for her comments.

Ms. Clara Bright addressed the Board regarding prayers at the Douglass and Hays Centers.

President Hays thanked Ms. Bright for her comments and responded regarding senior meeting formats to accommodate both reflection and prayer.

Discussion

The committee meeting proceeded with an overview of the requirements of the Decennial Committee on Local Government Efficiency Act (50 ILCS 70/1, et seq). The committee reviewed a draft report regarding the Park District's governing statutes, ordinances, rules, procedures, powers, jurisdiction, shared services, intergovernmental agreements, and interrelationships with other governmental units and the State. Discussion and clarifications ensued regarding additional recommendations regarding accountability and efficiency that may be included within the final report. The third Decennial Committee on Local Government Efficiency meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 10, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the committee, Commissioner Kuhl made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Solon. The motion was unanimously approved to adjourn at 6:25 p.m.

Approved:

Craig W. Hays, Chair & President

Jarrod Scheunemann, Secretary