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

August 12, 2026

The Champaign Park District Board of Commissioners (Board) held a Regular Board Meeting on Wednesday, August 12, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. at the Bresnan Meeting Center, 706 Kenwood Road, Champaign, Illinois, this being the principal office of the Champaign Park District (Park District). The Regular Meeting occurred pursuant to published notice duly given. President Michael R. Somers presided over the meeting.

Present in person: President Michael R. Somers, Vice President Jane Solon, Commissioners Craig W. Hays, Barbara J Kuhl, and Tyler R. Rouse, Sarah Sandquist, Executive Director, Jarrod Schuenemann, Deputy Executive Director, Attorney Guy C. Hall, Courtney Kouzmanoff, Director of Finance, Bret Johnson, Director of Planning and Operations, Jeannie Robinson, Director of Recreation, Kathryn Glenn, Director of Human Resources, Jimmy Gleason, Director of Facilities & Technology, and Marguerite Bailey, Secretary/ Administrative Project Manager.

Present in the Audience: Jeanette Donaldson, Karen Roberson, Terry Townsend, Murial Jones, and Joseph Chamly.

Present virtually: Donna Lawson, Treasurer, and Michael Miller

REGULAR MEETING

A. CALL TO ORDER
President Somers called the Regular Meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

B. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC
The Board received comments from several community members in the audience regarding CU Days at Douglass Park. Ms. Donaldson shared with the Board her experiences at the Douglass Annex.

D. COMMUNICATIONS
None.

E. TREASURERS REPORT
Ms. Lawson presented the report. Vice President Solon moved to accept the Treasurer’s Report for the month of July 2026. Commissioner Hays seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

F. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT
Ms. Sandquist provided a report regarding upcoming events in various parks, recreation for youth and adults, and community ribbon cuttings. Noted was the upcoming prospective board candidate election packets being available on August 25, 2026, and September staff training. Lastly, she reminded the Board about the Ties & Tennies fundraising event on September 10, 2026.

G. COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS
Mr. Schuenemann reported to the Board that the Ties and Tennies event sponsorships surpassed 2025 and are estimated at $ 56,000.00. He further reported that the Parks Foundation received a donation to create an endowment fund.

H. REPORT OF OFFICERS

1. Attorney's Report
   Mr. Hall reported that normal routine business was being completed, which includes review of contracts, agendas, and minutes.

2. President's Report
   President Somers noted the start of the school year and commended staff for their efforts throughout the summer.

I. CONSENT AGENDA

1. President Somers stated that all items on the Consent Agenda noted below were considered routine and acted upon by one motion, and if discussion was desired, that item was removed and discussed separately. Commissioner Hays moved to approve all items on the Consent Agenda. Vice President Solon seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

   1. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting July 8, 2026
   2. Approval of Minutes of the Executive Session Regular Meeting July 8, 2026
   3. Approval of Minutes of the Special Board Meeting July 13, 2026
   4. Approval of Minutes of the Special Board Meeting July 22, 2026
   5. Approval of Minutes of the Executive Session Special Meeting July 22, 2026
   6. Approval of a Resolution to ratify Change Orders for Parkland Way Improvements
   7. Approval of a Resolution to ratify Change Orders for Champaign Urbana Special Recreation
   8. Approval of Terms and Conditions for Websites

J. NEW BUSINESS

1. <u>Approval of Disbursements</u>

Vice President Solon made a motion to approve the list of disbursements for the period beginning July 9, 2026, and ending August 12, 2026. Commissioner Hays seconded the motion. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Commissioner Hays – yes, Commissioner Rouse – yes, Vice President Solon –yes. President Somers – yes, and Commissioner Kuhl - yes. The motion passed 5-0.

<u>2. Approval of a Budget Amendment to the Capital Improvement Fund Related to Carry forward of FY2025/26 Vehicle Replacement Funds</u>

Ms. Kouzmanoff reported to the board that a budget amendment is necessary due to the timing of replacing a vehicle after the initial budget was approved. Commissioner Hays moved to approve a budget amendment to increase the FY2026/27 Capital Improvement Fund vehicle replacement project by $70,072.Commissioner Rouse seconded the motion. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Commissioner Kuhl – yes, President Somers – yes, Vice President Solon –yes. Commissioner Rouse – yes, and Commissioner Hays- yes. The motion passed 5-0.

