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## Rockford Park District Selects New Board Officers and Committee Members

**ROCKFORD, IL** - The Rockford Park District Board of Commissioners re-elected Douglas J. Brooks to serve as President for 2009-2010 at the Board of Commissioners May 12, 2009 meeting. Brooks has been a Rockford Park District Commissioner since 2003, when he was appointed to fill a Park Board vacancy; he was then elected to a six-year term in 2005.

In addition to serving as Board President, Mr. Brooks will serve on the Financial Advisory Committee for the Rockford Park District. He is an architect and Vice President of Larson & Darby and has recently served as President of the Boys and Girls Club of Rockford.

Jack L. Armstrong, a Commissioner since 2007, was elected to serve as Vice-President. One of Mr. Armstrong's volunteer efforts is Computers for Schools, where he refurbishes and furnishes computers to area schools. He received the Seth B. Atwood Award in 1990 for his outstanding contributions to parks, forest preserves, and conservation. Armstrong was the previous Board secretary.

Newly elected Commissioner Tyler Smith was elected by his fellow Commissioners to serve as Secretary of the Board. Mr. Smith has owned and operated Tyler's Landscaping, Inc. for 22 years and serves as President of the Illinois Landscape Contractors Association. He is past president of Klehm Arboretum and the Natural Land Institute in Rockford. He received the Atwood Award in 2007.

Commissioner Nate Martin serves on the Arts in the Parks Committee and on the Illinois Association of Park District Board of Trustees.

Commissioner Chuck Brown, who with Mr. Tyler was sworn in last month as newly elected Commissioners, is a Rockford resident employed at Rockford College as Director of Communications and has extensive community service experience.

The elected Commissioners will serve in these capacities until the next Annual Meeting which will be held in May 2010.

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