

**URBANA PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES – BOARD STUDY SESSION  
TUESDAY, MARCH 01, 2022  
6:30 PM-8:00 PM  
ONLINE VIA ZOOM  
URBANA, ILLINOIS 61802**

The study session meeting of the Urbana Park District Board of Commissioners was held Tuesday, March 1, 2022, online via Zoom, Urbana, IL at 6:30 pm. The notice and agenda of the meeting were 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. Also available for inspection are all documents that were reviewed or approved at the meeting.

COMMISSIONERS	PRESENT	ABSENT
President Michael Walker	X	
Vice-President Nancy Delcomyn	X	
Commissioner Cedric Stratton	X	
Commissioner Roger Digges	X	
Commissioner Meredith Blumthal	X	

Also present were Tim Bartlett, Executive Director;  
Corky Emberson, Superintendent of Recreation;  
Caty Roland, Superintendent of Business Services;  
Derek Liebert, Superintendent of Planning and Operations;  
Andy Rousseau, Project Manager;  
Kara Dudek, Park Planner;  
Paula Mondisa, Administration Office Manager;  
Michelle Kelly & Maria Blood, Upland Design;  
Allison Jones served as Recorder.

**I. Call to Order**

President Walker called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM.

**A. Remote Attendance**

President Walker noted that the Board is conducting the meeting remotely pursuant to Illinois Public Act 101-0640 due to the covid-19 pandemic.

**II. Accept Agenda**

**COMMISSIONER DELCOMYN MADE A MOTION WITH A SECOND BY COMMISSIONER BLUMTHAL TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN, ALL SAID "AYE."**

**III. Public Comment**

There were no comments from members of the public.

**IV. Discussion**

**A. Meadowbrook Park Playground Concepts Review**

Staff introduced Michelle Kelly and Maria Blood with Upland Design who presented updated renderings and survey results from the Meadowbrook Park playground redesign. They reviewed the process, timeline, playground components, concept features, survey results, playground theme options, and color choices. Staff noted possible challenges to the project, including fundraising, supply chain delays, and the impact of inflation. Board and staff provided feedback and discussed options and features.

**B. Urbana Park District COVID-19 Updates**

Director Bartlett reviewed the current status of covid-19 throughout Illinois and our community, and in light of the mask mandate expiring, noted the need to re-evaluate the District's mitigation efforts. Staff and Board discussed options for masking, vaccine and/or testing requirements, enforcement, program options, staff illness leave, ability to reverse any decisions should conditions change, Board meetings, and ventilation systems in UPD facilities. Staff and Board agreed on suspending emergency covid protections, with the ability to re-enact as needed. They also noted Board meetings would remain remote through March, and resume in-person meetings in April. Lastly, they determined to extend the special use of Acute Illness Leave, but suspend it presently while mitigation efforts are paused.

**V. Comments from Commissioners**

There were no further comments from the Commissioners.

**VI. Adjourn**

President Walker adjourned the meeting at 8:52 PM.

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Michael W. Walker, President

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Timothy A. Bartlett, Secretary

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Date Approved: April 12, 2022