

MINUTES
URBANA PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AND
URBANA PARKS FOUNDATION
SPECIAL MEETING
MAY 16, 2011
5:30-7:00 PM
ANITA PURVES NATURE CENTER
1505 N. BROADWAY
URBANA, ILLINOIS 61801

The special meeting of the Urbana Park District Board of Commissioners was held May 16, 2011, at the Anita Purves Nature Center, 1505 N. Broadway, Urbana, IL at 6:30 p.m. The notice and agenda of the meeting was posted at the park district administrative office and at the location of the meeting. Copies of the notice and agenda were received by each commissioner of the district and by local newspapers, radio, and television stations at least forty-eight hours before the meeting in compliance with the Open Meetings Act of the State of Illinois. A copy of the notice and agenda is attached to the minutes. This was a joint meeting with the Urbana Parks Foundation Board of Trustees.

Urbana Park District Commissioners present were Michael Walker, President; Deborah Rugg; Bob Stewart. Commissioners Nancy Delcomyn and Meredith Blumthal were not present.

Urbana Parks Foundation members present were Eric Freyfogle, President; Steve Rugg, Vice President; Tom Brown, Treasurer; Tom Berns; Helen Grandone; and Bruce Larson.

Park district staff present were Vicki Mayes, Executive Director; Tim Bartlett, Superintendent of Planning and Operations; Corky Emberson, Superintendent of Recreation; and Ellen Kirsanoff, Development Manager.

Park Board President Michael Walker called the meeting to order and welcomed the Trustees of the parks foundation. This was a special joint meeting of the Urbana Park District Board of Commissioners and the Urbana Parks Foundation.

Topics of discussion included:

- identifying potential donors and UPD projects
- how the two separate organizations can work together,
- land acquisition needs of the district,
- accepting both large and small gifts,
- the special opportunities that UPD offers to donors including the value of a gift that stays close to the community and one that is visible,
- that people like the idea of making a difference,
- how to get the word out about the park foundation.

- how to deal with gifts pledged over several years.

The meeting was adjourned.

Michael W. Walker, President

Betsy Pendleton Wong, Secretary