

DeKalb Park District
March 31, 2014
Board of Commissioners Special Meeting

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: President Phil Young; Commissioners Per Faivre, Dean Holliday, and Keith Nyquist

OTHERS PRESENT: Interim Executive Director Ray Ochromowicz and Katie Dahlstrom of the Daily Chronicle

I. Meeting Called to Order and Roll Call

President Phil Young called the open meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. and announced that Commissioner Mike Teboda had resigned from the Board earlier in the day.

For the purpose of discussing appointment, employment compensation, discipline, or performance of specific employees of the public body in accordance with Open Meetings Act Section 2(c)1, Commissioner Nyquist moved to go into executive session, and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Faivre. All Board members present voted 'aye.'

II. Return to Open Meeting

At 7:36 p.m., Commissioner Nyquist made a motion to adjourn the executive session and to go into regular session. Commissioner Faivre seconded the motion, and all Board members present voted 'aye'.

III. Interim Director Remarks

Interim Director Ochromowicz made these recommendations to the Board:

- Amend the Park's budget process so that it would begin a month earlier;
- Increase the amount appropriated for items in the budget;
- Review the Board Policy Manual and amend as needed so that future Board actions follow the manual;
- Attend orientation to become better acquainted with Board rights and responsibilities, in conjunction with continuous Board education and ongoing training to better understand the District's finances and operations. An orientation session for prospective Board candidates was also recommended.
- Meet semi-annually in Executive Session for updates about ongoing or pending litigation;
- Direct all business-related communication from the Board through the Executive Director; the Board should not discuss business directly with Staff. He also recommended that all public requests for action be directed through the Executive Director.

Ochromowicz also recommended that the Board receive a quarterly financial report from staff to keep the Board informed about the District's ongoing financial status.

The Board and Ochromowicz then agreed to discuss additional recommendations in the April 10, 2014 study session.

IV.

Adjournment

At 8:00, Commissioner Holliday moved to adjourn the public meeting. The motion was seconded by Nyquist, and all members present voted “aye.”