**Illinois State**

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**Board of**

**Trustees**

**Resolution No. 2015.05/16**

**Campus Recreation Improvements**

**at Gregory Street – Phase I**

**Resolution**

Whereas, Campus Recreation works to enhance the quality of life for students by educating and encouraging active participation in recreational opportunities that develop leadership skills, foster social interaction, and reinforce healthy behaviors, as well as support academic programs with space and facility needs, and;

Whereas, Campus Recreation maintains a presence at the Gregory Street property with existing recreation fields and equipment storage, and

Whereas, Campus Recreation plans to further expand its program offerings to students at the Gregory Street property by constructing facilities for the Outdoor Activity Center and a high ropes course, work known as the first phase of Campus Recreation Improvements at Gregory Street:

Therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Trustees authorizes a capital project, establishment of budget, appointment of architects and engineers, development of required designs and construction documents, advertisement, receipt and award of public bids and construction for the first phase of the Campus Recreation Improvements at Gregory Street.

Therefore, be it further resolved that the Board of Trustees authorizes expenditures not to exceed $2.15 million for the Campus Recreation Improvements at Gregory Street - Phase I project.

Board Action on: Postpone:

Motion by: Amend:

Second by: Disapprove:

Vote: Yeas: Nays: Approve:

ATTEST: Board Action, May 8, 2015

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**Board of Trustees**

**Illinois State University**

**Supplemental Information for Campus Recreation Improvements at Gregory Street – Phase I**

This project, Campus Recreation Improvements – Phase I, involves the construction of a facility for the Outdoor Activity Center, a high ropes course, a boat rental pen, and parking at the Gregory Street property. The site selected for this work is adjacent to the existing recreation fields, serviced from the existing Farm Road.

**Background**. *The Gregory Street Land Use Plan,* presented to the Board of Trustees in October 2005, presents a framework for the development of the property located on Gregory Street that was home to the University Farm prior to its relocation to Lexington, Illinois. The plan earmarks a portion of the property for recreation fields and related facilities. Tennis courts have been constructed on the site as well as a number of recreation fields. *Master Plan 2010-2030: Looking to the Future* includes recommendations for further development of recreation facilities on the site – development consistent with the original *Gregory Street Land Use Plan.* Recommendation #32 in *Master Plan 2010-2030* calls for the demolition of the Outdoor Adventure Center on Main Street and the relocation of the Center to the Gregory Street property.

In early 2014, Campus Recreation worked with Facilities Planning and Construction Management to hire an architect to develop a Master Plan for the recreation improvements at the Gregory Street property. This engagement resulted in *The Gregory Street Development: Campus Recreation* *Master Plan* calling for development of an Outdoor Activity Center, a high ropes course, a boat rental pen, soccer fields, baseball diamonds, a support services building, an operations building and parking. Excerpts from *The Gregory Street Development: Campus Recreation* *Master Plan* are included in “Attachment A,” illustrating the scope of the plan and the scope for Phase I.

**Project Description**. The first phase of *The Gregory Street Development: Campus Recreation* *Master Plan* involves construction of a facility for the Outdoor Activity Center, a high ropes course, a boat rental pen and a parking area. This proposed project is essential to the continuation of wellness opportunities for students. As Campus Recreation continues to offer expanded programs and opportunities to Illinois State University students, they need to continue to improve their facilities to enhance their services. The Outdoor Activity Center will provide a site for students to check out and use recreational equipment ranging from baseballs to tents. This new facility allows Campus Recreation staff to properly monitor, clean, repair and identify for replacement the equipment inventory. The new facility includes a meeting room for training and organizing of intramural or club sports that plan to use the recreation fields or conduct orientation meetings for sponsored trips. Part of the equipment inventory is the canoe rental operation. This function requires protected storage of the canoes as well as a secure ‘pen’ for pick up and drop off by private vehicles. A roofed structure is planned for canoe storage and sufficient space for vehicle navigation will be required.

The high ropes course and accompanying pavilion will be used for recreation and for team building exercises in a safe and monitored environment. A high ropes course consists of elevated platforms interconnected by horizontal rope/cable elements by which participants traverse from platform to platform in a safe and secure manner.

Approximately 60 parking spaces will be provided in a new lighted, gravel lot to accommodate those using the new facility and services.

# **Resource Requirements**

Construction $1,750,000

Design Fees 200,000

Contingency 200,000

Total Project Cost $2,150,000

Source of Funding: Recreation Facility Reserves/Student Activity Fees