

**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 7th DAY OF MARCH, 2018**

The Board of Park Commissioners of Decatur Park District, Macon County, Illinois, met in a regular session on Wednesday, the 7th day of March, 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 Harrison, Vice President
Chris Riley, Commissioner, via conference phone
Stacey Young, Commissioner
Jack Kenny, Commissioner

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: Attorney Ed Flynn introduced Ross Munsterman, associate attorney with Featherstun, Gaumer, Stocks, Flynn & Eck, who will be assisting Mr. Flynn with work for the Park District.

NO. 15812 A motion to approve items 1 – 2 on the Consent Agenda was made by Commissioner Harrison and seconded by Commissioner Young. All voted aye.

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

ITEMS OF BUSINESS Director Raleigh introduced Nathan Frazier, who presented the annual update for the Decatur Archery Club. The club currently has 45 members, who range in age from 6 to 80. Membership is \$35 for an individual and \$50 for a family. A major effort was made last year to rebuild many of the targets. When the clubhouse is open, the public can access equipment to give archery a try.

AIRPORT staff is gearing up for mowing season. Cape Air currently has 1,500 pre-bookings and is looking for a ticket office in downtown Decatur.

OPERATIONS Last weekend, staff assisted with set-up and tear-down for the Polar Plunge. We provide bleachers, picnic tables and garbage cans for this popular event.

The mountain bike trail in Nelson Park is almost complete. The trail intermingles with the disc golf course, but paths do not cross any fairways.

Bids for the deck replacement at Scovill Zoo were higher than anticipated, so staff is doing the work. It should be completed prior to opening day.

To meet ADA standards, staff has repaired sidewalks and the apron around the Fairview Park large pavilion and restroom facility.

Although rain has slowed the progress at the amphitheater, contractors continue to do what they can. Much of the underground work has been completed, and work continues on the stage and saddle buildings.

The pool bids will open on March 26 and be brought to the Board on April 4. Several local contractors attended the pre-bid meeting.

RECREATION Overlook Adventure Park opens March 30. The Critter Egg Hunt at Scovill Zoo is March 31 with opening day being April 7.

50 participants have registered for the Mommy/Son Play Night on March 9.

Illini United Jr. High Volleyball tryouts are March 18.

Seussical performances are March 16-18. Over half of the tickets are sold.

Soccer and lacrosse will be heading outside for practices. Youth baseball/softball has 378 registered. MidState has 120 teams signed up for the April 20 tournament (nearly 20 more than last year).

The Adult Rotten Easter Egg Hunt will be held April 6 at Scovill Banquet Facility. Last year, approximately 300 people participated.

Commissioner Brilley would like to pursue the District receiving some compensation from the local hotel/motel tax base. This has been talked about for six years. The District brings thousands of people to town for tournaments and should receive a percentage of the tax. There are Stay and Play packages for golf and there should also be for other recreational activities and tournaments.

CFO Staff continues to work on the budget and will soon be preparing for preliminary audit work.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR There is a need for a closed session to discuss the sale or lease of real estate.

GOLF had a good start on March 1, with approximately 250 rounds on opening weekend. The golf room at the DISC will be open only as needed.

The Ameren project at Red Tail Run is wrapping up.

Commissioner Harrison made and Commissioner Kenny seconded a motion that the Board move into Executive Session to discuss the sale or lease of real estate. All voted aye and the meeting moved into closed session at approximately 12:30 p.m.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Young and seconded by Commissioner Harrison 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