

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the  
Canton Park District Board of Commissioners**

**May 16, 2011  
7:00 a.m.**

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President Stephenson called the regular meeting of the Canton Park District Board of Commissioners to order at 7:00 a.m., at the Donaldson Center.

**A. GENERAL FUNCTION.**

- A.1 Roll call was taken with Commissioners Stephenson, Bobell, Klinedinst, Walters present. Commissioner Buckley was absent at roll call. Also present were Director Johnson, Superintendent Murphy, Facility Manager McKenzie, Administrative Assistant Walljasper, Chief of Police Parks, Sgt. Moll, Attorney Walters and approximately four members of the public.
- A.2 Commissioner Bobell made the motion to approve the Minutes from the Board Retreat of April 16, and the Regular and Executive Session Minutes of April 18, with a second from Commissioner Klinedinst. Motion carried.
- A.3 Commissioner Klinedinst made the motion to approve the Cash Disbursements with a second from Commissioner Buckley. Roll call vote was taken with (5) ayes for the record. Motion carried.
- B.4 Commissioner Bobell made the motion to approve the Financial Statements with a second from Commissioner Walters. Roll call vote was taken with (5) ayes for the record. Motion carried.

Commissioner Klinedinst administered the oath of office to new Commissioners, Marion Kuzniar and Brent Wheeler. Commissioners Klinedinst and Bobell addressed the board about the time they have served as Commissioners.

**I. Reorganization:**

With the new Commissioners seated, President Stephenson turned the meeting over to Attorney Walters as acting chairman for the reorganization.

Commissioner Kuzniar made the motion to accept Attorney Walters as acting chairman for the reorganization with the second from Commissioner Buckley. Motion carried.

Attorney Walters asked for nominations for President. Commissioner Buckley made the motion to nominate Susan L. Walters as president, with a second from Commissioner Stephenson. Roll call vote was taken with (4) ayes for the record, Commissioner Walters abstained from voting. Attorney Walters asked for nominations for Vice President. Commissioner Walters made the motion to nominate William R. Buckley, with a second from Commissioner Stephenson. Roll Call vote was taken with (4) ayes for the record. Commissioner Buckley abstained from voting. Attorney Walters asked for nominations for Secretary. Commissioner Walters made the motion to nominate Kevin R. Stephenson, with a second from Commissioner Wheeler. Roll Call vote was taken with (4) ayes for the record, Commissioner Stephenson abstained from voting. All motions carried. New slate of officers was accepted.

Chairman Walters turned the meeting over to President Walters.

President Walters asked for recommendations for legal council. After no questions from the Commissioners, Commissioner Kuzinar made the motion to retain Claudon, Kost, Beal, Walters & Lane as legal council at an annual retainer rate of \$850, with a second from Commissioner Stephenson. Roll call vote was taken with (4) ayes for the record. President Walters abstained from voting. Motion carried. President Walters declared Claudon, Kost, Beal, Walters & Lane duly appointed as legal council for the Canton Park District and Bruce C. Beal as the District's attorney.

Commissioner Buckley made the motion to appoint Director Johnson as District Treasurer with no additional compensation with a second from Commissioner Stephenson. Roll call vote was taken with (5) ayes for the record. Motion carried.

**II. Airport:**

D. Director Johnson gave an update on operations at Ingersoll Airport and reported that there is currently one hangar available for rent.

**III. Parks:**

B. Bob Ems updated the board on the progress of the Veterans Memorial Project.

C. Bennett Property discussion was tabled until the June 20, 2011 board meeting.

D. Director Johnson updated the board that after speaking to Attorney Beal and the Public Access Counselor in the Office of Attorney General, it doesn't appear that we are in violation of Illinois OMA regarding our monthly meeting time.

E. Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to allow Director Johnson to submit a grant application for up to \$25,000 (district's payback portion) to the Illinois Byways to tie in with the Trail project already in progress, with a second from Commissioner Buckley. Roll call vote was taken with (5) ayes for the record.

F. Director Johnson gave an update on the IAPD Legislative Conference that he attended. He reported that IDNR will not be awarding any grants in the: OSLAD programs; the Bike Path program; the Off Highway Vehicle program; and the Boat Access program in FY11.

G. Commissioner Kuzinar made the motion to approve the job description as written for Administrative Assistant, with a second from Commissioner Wheeler. Motion carried.

H. Director Johnson gave a time line for passing the budget for fiscal year 2011-2012.

- a) May 16: Proposed budget presented.
- b) June 20: Tentative budget presented.
- c) June 20 - July 25: Tentative budget available for public inspection.
- d) July 1: New fiscal year begins.
- e) July 25: Public Hearing.
- f) July 25: Passage of the 2011/2012 Budget & Appropriation Ordinance.

- J. Commissioner Buckley made the motion to allow the City of Canton permission to cross district property along 20<sup>th</sup> avenue for drainage work, and reimburse the City of Canton up to \$12,500 for said work, with a second from Commissioner Kuzinar. Roll call vote was taken with (5) ayes for the record. Motion carried.

**IV. Recreation.**

- E. Director Johnson is working with Shelly Bryant from Graham Health Systems on a Walking Club for Wallace Park. Participants of the walking club would earn awards at certain milestones, and informational signs will be placed around the track touting the benefits of walking and exercise.

With there being no further discussion Commissioner Kuzinar made the motion to adjourn with a second from Commissioner Stephenson. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted for:

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Kevin R. Stephenson, Secretary  
Canton Park District  
Board of Commissioners

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Susan L. Walters, President  
Canton Park District  
Board of Commissioners

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