

**MINUTES**  
**DeKalb Park District**  
**Public Meeting of the Board of Commissioners**  
**November 15, 2018**  
**Ellwood House Visitor's Center**  
**509 N. 1<sup>st</sup> Street, DeKalb, IL**

**Public Meeting**  
**6:00 p.m.**

**I. Meeting Called To Order, Roll Call, Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**Board members present:** President Phil Young, Commissioner Keith Nyquist, and Commissioner Patti Perkins. Absent: Commissioner Dean Holliday. Commissioner Dag Grada entered at 6:05 p.m.

**Staff Members Present:** Executive Director Amy Doll, Superintendent of Parks & Development Mat Emken, Superintendent of Finance & Administration Heather Collins, Superintendent of Marketing & Golf Operations Scott deOliveira, Superintendent of Recreation Bill Ryder, Accounting & Administrative Assistant Emily Bidstrup and Finance Intern Lexi Floming.

**II. Action on the Agenda**

Commissioner Nyquist made a motion to amend the agenda to move discussion of item VI.c after item X., seconded by Commissioner Perkins. Motion carried by voice vote.

Commissioner Nyquist made a motion to approve the amended agenda, seconded by Commissioner Perkins. Motion carried by voice vote.

**III. Consent Agenda**

- a. Public Meeting Minutes of October 4, 2018**
- b. Public Meeting Minutes of October 18, 2018**
- c. Executive Sessions Minutes of October 4, 2018**
- d. Executive Session Minutes of October 18, 2018**

Commissioner Nyquist made a motion to approve the consent agenda items, seconded by Commissioner Perkins. Motion carried by voice vote.

**IV. Public Comments**

None

**V. Old Business**

None

## VI. New Business

### a. Introduce Lexi Floming, Finance Intern

Heather Collins, Superintendent of Finance, introduced Lexi Floming. Ms. Floming is an accounting student at NIU graduating from the master's program in the spring. As part of NIU Ignite, the program will be paying for the majority of Ms. Floming's wages. Commissioner Perkins said the board is glad she is here.

### b. Action on Ordinance 18-09: Tax Abatement for Alternate Revenue Source Bonds

Commissioner Perkins made a motion to approve Ordinance 18-09: Tax Abatement for Alternate Revenue Source Bonds, seconded by Commissioner Nyquist.

Ms. Collins advised that every year the district abates the taxes that would be issued to pay for the bonds for the Sports & Rec Center. This abatement will be the last since the final payment for the building will be in February.

Motion carried by roll call vote. Aye: Perkins, Nyquist, Young. Nay: None. Absent: Grada, Holliday. (3-0-2)

### c. Action on Ordinance 18-10: Providing for the issue of approximately \$1,266,820 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds, Series 2018, of the DeKalb Park District, DeKalb County, Illinois, for the payment of land condemned or purchased for parks, for the building, maintaining, improving and protecting of the same and the existing land and facilities of said Park District and for the payment of certain outstanding obligations of said park District, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, authorizing the sale of said bonds to purchaser thereof.

Discussion and action moved after item X., Reconvene Open Meeting.

### d. Action to Appoint Delegate to IAPD Annual Business Meeting in January 2019

President Young stated it would be best to appoint a staff member since no one from the board will be attending. Mat Emken, Superintendent of Parks, volunteered to be the delegate since he will be the only staff member attending the whole time.

Commissioner Nyquist made a motion to appoint Mat Emken as the DeKalb Park District delegate and the following individuals, none, as alternate delegates to the Illinois Association of Park Districts annual meeting on January 26, 2019, seconded by Commissioner Perkins.

Motion carried by roll call vote. Aye: Grada, Perkins, Nyquist, Young. Nay: None. Absent: Holliday. (4-0-1)

**e. Action on Health Insurance Renewal for 2019**

Commissioner Nyquist made a motion to approve the health insurance renewal with Blue Cross/Blue Shield and dental, vision, life insurance and AD&D renewal with Principal Financial Group for calendar year 2019, seconded by Commissioner Perkins.

Ms. Collins advised that the 2019 renewal came back favorably and that the BCBS rates will remain the same but there will be a mild increase from Principal. She stated staff are very happy with the rates. Commissioner Nyquist asked if the rates reflect the action that the board took last month and if the opt-out figures are part of this analysis. Ms. Collins advised that these rates are just the renewal costs and do not reflect the percentages that staff pay for coverage.

Motion carried by roll call vote. Aye: Grada, Perkins, Nyquist, Young. Nay: None. Absent: Holliday. (4-0-1)

**f. Action on Intergovernmental Agreement**

President Young stated he does not believe the board should vote on the IGA right now, so he would like to have a discussion and ultimately move to table the vote. He continued by saying that most everyone is aware of what has been going on, but you can't believe everything you read in the paper.

