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## **New Park District Commissioners Sworn In**

**Rockford, IL** – At the April 28, 2009 meeting of the Rockford Park District Board of Commissioners, Chuck Brown and Tyler Smith were sworn in as new Commissioners to fill Board seats previously held by Harris Agnew and Laura Pigatti Williamson. The new Commissioners were elected at large within Rockford Park District boundaries on April 7, 2009, and join Jack L. Armstrong, Douglas J. Brooks, and Nate Martin on the Board.

Chuck Brown, Ph. D. is a Rockford resident employed at Rockford College as Director of Communications and New Media, and has extensive community service experience, including serving as Public Relations Chair of the Connecting Your Future Campaign, which raised \$10 million for the expansion of the Burpee Museum of Natural History and Riverfront Museum Park campus. He has also served on boards and committees of various community organizations and agencies. Mr. Brown holds a bachelor's degree in communications, and a master's and doctorate in educational administration, all from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Tyler Smith is a Rockford resident, and has owned and operated Tyler's Landscaping Inc. for 22 years. Mr. Smith serves as President of the Illinois Landscape Contractors Association, and is past president of Klehm Arboretum and the Natural Land Institute in Rockford.

Rockford Park District Commissioners are volunteers elected at large to serve six-year terms without compensation to oversee and govern the District. The Board of Commissioners serves as the link between operations and citizens of the District. The Board defines which needs in the community are to be met, which people most need services, and determines the cost to deliver those services. The Board also supports and participates in interagency collaborative planning, and also seeks to affect local legislation/public policy as necessary on behalf of the citizens it serves.

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