3. <u>Approval of Professional Services Agreement with Farnsworth Group for Champaign Urbana Special Recreation Three-Season Pavilion Design</u>

Ms. Sandquist reported that the agreement timeline was updated. This agreement is part of the process outlined in the scope of work for the Open Space Land Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) Project. Commissioner Kuhl moved to approve the Project Services Agreement with Farnsworth Group for final design, bidding assistance, and limited construction administration services for the CUSR Three-Season Pavilion and authorize the Executive Director to execute the agreement. Vice President Solon seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

4. Approval of an Agreement with Blast It Clean for Sholem Aquatic Center Epoxy Repairs
Mr. Johnson reported that the last full epoxy treatment of the pool was completed in 2015. Since that time, staff has performed in-house repairs and treatments to extend the life of the pool structure. He noted that epoxy provides a protective coating that seals and preserves the pool surface. Commissioner Hays moved to award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder, Blast It Clean, including Alternate 1, in the amount of $350,000, and authorize the Executive Director to enter into an agreement for the work. Vice President Solon seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

5. Approval of the Open Space Land Acquisition and Development Grant Application
Ms. Sandquist addressed the Board regarding feedback received at the previous meeting concerning three potential improvement areas that aligned with OSLAD Grant parameters. Since that meeting, staff further evaluated the options and identified the benefits of moving forward with improvements at Heritage Park. The Board held a discussion. Commissioner Hays moved to authorize the signature of the Financial Commitment Resolution for the OSLAD Grant Program, due at IDNR by August 31, 2026 and proceed with a $600,000.00 OSLAD grant application. Vice President Solon seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

6. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Zahnd Park Pond Expansion
Ms. Sandquist reported that staff updated the MOU as directed by the Board. She noted that its purpose is to move the project forward, allowing the Stephens Family YMCA to complete the necessary engineering and develop project cost estimates. The Board held a discussion regarding concerns pertaining to the shared expenses, future maintenance, development agreement details, and recommendations. There was consensus to table the agenda item. Commissioner Hays moved to table the approval. Vice President Solon seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

K. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Lease Termination - Mini Park VIII Detention Basin
   Ms. Sandquist and Mr. Johnson provided the Board with the history of the location of the detention basin adjacent to Spalding Park. The Board held a discussion. Staff is to bring forward at the next meeting a resolution to approve.

2. Parcel – 1202 N. Neil St. – Champaign, IL
   Ms. Sandquist addressed the Board regarding documents concerning re-conveying the property to the City of Champaign. The Board held a discussion. Staff is to bring forward at the next meeting a resolution to approve such action

3. Policies for Review
   Mr. Schuenemann reported to the Board items to note on the policies, grammar, and some formatting. Commissioner Kuhl requested that staff compare the Community Input Policy to the Public Participation Policy. Staff is to bring forward the policies at the next Board meeting for approval.

L. EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Somers read into the record that the Board may convene into Executive Session under the Illinois Open Meetings Act, specifically 5 ILCS 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, section (c)(5), the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired, and section (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. Commissioner Rouse moved to convene into executive session, upon such basis. Vice President Solon seconded the motion. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: President Somers -yes, Vice President Solon – yes, Commissioner Rouse – yes, Commissioner Hays – yes, and Commissioner Kuhl – yes. The motion passed 5-0.

M. RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING

The Board reconvened the regular meeting at 7:46 pm following the executive session.

N. EXECUTIVE SESSION ACTION ITEM

1. Approval of Releasing Executive Session Minutes for Public Review.

Commissioner Hays moved to approve the executive session minutes for public inspection for the dates 6/11/25, 8/13/25, 9/10/25, 10/8/25, 11/12/25, 12/10/25, 1/14/26, and partial minutes on 1/14/26 as reflected on the log provided to the Board. Vice President Solon seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

O. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Solon noted that she received community feedback from families with young children to choose sculptures more appealing to youth as opposed to a potential scary looking ones.

Commissioner Kuhl requested an OSLAD Project update at the CUSR Center. Mr. Johnson provided a report to the Board on the driveway, parking spaces, and that the back area phase began August 7, 2026.

P. ADJOURN

Commissioner Hays moved to adjourn at 7:49 pm. Vice President Solon seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Approved:

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Michael R. Somers, President	Marguerite Bailey, Board Secretary