

**MINUTES OF THE APRIL 17, 2014  
SPECIAL BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

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The special meeting of the Board of Commissioners, Plainfield Township Park District, was held on Thursday, April 17, 2014 at the Heritage Professional Center, 24023 W. Lockport Street, Plainfield.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/PLEDGE

Vice President Silosky called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. with the following members present: Ludemann, Newton, Silosky

Absent: Steinys, Hurtado

Staff members present: Calabrese, Coldwater, Matt Campbell

Vice President Silosky asked Commissioner Ludemann to lead the pledge to the flag. There were approximately 15 people in the audience.

APPROVE AGENDA

Moved by Ludemann that the board approve the agenda. Seconded by Newton. Commissioner Newton stated that all votes tonight have to be 3-0 in order to pass because we are the bare minimum for a quorum. Roll Call: Ludemann-Yes, Newton-Yes, Silosky-Yes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Vicky Polito commented on the layout of the website and suggested some things that would make it easier to search.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

- Commissioner Newton said that the District's attorney Matt Campbell corrected his earlier statement and said that the vote can be 2-1 and pass.
- Commissioner Ludemann thanked everyone for attending the special meeting and showing their support.
- Commissioner Silosky thanked everyone for attending.

DISCUSSION ON THE INCREASE OF THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE PARK DISTRICT BOARD FROM 5 TO 7 MEMBERS AND THE POSSIBLE METHODS AVAILABLE TO ENACT SUCH CHANGE

Commissioner Ludemann said she supports the house bill and agrees with increasing the board size. Ms. Ludemann said that if the house bill fails we should then increase the size of the board on our own. Commissioner Newton said he is in favor of expanding the board to 7. Commissioner Silosky said she supports expanding the board to 7 members and presented the reasons why she supports increasing the size on our own as opposed to having an increase through legislation.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Seeking a Motion to Approve Resolution 2014-12 (A Resolution Showing the Support of the District for HB 5593)

Moved by Newton that the board approve Resolution 2014-12. Seconded by Ludemann. Commissioner Ludemann thanked Representative Tom Cross and Senator Jennifer Bertino-Tarrant for taking the time to assist the Park District and said that the reason she supports this is because this would happen right now instead of having to wait until the next election. Commissioner Newton said that 100 members of the general assembly and much of the public see the need for the special legislation which is targeted specifically to us. Mr. Newton said he realized there is a possibility for unintended consequences but feels the legislators will select the board members very carefully and he supports HB 5593. Roll Call: Ludemann-Yes, Newton-Yes, Silosky-No. Motion Carried.

*The motion failed due to not having 3 yes votes pursuant to Open Meetings Act 5 ILCS 120/1.02.*

B. Seeking a Motion to Approve Resolution 2014-13 (A Resolution to Increase the Size of the Board from 5 to 7 Members)

Moved by Silosky that the board table Resolution 2014-13 until the May 14, 2014 meeting. Seconded by

Ludemann. Roll Call: Ludemann-Yes, Newton-Yes, Silosky-Yes. Motion Carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Ludemann at 7:21 p.m. that the board go into executive session to discuss personnel as permitted under the Open Meetings Act. Seconded by Silosky. Roll Call: Ludemann-Yes, Newton-Yes, Silosky-Yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Ludemann that the board reconvene in open session at 7:52 p.m. Seconded by Newton. Roll Call: Ludemann-Yes, Newton-Yes, Silosky-Yes. Motion carried.

Matt Campbell corrected his earlier statement and said that in order for a motion to pass 3 votes in the affirmative were needed so the motion to approve Resolution 2014-12 failed.

ACTION FOR ITEMS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Seeking a Motion to Appoint Richard Grodsky as Interim Executive Director

Moved by Ludemann that the board appoint Richard Grodsky as Interim Executive Director. Seconded by Newton. Roll Call: Ludemann-Yes, Newton-Yes, Silosky-Yes. Motion carried.

B. Seeking a Motion to Direct the President to Execute an Employment Contract for Richard Grodsky as Interim Executive Director

Moved by Ludemann that the board direct the president to execute and employment contract for Richard Grodsky as Interim Executive Director. Seconded by Newton. Roll Call: Ludemann-Yes, Newton-Yes, Silosky-Yes. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

Moved by Newton that the board adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. Seconded by Ludemann. Roll Call: Ludemann-Yes, Newton-Yes, Silosky-Yes. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Wendi M. Calabrese, Secretary