

**Minutes of the Special Meeting Study Session of the Board of Commissioners  
Sycamore Park District  
Tuesday, March 10, 2015**

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

The roll was called with Commissioners Kroeger, Schulz, Tucker and President Strack present. Commissioner Graves was absent at this time. He arrived at 6:07 PM. Also present was Executive Director Gible, Kirk Lundbeck, Bart Desch, and Jeff Donahoe. Jackie Hienbuecher arrived at 6:11 pm.

**Guests Present at the meeting were:**

None

**II. Discussion of Matters Related to Action 2020:** Director Gible noted he outlined in an email the topics he felt needed to be discussed. President Strack noted he has received three nominations for the Trails committee. The Board talked about the nominations for this and other committees. Commissioner Graves noted he had a preliminary Dog Park meeting. He noted that Denny Lane from the CAC had been very active previously and still has all the information from before. They met with Jeff, and Lisa and went through all the information Denny Lane had. There are a few questions, but feel with Denny's information they are off to a good start. Director Gible noted at this time that we need to prioritize what's most important to us for each committee. Remember what the focus is or the purpose of each committee. Identify the features wanted and prioritize them, but the architects and engineers have to tell us the cost, etc. President Strack noted the board needs to formally accept the committee members. Commissioner Tucker noted she feels the City should make sure the animals are licensed for the dog park when registering for the City. Director Gible noted that Brian Gregory said they would be willing to handle the registration for the dog park along with the City registration. DeKalb Park District is close to having a dog park and they are suggested reciprocating on passes. This may change the City of Sycamore handling the registration, but would be discussed more later on.

Director Gible noted it was talked about having the lead gift and doing a spring event to draw attention that we are starting on Action 2020. He noted that he and Kathy Countryman have talked about having a ribbon cutting ceremony somewhere along 23 where the trail might connect and go across school property. President Strack noted we should put this out until June. The committee group name has been changed to Campaign Planning Committee as recommended by Kristin Miller. She also recommended that you secure 60% of the number you want before going public. Kristin Miller also suggested using the Sports Consortium Group and they establish a fundraising committee that organizes the efforts of all the groups instead of each sport group doing this separately and overlapping. President Strack is hoping by the next Board meeting to have the list together of contacts. Commissioner Schulz and Tucker suggested having a link on our website to donate funds.

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Director Gibble passed out two different plans to everyone. The engineers have taken the concept plan and have formulated a plan to address the soccer and football needs at the south 89 acres. He went over entrances, parking issues and time between sporting events. He and Supt. of Parks Donahoe will be talking to ERA about some of their questions. There was more discussion on the two different plans and parking.

**Motion**

The Board adjourned the Regular Session at 7:14 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