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

September 9, 2026

The Champaign Park District Board of Commissioners (Board) held a Regular Board Meeting on Wednesday, September 9, 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 Glynn, Director of Human Resources, Jimmy Gleason, Director of Facilities & Technology, and Marguerite Bailey, Secretary/ Administrative Project Manager.

Present in the Audience: Chris Sokolowski and Murial Jones.

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
None.

PRESENTATION – City of Champaign, North Neil St. Project
Mr. Sololowski, Assistant City of Champaign Engineer, provided an overview of the proposed North Neil Street project. The project is part of a 2019 corridor use study. It was noted that there is a portion of the property that is owned by the Park District that would be affected. A discussion was held. The city requires consensus from the Board to proceed. President Somers asked for a verbal consensus of the Board. The Board responded unanimously with favorable consensus, provided that no trees are damaged.

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 August 2026. Commissioner Hays seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

F. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT
Ms. Sandquist reported on upcoming Park District events, programs, and projects. She noted the Park District's acceptance as a project site for the Scouting America NOACC volunteer project events in summer 2027, which will focus on improving accessibility to the sledding hill behind Prairie Farm. Upcoming events included West Side Arts and Lakeside Brews, Beats & Eats.

Project updates included the Sholem Aquatic Center pool epoxy project, John Street pickleball court roof installation, and progress on the C-U Special Recreation project. Fall recreation registration has begun, with new programs including flag football and Adult Recess. Lastly, she thanked the Board for its continued support of the annual Ties & Tennies Gala taking place the following evening at the I Hotel and Illinois Conference Center.

G. COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS

1. Champaign Parks Foundation

Mr. Schuenemann reported to the Board that the Parks Foundation has raised approximately $ 80,000 in sponsorships for the Ties and Tennies event; there are seventy-one (71) silent auction baskets that will be available for purchase, and the Golden Ticket this year is for a trip for up to (6) people, with a choice of destination within the United States, and the winner will have (3) years to redeem the trip.

2. Wellness Committee

Ms. Glynn reported to the Board on the development of the Wellness Committee. She highlighted the monthly emails sent to staff regarding mental and physical health resources. She also noted an upcoming Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) presentation and training for staff. The Wellness Committee will provide opportunities for staff to participate in exercise and healthy eating activities to promote overall wellness.

H. REPORT OF OFFICERS

1. Attorney's Report

Mr. Hall reported that normal routine business was being completed, including the review of agendas, minutes, and software contracts for Recreation and ticketing at the Virginia Theatre. He also noted that agreements regarding the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees (IATSE) and the Pipeline Trail were in process.

2. President's Report

President Somers remarked that he was looking forward to the Parks Foundation Ties and Tennies fundraising event.

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. Commissioner Rouse seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

1. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, August 12, 2026
2. Approval of Minutes of the Executive Session Meeting, August 12, 2026
3. Approval of Minutes of the Study Session Meeting, August 26, 2026
4. Approval of Minutes of the Executive Session Meeting, August 26, 2026
5. Approval of Americans with Disabilities Act Program Statement

J. NEW BUSINESS

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

   After presentation, Commissioner Hays made a motion to approve the list of disbursements for the period beginning August 13, 2026, and ending September 9, 2026. Vice President Solon seconded the motion. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Commissioner Rouse – yes, Vice President Solon –yes. President Somers – yes, Commissioner Kuhl – yes, and Commissioner Hays – yes. The motion passed 5-0.

1. Approval of an Agreement with Ram Clean for the Virginia Theatre Janitorial Services
   Mr. Johnson reported to the Board that the Park District received a total of three bids for a cleaning agreement for the Virginia Theatre. There was a discussion. The Board requested that staff provide data on the number of events in the years 2024 through 2025, and 2025-current. Commissioner Hays moved to award the contract to the lowest eligible responsible bidder and authorize the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with RamClean 2 Inc. in the amount of $28.10 per hour for janitorial services at the Virginia Theatre. Vice President Solon seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

2. Adoption of a Resolution of Intent to Issue General Obligation Bonds
   Ms. Kouzmanoff provided a timeline of the process to proceed with initiating solicitation for bids for general obligation (GO) bonds. Commissioner Rouse sought clarification on the terms of the Resolution. Mr. Hall responded to the inquiry. Vice President Solon moved to approve a resolution stating the Park District's need and intent to issue $1,500,000.00 of General Obligation Bonds for FY 2026/27. Commissioner Hays seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

3. Approval of a Resolution Setting a Public Hearing on Proposed Bond Issue.
   Ms. Kouzmanoff stated that part of the process for GO Bonds is set by the State of Illinois and requires a public hearing. Commissioner Kuhl moved that the Champaign Park District Board of Commissioners approve a resolution to set a Public Hearing for Wednesday, October 14, 2026. Commissioner Hays seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

K. DISCUSSION

1. Comprehensive Revenue Policy
   Ms. Kouzmanoff provided the board with an overview of the suggested changes and additions to the policy. Noted proposed changes included removing administration process language, identifying tax revenue and non-tax revenue, adding enterprise funds to allow for future reporting/ analysis, standardizing statement definitions as well as reflecting current process, and removing resident versus non-resident participation criteria. There was a discussion thereafter. The Board requested that staff provide a recap of cancelled classes, programs, and/or team sports.

2. Draft Strategic Plan
   Ms. Sandquist provided the Board with a document that outlined the initial framework for the strategic plan. Next steps, with consensus from the Board, are to outline priority projects. The Board requested staff present a defined process. Staff requested the Board communicate changes or provide input to Ms. Sandquist via email.

L. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Hays remarked that the flower bed at Hessel Park was coming along quite well and looked improved. Vice President Solon and Commissioner Rouse concurred.

M. ADJOURN

Commissioner Kuhl moved to adjourn at 7:30 pm. Commissioner Hays seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Approved:

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Michael R. Somers, President Marguerite Bailey, Board Secretary