

**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 17th DAY OF JANUARY, 2018**

The Board of Park Commissioners of Decatur Park District, Macon County, Illinois, met in a regular session on Wednesday, the 17th day of January, 2018 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:

Bob Brilley, II, President
Chris Riley, Commissioner
Stacey Young, Commissioner
Jack Kenny, Commissioner

Absent: Chris Harrison, Vice President

A quorum of the members of the Board of Park Commissioners being present, President Brilley 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.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Decatur Audubon Society representative Verlyn Rosenberger expressed the group's desire for a multi-agency strategic plan for tree conservation in all publicly owned natural areas in Decatur and Macon County. She cited concerns with recent logging agreements and asked that there be a moratorium on logging of public property until a plan is in place.

NO. 15796 A motion to approve items 1 – 2 on the Consent Agenda (with one correction to the minutes) was made by Commissioner Young and seconded by Commissioner Riley. On page 371, the word resent should read recent. Upon call of the roll all voted aye.

1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting
2. Bills for Approval

NO. 15797 The District has entered into an agreement with the City of Decatur to connect to the fiber optic line. District and City staffs and legal counsel have developed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the agencies for the continued use of this line, which will provide stronger, more reliable internet service. The agreement is for five years, with the option to approve another five. The City approved the MOU at their council meeting on January 16. At this time, the agreement includes only the Park District administration office. When the line extends farther south, we hope to add Red Tail Run

and Rotary Park. A motion was made by Commissioner Riley and seconded by Commissioner Kenny to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Decatur. All voted aye on call of the roll.

CFO Staff continues to work on the first draft of their departments' budgets. First reviews are due next week. It will be brought to the Board in the spring.

RECREATION The DISC Open House went very well, considering the cold temperatures. The Pickleball tournament had 24 teams, and individuals who toured the DISC were able to see the tournament, as well as all of the DISC amenities.

A new partnership with DPS #61 is a 7-week junior high girls' volleyball league at the DISC.

Signups begin for youth baseball and softball on January 29.

Positive comments were received from attendees of the Greater Decatur Chorale concerts, which were held at Richland Community College Shilling Auditorium this year.

January 27 is the Father/Daughter Dance at Hickory Point. This popular event is almost sold out.

The all-inclusive passes at the DISC have been well-received, and group fitness class numbers have increased.

Commissioner Riley enjoyed the Chorale concert at the new venue and believes the auditorium on the main floor is much easier for the elderly to access. He asked staff to consider this venue for PERFORM and the dance recital, as well.

GOLF The Millikin University golf team has moved to South Side Country Club beginning in the spring.

Ten tee signs from Scovill Golf Course have been sold.

42 kids are participating in junior golf at the DISC.

Staff will attend golf shows in St. Louis, Chicago, and Milwaukee in the next couple of weeks.

AIRPORT Staff has started scheduling school field trips for 2018.

The Red Barn is doing well.

Airport Fun Day will be held Saturday, June 2.

OPERATIONS Staff is working on repairing and cleaning picnic tables and general cleanup of facilities.

Staff has finished clean-up at Scovill Banquet Center. A contractor had to perform water extraction after pipes burst.

Crews have been busy performing snow removal throughout the District.

CHIEF CULP Officers are attending trainings during the winter months.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR There is a need for a closed session to discuss the terms and conditions of employment.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Kenny said that the Zoo's volunteer appreciation dinner at Hickory Point was well attended. The volunteers do an exceptional job at Scovill Zoo.

Commissioner Riley made and Commissioner Young seconded a motion that the Board move into Executive Session to discuss terms and conditions of employment. All voted aye and the meeting moved into closed session at approximately 12:25 p.m.

A motion was made by Commissioner Young to adjourn the closed session and return to open session was seconded by Commissioner Riley and unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Young and seconded by Commissioner Riley to adjourn the meeting and was unanimously approved.

/s/ Bob Brilley, II
President, Board of Park Commissioners

/s/ Amanda M. Childress
Secretary, Board of Park Commissioners