

**DeKalb Park District
January 19, 2012
Special Meeting**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: President Mike Teboda at 6:45 p.m., Commissioners Joan Berkes Hanson, Dave Mason, and Phil Young. Commissioner Mario Fontana was absent.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Director Cindy Capek, Asst. Director Brad Garrison and Asst. Director Lisa Small, Colleen Belmont, Josephine Knoble, and Bill Ryder.

OTHERS PRESENT: Jim, Anderson & Norma Anderson of Illini Tire, Mike Kyler & Lynne Simons Kunde of the Elks Club, Steve Halberg of Planning Resources Inc., and Andrew Mitchell.

I. Meeting Called to Order

Vice-President Joan Berkes Hanson called the January 19, 2012 special meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

II. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Young made a motion to approve the January 19, 2012 special meeting agenda. Commissioner Mason seconded the motion and all members voted unanimously in favor.

III. Service Awards

Bill Ryder presented Jim and Norma Anderson of Illini Tire with a Community Service Award from the Illinois Park and Recreation Association and the Illinois Association of Park Districts. Ryder stated that the Anderson's have sponsored DeKalb Park District youth league programs for years, as well as sponsorship of the District's Scholarship Golf Outing and that their support was appreciated.

Bill Ryder then presented Mike Kyler and Lynne Simons Kunde of the Elks Club with a Community Service Award from the Illinois Park and Recreation Association and the Illinois Association of Park Districts for their continuous support of DeKalb Park District youth programs and KSRA's Camp Maple Leaf.

Director Capek thanked them for their generosity and support and stated that it was a pleasure to receive such support from the community. The Community Service Awards are in recognition and appreciation of outstanding contributions and unselfish devotion for the advancement of parks, recreation and leisure in the community.

Director Capek then presented and recognized Program Director Colleen Belmont for 15 years of service to the DeKalb Park District and Parks Foreman Brad Anderson with 5 years of service to the District.

IV. Presentation of Master Plan

Director Capek stated that Steve Halberg of Planning Resources Inc. would be updating the Board and staff on the findings to date in regards to the District's Park and Open Space Master Plan.

Halberg stated that he had visited all of the District's parks and open land areas and with information he gathered through his visits and information provided to him by Assistant Director Garrison he was able to classify the parks into the following categories: mini parks, neighborhood parks, community parks, open space areas, specialty or special needs parks, and conservancy or natural areas.

Halberg stated that aerial views were taken of the City and that all amenities such as tennis courts, basketball courts, playgrounds, etc. were counted and taken into consideration when assessing the needs of the community.

Director Capek stated that it is important that the District compare its finding with State standards and that the assessment of parks will identify underserved areas and give staff awareness of any deficiencies. Currently, there are parks with many amenities while others are passive.

Dave Mason distributed the Distinguished Park & Recreation Accreditation Standards packet utilized by the committee to assess and rate parks and facilities.

Mr. Halberg thanked the Board.

V. Budget Discussion

A. General Fund

President Teboda inquired if the District had any questions in regards to the DeKalb Park District General Fund and Recreation Funds.

Director Capek summarized and highlighted the changes in the general fund and the recreation fund budgets for FY 2013.

Asst. Director Small stated that at the February meeting the Board will receive the entire proposed budget and that the budget would be available for viewing at the County until its approval and adoption in March.

There was also some discussion in regards to the server replacement. Asst. Director Small will be requesting Excalibur Technology for an assessment of the District's IT system. They will complete the assessment at no charge.

Director Capek reminded the Board that the March meeting had been changed to Thursday, March 22.

VI. Meeting Adjourned

Commissioner Young made a motion to adjourn the January 19, 2012 special meeting at 9:05 p.m. Commissioner Mason seconded the motion and all members voted unanimously in favor.