

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS OF DECATUR PARK
DISTRICT, MACON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, HELD AT
DECATUR PARK DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION OFFICE
620 E. RIVERSIDE AVENUE, DECATUR, ILLINOIS
AT 12:00 NOON ON THE 1ST DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2021**

The Board of Park Commissioners of the Decatur Park District, Macon County, Illinois, met in a regular session on Wednesday, the 1st of September, 2021 at the hour of 12:00 Noon at the Decatur Park District Administration Office, 620 E. Riverside Avenue, Decatur, Illinois at which time and place there were present the following officers and members of said Board:

Stacey Young, President
Bob Brilley, II, Vice President
Dr. Kristin White, Commissioner
Matt Whitehead, Commissioner via conference phone
Absent: Chris Harrison, Commissioner

A quorum of the members of the Board of Park Commissioners being present, President Young called the meeting to order and declared the Board to be in session for the transaction of business.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States was recited.

NO. 16105 A motion to approve items 1-2 on Consent Agenda was made by Commissioner Whitehead and seconded by Commissioner Dr. White. All voted aye.

1. Minutes and Executive Session Minutes of the Previous Meeting
2. Bills for Approval

NO. 16106 Staff recommended approval of the next carrier operator for Decatur. Only two airlines submitted proposals. Air Choice One and SkyWest. SkyWest having twelve round trips per week to Chicago on a fifty-seat carrier for a three-year term. Air Choice One thirty-six round trips total on a nine and eight seat carrier, eighteen to Chicago and eighteen to St. Louis for a two-to-four-year term. After extensive discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Brilley and seconded by Commissioner Dr. White to approve SkyWest as the next carrier operator for Decatur. All voted aye.

NO. 16107 Staff recommended approval of disposal of surplus Decatur Park District property. Various miscellaneous items and supplies that need to be disposed of. There is no need for Big Iron to conduct the auction due to the items being smaller. Upon approval, an auction will be held on Saturday, October 2, 2021. The auction will be advertised in the Herald & Review and social media. Decatur Park District office will be listed as the contact to obtain the list. After discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Brilley and seconded by Commissioner Dr. White. All voted aye.

NO. 16108 Staff recommended approval of the bid to install a new asphalt pad for tennis and pickleball courts at Sinawik Park. Dunn Company was the only bid with a bid of \$51,618.00.

The Park District has around four squadrons throughout the city. This will allow a court to now be on the East side. Sinawik is another opportunity to add a pickleball court and resurface the tennis courts at the same time. After discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Whitehead and seconded by Commissioner Dr. White. All voted aye.

CFO In August the Decatur Park District received the property tax check. In previous years it would be sent to the district three times a year. The process has since been changed and now it is received monthly. Currently we are seven percent ahead in our (EAV) Equalized Assessed Valuation.

The Decatur Park District received reimbursement for the Fireworks display from the City of Decatur.

As of Monday, August 30th all indoor Park facilities both employees and patrons are required to wear a mask in accordance with Governor Pritzker's Executive Order.

RECREATION It was a fantastic weekend. Splash Cove had over 1,095 in attendance on Saturday. Labor Day weekend will be the last weekend open for the 2021 season. There was a rental on Saturday night and the feedback was very complimentary regarding the pool and staff. As of today, Splash Cove has had around 49,378 attendees.

Overlook Adventure Park estimated around 100 people for Adult Glow Golf on Saturday.

The Devon Amphitheater has been busy. Kool & the Gang had a great turn out on Friday, August 27th. The Devon on Tap event went smoothly on Saturday, August 28th. This event was sponsored by the Decatur Parks Foundation and the Decatur Area Arts Council. Karalee Misner and Jill Applebee did a great job! Thank you to Tim Wright and Clay Gerhard for all of their help. Britbeat performed that evening after the Devon on Tap. This Friday, September 3rd Justin Moore will perform. Saturday, September 4th Kevin Costner & Modern West Tales from Yellowstone will perform sponsored by Decatur Building and Trades. Tickets have sold out. The last show at the Devon will be Saturday, September 25th with Platinum Rock Legends performing.

OPERATIONS Horticulture staff have been busy working to keep up the annual beds and are starting to cut back vegetation as part of their fall routing. Staff will shift to working over at Scovill Zoo for the upcoming Boo at the Zoo.

Construction crews have begun work to repair the foot bridge across Dreamland Lake and have started to replace boards on the old train trestle foot bridge in the west end of Fairview Park.

AIRPORT The Farm Progress show has now begun. The Airport is seeing a low number of planes entering for the show due to rising numbers with the COVID pandemic. Airport staff continue to keep the airport looking good and assisting attendees as they fly in. Staff have adjusted to the mask mandate while operating passenger vans taking pilots to and from the show site.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR This brings to an end 1000 board meetings. It has been a great career and wonderful to work with the board of commissioners and Decatur Park District employees. It has never felt like a job, only an opportunity to work with really good commissioners and staff. Both are what makes the Decatur Park District so successful. The most important thing for the district moving forward is to set the table for the next decade. Think of what the all over needs are for the district. “Not only reflect on what the needs are today but what it will look like down the road”. Thank you all!

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

President Young Thank you Bill for all of your time and service over these 34 years to the Decatur Park District. You are appreciated and it has been a pleasure working with you. There is no need for executive session.

Commissioner Whitehead Inquired about the triangle property that was discussed several weeks ago and the status of the Master Plan. Attorney Flynn explained the title search revealed that the Decatur Park District did not own the property. It is owned by the City of Decatur. Director Gerhard added Greg Wykamp is working on the planning process with the Master Plan. After he gets final feedback there will be a draft for the commissioners to review.

Commissioner Dr. White Thank you to all staff! This August has been crazy busy and staff have done a great job. Please go back and tell staff how great they are doing. Only positive feedback has been received. Congratulations Bill on your retirement!

Commissioner Brilley Suggested revisiting conducting bi monthly meetings with the City, several board members and several council to keep communication open.

At approximately 12:45 p.m., Commissioner Dr. White made and Commissioner Brilley seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. Upon call of the roll, all voted aye.

/s/ Stacey Young
President, Board of Park Commissioners

/s/ Melanie Moore
Secretary, Board of Park Commissioners