

**DeKalb Park District  
Special Meeting  
Of the Board of Park Commissioners of the DeKalb Park District  
December 30, 2014  
River Heights golf Course Clubhouse  
1100 S. Annie Glidden Road, DeKalb, IL**

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**Public Meeting 12:00 p.m.**

**Board members present:** President Phil Young, Commissioners Dean Holliday, Keith Nyquist, Bryant Irving.

**Staff Members Present:** Executive Director Jason Mangum, Superintendent of Golf Operations Roger Huber, Mat Emken.

**I. Meeting called to Order**

President Phil Young called the December 30, 2014 public meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

**II. Action on the Agenda**

Commissioner Irving made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Commissioner Holliday. Motion carried by voice vote.

**III. Public Comment**

None

**IV. Discussion and Possible Action on Board of Commissioners Vacancy**

President Phil Young read the following statement:

“Local media has incorrectly stated several things in regards to this recent vacancy.

What an individual Commissioner states publicly in the press does not necessarily represent the quorum of the Board. Individual Commissioners may represent the Board for tasks such as a delegate position at the IAPD conference or to meet a counterpart of another government agency. But it takes a quorum of Commissioners for anything to be recognized as an official Board request, view or vote.

A Commissioner’s date of resignation cannot be dictated by the Board, only the individual can do this. For anyone to state that the Board must do this, does not know the specific laws that govern park districts in the State of Illinois. Even after the Park District’s Attorney reviewed the State Board of Elections, and explained the law in an open meeting, individual views were still publicly made. These views were based upon individual views and not the law.

Ancel Glink is not just some “local law firm”, it is one of the largest law firms that represents State of Illinois Park District. So, the Board is always wise to accept Ancel Glink recommendations.

At last month’s meeting, our Attorney explained the law that as a result of the timing it would be declared a vacancy that this will be an appointed position for the next two years.

Last month the Board voted to declare a commissioner vacancy.

The DeKalb Park District Board has no specific policy on how it appoints a vacated position. Therefore, we are here today to discuss options and then a quorum of the Board will make a decision.

We have several choices:

- 1) Put out a call for applicants – interview separately.
- 2) Appoint someone as we have the prior two times.
  - a) Dag Grada sent an email about the position
  - b) He has attended meetings over the past year
  - c) He has attended special meetings – Trails & Trees
  - d) Had a brief conversation with him and he was still interested in an appointed
- 3) Other options.

Last month, we had at least one vote that ended in a tie. We need to have five people on the Board at all times to prevent such events. We should have a decision in place so that whoever is chosen is sworn in at the next monthly meeting. I would suggest that we appoint someone immediately so that they may attend the IAPD conference in January.”

Commissioner Nyquist talked about discussing someone that took the time to turn in petitions. He advised that he went to the Park District office and looked at the petitions and all were in order. Two of the petitioners are already on the Board. The other person is Dag Grada. Based on his participation, he has the ability to come in and serve quickly. He pointed out that it would be good to have someone that disagrees with the Board, because the Board does not need “group think”.

Nyquist recommended appointing Mr. Grada.

Commissioner Holliday agreed with Commissioner Nyquist about appointing Dag Grada. Consensus was to appoint someone that has submitted petitions to be on the ballot.

Commissioner Nyquist made a motion to offer the appointment to Dag Grada, seconded by Commissioner Holliday. Motion carried by roll call vote. Aye: Holliday, Irving, Nyquist, Young. (4-0)

It was determined that the offer would be made by President Young and Mr. Grada would be appointed and sworn in at the January meeting.

## **XII. Adjournment**

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

Meeting adjourned at 12:14 p.m.