

**Minutes of the Special Meeting Study Session of the Board of Commissioners
Sycamore Park District
Tuesday, March 30, 2016**

President Strack called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

The Special meeting of the Sycamore Park District Board of Commissioners, DeKalb County, Illinois, held at the Sycamore Park District Clubhouse located at 940 E. State Street in Sycamore, Illinois is called to order at 6:05 p.m. on Tuesday, March 30, 2016.

Will the secretary please call the roll.

The following Sycamore Park District Commissioners are physically present and will be participating in the meeting in person: **Commissioners Graves, Kroeger, Schulz, Tucker, and Strack.**

The following Sycamore Park District Commissioners are not physically present, but will be participating in the meeting via video and/or audio conferencing: **None.**

The following Sycamore Park District Commissioners are not physically present, and will not be participating in the meeting: **None.**

Staff members present were Director Dan Gibble, Supt. of Finance Jackie Hienbuecher, Supt. of Parks, Jeff Donahoe, Supt. of Golf Ops. Kirk Lundbeck, Program Supervisor Lisa Metcalf, Program Supervisor Sarah Rex and Recording Secretary Jeanette Freeman.

Guests Present at the meeting were: Caius Jennison, Bruce Brown and Annie with Farnsworth Group.

Entire Group– Director Gibble thanked everyone for their time and input along with thanking Farnsworth Group. There are some tough decisions that are being made now about the project and meeting the budget. He then went over the different options and the budgets for both. He let everyone know that the Board has given Farnsworth Group our budget and that we are going to stick to the budget. Director Gibble then turned the meeting over to Caius, Bruce and Annie with Farnsworth Group. They showed the group the design of the Campus Project in 3D. and answered questions.

Breakout of Citizen Committees – The Group broke down into the different Committees to go over their designs. Director Gibble asked each group to come back to the group meeting with their top things that was talked about in their individual groups.

Splashpad – Jessica Sida noted they would like to see it more natural looking. Also they would like to have a family washroom. At this point, the only bathrooms the kids would have access to would be the main bathrooms where people will be changing, etc.

Dog Park – Denny Lane noted they went over with their group a few amenities they are looking for which includes some type of temporary shade until the trees are larger.

Community Center – Tom Doty noted they talked about the openness of the reception area and 24 hour access for the workout area and walking track. They feel the design has come a long way and it really looks good.

Entire Group: Kickoff Information About Leaf a Legacy –Director Gibble and the Board showed the group the Vision 2020 video. President Strack went over some of the donations that have been made and there are more people the Board is talking to. He noted that for each of the groups they are setting a fundraising goal. We need about 6% or 7% of the total cost to be raised in donations to help build the campus. Director Gibble talked to the group about where they can look for donations. He also handed out each respective committee background information with the amount for each committee fundraising goal. He told the groups that the handout lists the people that the Board is already talking to, so the committees are not to contact them. Program Supervisor Sarah Rex went over the overall plan and goals for the fundraising. Director Gibble asked each committee to send a draft to President Strack of their list of who to contact and ideas for fundraising by April 18th. All the lists will be looked at to make sure no double coverage.

Motion

The Board adjourned the Special Meeting at 8:09 p.m. on a motion made by Commissioner Schulz. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kroeger.

Voice Vote

President Strack called for a voice vote to approve the motion. All commissioners present voted Aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeanette Freeman, Recording Secretary
Sycamore Park District