

**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 19th DAY OF JANUARY, 2022**

The Board of Park Commissioners of the Decatur Park District, Macon County, Illinois, met in a regular session on Wednesday, the 19th of January, 2022 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 entered at 12:14pm
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.

PUBLIC HEARING: As published in the Herald & Review, Notice of Public Hearing was given for the Park Board of Commissioners to proceed with the sale not to exceed \$4,700,000 for the payment of land condemned or purchased for parks, for the building, maintaining, improving and protecting of the same and the existing land and facilities of the District and for the payment of the expenses incident thereto. Bids on the bond sales will be taken on February 1, 2022. Additional comments were made by Commissioner Harrison and Commissioner Whitehead. There were no comments from the public.

NO. 16132 A motion was made by Commissioner Harrison and seconded by Commissioner Whitehead to close the public hearing. All voted aye upon call of the roll.

NO. 16133 A motion to approve items 1-3 on the Consent Agenda was made by Commissioner Harrison and seconded by Commissioner Dr. White. All voted aye.

1. Minutes and Executive Session Minutes of the Previous Meeting
2. Bills for Approval
3. Approval of Resolution 2022-1 authorizing Brei Mercado as IMRF authorized agent

PRESENTATION CFO Sowa provided an overview of the staff's recommendation of Facilities Fees for 2022. Staff have spent many hours and put in a lot of work researching and reviewing to arrive at the proposed recommended Facility Fees for 2022. No action will be taken today as staff would like to give the Board time to review the proposed fee increases and schedule 2-2-1 meetings to review and discuss. Approval of Facility Fees will be requested at the February 2, 2022 Board meeting.

CFO Budget worksheets for the 22-23 fiscal year have been distributed to staff and are due back by Friday. It is anticipated to have the final budget in March and review with the Board in early April.

Staff has continued to stay up to date on the most recent mandates, rulings and guidance as it relates to COVID-19. Staff has kept close tabs on the status of the OSHA ETS requiring employers with 100 + employees to determine vaccination status of all employees and requiring for those that are unvaccinated to do mandatory weekly testing. As of January 13, 2022 the Supreme Court ruled against the Biden employer mandate. The Supreme Court determined that it was not within the scope of OSHA's authority to regulate public health that broadly. Staff has definitely become more knowledgeable regarding what steps could be necessary in the event a similar mandate is formally enacted and will continue to monitor status of any appeals moving forward.

FOUNDATION Save the date May 6, 2022 for Zoo Open.

The Sculpture Park art is being changed out over the next few months. New pieces are set to be commissioned next month.

The Annual Mailing was recently mailed. There is possibility for revamping it in the future.

The next Foundation Board meeting is February 10, 2022.

RECREATION The Greater Decatur Chorale concert will be February 4th, 5th and 6th. Currently 54 tickets have been sold.

The Princess Ball will be held at Hickory Point Banquet Facility January 22, 2022. The Decatur Park District Performing Company will be at the event dressed as Princesses and assisting with seating guests and getting the dancing started. At this time 122 tickets have been sold.

The Devon single tickets will go on sale in February. There are still lawn and pit season tickets available.

AIRPORT Enplanements for December 2021 were 1016. The year-end total enplanements for 2021 were 8872. There were 5 cancellations in December due to weather, crew shortage and 1 mechanical issue. January, February and March are slow months for enplanements. Currently there is a decrease in business travelers.

All three new brooms have been delivered and staff have received training from the manufacture on the operation of the equipment. The equipment worked great on Saturday when crews cleared the snow from the runway.

OPERATIONS Park crews have started demolition on Fairview Park pool.

Crews continue throughout the parks to repair, paint and check pump houses.

Horticulture staff are preparing the greenhouse for the arrival of annual plants for spring planting throughout the Decatur Park District.

Construction on the Steven's Creek Bike Trail Phase 2B is now shut down for the winter. Work should resume sometime in April as ground conditions allow.

The underground storage tank at Nelson has been removed.

The bid to replace Nelson #1 Pavilion roof was over 1.4 million dollars. Only one bid came in and it was from Christy Foltz. Due to the cost to replace the roof staff will have further discussions on alternatives. The Park Board will be updated moving forward.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Harrison appreciated the discussion regarding the Decatur Park District neighborhood parks during the Master Plan study session. The Master Plan draft has a good frame work on all the Parks.

President Young the Master Plan study session went well. The information was very informative. Hopefully everyone that attended took away some new knowledge from it. It would be beneficial to have these sessions more often. Thank you to staff for putting this together. There is a need for executive session.

At approximately 12:55 p.m., Commissioner Whitehead made and Commissioner Brilley 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 Brilley, seconded by Commissioner Whitehead and unanimously approved.

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

/s/ Stacey Young
President, Board of Park Commissioners

/s/ Melanie Moore
Secretary, Board of Park Commissioners