

**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 2nd DAY OF DECEMBER, 2020**

The Board of Park Commissioners of the Decatur Park District, Macon County, Illinois, met in a regular session on Wednesday, the 2nd day of December, 2020 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 – via Zoom
Jack Kenny, Vice President
Bob Brilley, II, Commissioner
Dr. Kristin White, Commissioner – via Zoom
Chris Harrison, Commissioner – via Zoom

Due to current COVID-19 guidelines regarding meetings, Park District staff, the media and the public were invited to join the meeting remotely via Zoom.

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. 16042 A motion to approve items 1 – 2 on the Consent Agenda was made by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Brilley. All voted aye.

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

NO. 16043 Director Gerhard explained that soccer played after dark at the Decatur Soccer Complex, have to be played with temporary lighting on poles. With the donation of \$225,000.00 and additional funds coming from the capital budget, staff would like to purchase an LED sports lighting package from Musco Sports Lighting, LLC. Through the national Sourcewell cooperative purchasing contract, the total for this purchase is \$447,800.00. Upon approval, a local contractor will be used to erect the lighting system. A motion was made by Commissioner Harrison and seconded by Commissioner Kenny to approve the lighting purchase using the current capital budget, with the possibility of reallocating the funds upon the approval of the alternate bond issue. Upon call of the roll, all voted aye.

AIRPORT Over the holiday weekend, quite a few people flew out of Decatur Airport. The airline industry is reporting being 60% down from last year. United Airlines has started flying some international travel routes. At minimum, travelers have to provide proof of a negative COVID test at the ticket counter.

Director Wright submitted all documents and records for the annual inspection to the FAA as they are currently not doing in person inspections. The Airport was found to be in compliance with all certifications and operations.

RECREATION Staff continues to follow guidelines for programs and at all facilities.

Recreation staff is partnering with Normal and Champaign Park Districts to launch the Central Illinois E-sports League. The start date is targeted for mid-January.

OPERATIONS Staff is drilling the new concrete piers for the new signs throughout Fairview Park.

The second reimbursement has been received from the DCEO for the lazy river project. The concrete has been poured for the floors and walls on the east half of the lazy river and the floors have been poured on the west half. The walls and islands will begin being poured next week in hopes that all concrete work is done by the end of the year. The mechanical building has been enclosed so that work can be done on the inside of the building despite the weather.

Work has begun to replace the existing train track at Scovill Zoo with heavier grade track. About 600 feet of track replacement is complete.

Staff throughout the District have been busy getting Hickory Point ready for Trees on the Tees. About 3,100 tickets have been sold for the event. Jill and Karalee have been selling sponsorships with about \$23,000 being sold. The path will be lit with candles inside of milk jugs and there will be lights on the golf carts. Social distancing will be followed and all will be required to wear masks.

CFO At the next meeting, staff will provide a review of the tax levy and recommend approval to move forward with the alternate bond issue proceedings.

ATTORNEY FLYNN stated the need for an executive session for the discussion of the lease property.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Park District staff continues to think of the big picture in offering events that give people the opportunity to get outside and the opportunity for the community to have alternate things to do.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Harrison Kudos to staff for their innovative thought process!

Commissioner White The Trees on the Tees is turning out to be a big event. Staff will need to evaluate and consider having it in the future. She acknowledged that a significant amount of work has been put into it by staff.

Commissioner Brilley is proud of staff for seeing that everything continues to go well.

Commissioner Kenny thanked staff for coming through like always with the Trees on the Tees event. They all deserve a pat on the back!

President Young It is nice to see that people are supporting Trees on the Tees.

Thank you to all staff for their agility and flexibility, all are doing a wonderful job!

Director Applebee reminded everyone that the Commissioners Luncheon will be held December 17 from 11:00-12:00 at the Administration Office. This will be a drive-up event in order to maintain social distancing.

At approximately 12:30 p.m., Commissioner White made and Commissioner Harrison seconded a motion to move into executive session for the discussion of the lease of property. All voted aye.

A motion to adjourn executive session and return to open session was made by Commissioner Brilley and seconded by Commissioner White, and unanimously approved.

After the executive session was adjourned and the meeting returned to open session, the Board concurred that the rent at the Beach House and Everyone's East End is suspended until the COVID Restore Illinois Mitigation Plan has been revised, the Board of Commissioners will review this monthly.

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

/s/ Stacey Young
President, Board of Park Commissioners

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