President Young read his statement, as follows:

*"This governing body represents the DeKalb Park District through the citizens that have elected us and/or through board appointment. We are not exclusively bound by any wards, nor do we represent just one person, one group or one cause. We do not answer to any other governing taxing body, nor do we represent any particular political group. We as a board, represent the 43,000 plus citizens that are within our district boundaries, as recognized by DeKalb County and the State of Illinois. While we are one of the few elected positions that are not compensated, we are still elected officials, to 6-year terms. This means that we representing the DeKalb Park District, have the full legislative and fiduciary responsibilities over any other governing body in this state. When another group threatens us through political, legal, legislative or financial means, it is this board that ultimately must respond on behalf of the public in this district.*

*Park District staff are directly or indirectly governed by this board through; general consensus, votes, board policies, personnel policies, contracts and other legal means, as mandated by our legal charter and organization chart. This board at all times represents the district. The board are elected or appointed government officials 24/7. No staff at any level should attempt to unilaterally make decisions on behalf of this board, or in absence of the board. Nor should any staff communications take place that could be construed by others as having the full authority equal to or surpassing the board, whether through any other*

*committee, meeting, public event, etc. Especially in the legal climate that we are currently witnessing locally.*

*I make these statements based upon events that have unfolded over the past few months that involve the City of DeKalb, TIF, IGA and other taxing bodies. Recently, all governing bodies have been contacted by the States Attorney. Based upon these communications and consultation with our attorneys, it is in the best interest of this district to take no further action on this agenda item until there is an external audit of the City of DeKalb relating to TIF and past accounting practices that may directly or indirectly impact the DeKalb Park District. So at this time I recommend that we do not vote on the IGA agreement and table it until further notice”.*

After reading his statement, President Young pointed out the significant changes in support since all of the previous JRB meetings. If he had known that some of the taxing bodies were going to abstain from the vote for support, he believed the district would have had a different plan. He suggested tabling the vote.

Commissioner Nyquist agreed and made a motion to table the vote for Action on Intergovernmental Agreement, seconded by Commissioner Perkins. Motion carried by voice vote.

## **VII. Financial Reports**

- a. Action on Invoices for Payment**
- b. Monthly Financial Summary**
- c. IT Summary**
- d. Board & Staff Travel Expense Summary**
- e. Budget/Actual Report**

Commissioner Grada made a motion to approve November open invoices in the amount of \$122,700.68 and to approve paid invoices from October and November in the amount of \$68,184.49, seconded by Commissioner Nyquist. Motion carried by roll call vote. Aye: Perkins, Nyquist, Grada, Young. Nay: None. Absent: Holliday. (4-0-1)

## **VIII. Staff Reports**

## **IX. Executive Session**

Commissioner Nyquist made a motion to go into closed session for the purpose of Setting a Price for Sale or Lease of Real Estate 2(c)6, seconded by Commissioner Perkins. Motion carried by roll call vote. Aye: Grada, Perkins, Nyquist, Young. Nay: None. Absent: Holliday. (4-0-1)

Meeting closed to the public at 6:20 p.m.

## **X. Reconvene Open Meeting**

Open meeting reconvened at 6:45 p.m.

Commissioner Nyquist made a motion to adopt Ordinance 18-10: Providing for the issue of approximately \$1,266,820 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds, Series 2018, of the DeKalb Park District, DeKalb County, Illinois for the payment of land condemned or purchased for parks, for the building, maintaining, improving and protecting of the same and the existing land and facilities of said Park District and for the payment of certain outstanding obligations of said Park District, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof, seconded by Commissioner Perkins.

Ms. Collins advised that Speer Financial held a public sale and Park Ridge Community Bank narrowly beat out the other two bidders, so staff is recommending the board accept them as the lowest bidder. She mentioned the interest rate is notably higher than last year but that is just how the bond market is and believes it is a fair rate. Commissioner Nyquist stated the motion does not name the Park Ridge Community Bank. Ms. Collins noticed that as well, but Park Ridge is named as the awarded bank in the ordinance. Ms. Doll advised that staff worked with Chapman & Cutler to make sure the wording in the motion and ordinance met all the correct requirements.

Motion carried by roll call vote. Aye: Grada, Perkins, Nyquist, Young. Nay: None. Absent: Holliday. (4-0-1)

## **XI. Adjourn Public Meeting**

Commissioner Nyquist made a motion to adjourn the public meeting, seconded by Commissioner Perkins. Motion carried by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.