

**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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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  
Chris Harrison, Commissioner  
Matt Whitehead, 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. 16109** A motion to approve items 1-2 on Consent Agenda was made by Commissioner Dr. White and seconded by Commissioner Harrison, Commissioner Whitehead abstained. All else voted aye.

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

**NO. 16110** Staff requested approval of an addendum to the Clow Controls lease. There will be a 2% increase to the base rent and a 2% increase for the leasehold taxes on the lease space. This is standard process and Clow Controls are happy with the agreement. After a brief discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Brilley and seconded by Commissioner Harrison. All voted aye.

**AIRPORT** Farm Progress numbers were down this year at the show and enplanements coming in for it at the airport. SkyWest has seen a decrease in passenger counts due to the rise in COVID numbers. The Department of Transportation (DOT) is in receipt of the recommendation of SkyWest as the continuing air carrier for Decatur.

The Illinois Department of Transportation has recognized the Decatur Airport as 2021 airport of the year.

**RECREATION** Splash Cove season has come to a close. It had over 55,000 visits during the 2021 season. Fun fact: 9,756 slices of pizza sold, 13,645 sodas sold, 3,899 slushies sold and 3,012 waters sold.

Overlook Adventure Park will hold another Glow Golf on Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 pm to 10:00 pm.

The Scovill Zoo camp out #2 will be Friday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. This session is sold out.

Hairball with Rock University: Millikin All – Stars will be Thursday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at the Devon Amphitheater. They are a very popular and fun band. Executive Director Gerhard will sing the song “Sweet Caroline” during sound check. Director Gerhard explained, the Customer Service Committee conducted a fundraiser to benefit the employee fund. The employee fund is a fund employees donate too. The money is used for the Decatur Park District employees for such things as the employee Christmas party and flowers sent for loss of loved ones. This fundraiser was based on the Executive Director doing things throughout the district. A few examples are, singing at the amphitheater, a water dump at Splash Cove and cleaning up after the animals at the zoo. Director Gerhard added he will personally match the \$1,000 raised.

**CFO** The 10-year capital has been sent out to staff. This should be completed and back to the board for approval by late October early November.

Golf rounds for the month of August were down 15% over last August. Fiscal year to date golf rounds are ahead of last year by 3%. Pro shop sales and golf cart revenue are up 26%.

Kristi has been extremely busy with job vacancies. Currently there are at least 9 full time positions open throughout the district.

The district received the final check from IMET investment. There were many municipalities and universities that were victims of a fraud scheme at IMET. The Park District received 59% back in total of the potential loss.

**OPERATIONS** Construction crews have completed the deck boards on the old train trestle foot bridge in the west end of Fairview Park. Staff have received great feedback from citizens that run and walk through that area.

Splash Cove is in the process of being winterized and Capri pools have finished winterizing the Lazy River.

Millikin Heights Neighborhood Association is coming to Lincoln Park Saturday, September 18, 2021 to celebrate the new playground.

Plans are being made to recognize airshow staff for all of their hard work.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR** staff continue to monitor COVID standards as they are changing all of the time. New employer vaccine requirements have been announced but with no specifics other than they will be monitored by OSHA. Until now OSHA has not been involved. Staff will meet as more information is received regarding the involvement of OSHA and will adjust as needed.

Decatur Park District was a recipient of IAPD's Best of the Best Award Arts in the Parks for Trees on the Tees.

### **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

**President Young** There is a need for executive session.

At approximately 12:29 p.m., Commissioner Brilley made and Commissioner Whitehead seconded a motion to move into executive session. Upon call of the roll, all voted aye.

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

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

/s/ Stacey Young  
President, Board of Park Commissioners

/s/ Melanie Moore  
Secretary, Board of Park Commissioners