

**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 6<sup>th</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER, 2021**

The Board of Park Commissioners of the Decatur Park District, Macon County, Illinois, met in a regular session on Wednesday, the 6<sup>th</sup> of October, 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. 16111** After a brief discussion on several bills a motion to approve items 1-2 on Consent Agenda was made by Commissioner Brilley and seconded by Commissioner Dr. White, Commissioner Whitehead abstained. All else voted aye.

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

**NO. 16112** Staff requested approval of an addendum to the Adams Aerial Solutions lease for the cargo building. There will be a 2% increase on the lease space. After a brief discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Brilley and seconded by Commissioner Harrison. All voted aye.

**NO. 16113** Staff requested approval of an addendum to the Adams Aerial Solutions lease for the hangar. There will be a 2% increase for the base rent and a 2% increase for the leasehold taxes on the lease space. A motion was made by Commissioner Harrison and seconded by Commissioner Dr. White. All voted aye.

**NO. 16114** Staff requested approval of the consulting agreement with Hanson Professional Services Inc. for the construction phase of the Snow Equipment Building (SRE). Hanson and AEX costs are both paid for through the CARES Grant issued by the FAA. A motion was made by Commissioner Whitehead and seconded by Commissioner Harrison. All voted aye.

**NO. 16115** Staff requested approval of the purchase of two new playgrounds for Garfield Park and Boiling Springs. This purchase will be 50% funded from a matching grant from

Gametime on a cooperative purchasing agreement and was budgeted for replacement in our 10-year capital plan. A motion was made by Commissioner Dr. White and seconded by Commissioner Brilley. All voted aye.

**CFO** Golf rounds are down for the month of May 13% from May 2020. Fiscal Year to date rounds are flat to last year and in line with budget. Play is steady at both golf courses. Commissioner Harrison inquired about the golf T-sheets and ranger staff. Executive Director Gerhard informed T-sheets are still full but a little lighter during the hours of 2pm to 4pm. Ranger staff is not back to pre-COVID. There was a brief discussion.

Commissioner Brilley inquired again about a Teamster's golf outing here in Decatur. Attorney Flynn explained there was effort to make that happen but the Chicago Teamsters would not let them play here in Decatur. After a brief discussion Commissioner Brilley thanked Attorney Flynn for the clarification and settled the subject.

Finance staff are finalizing the FY20-21 audit report. It will be completed and given to the board by the first meeting in November.

The South East Plaza Tax Increment Financing (TIF) has been allowed to sunset. This will provide approximately \$40,000 in additional tax revenue for the Park District annually.

**RECREATION** The Senior Fall lunch was September 28<sup>th</sup>. There were sixty – eight seniors in attendance, by far the largest number ever. It was great to see so many attend.

Overlook Adventure Park will have a Halloween glow golf on October 9<sup>th</sup>. Costumes are encouraged. There will be treat bags and glow golf balls.

The public can now register online for Boo at the Zoo. Currently there are 3000 registered.

The DISC is ramping up for indoor programs. Currently there have been twenty – seven membership sign ups in September. The Triple Fit promotion will continue until the end of October.

Splash Cove is closed for the season. The pool has been drained and Westport Pools is proceeding to winterize. Staff will continue to have meetings in preparation for next season. Commissioner Brilley inquired on the closing dates for the area of Overlook Adventure Park. Overlook will close October 31<sup>st</sup>, Mr. Softee is closed for the season and Simply Southern will continue to stay open all year.

**OPERATIONS** The auction on Saturday went well. The Park District was able to get rid of an abundance of items. The auction collected \$72,977.50 in revenue.

Eastside Parks staff are continuing to winterize the Splash Cove area. Staff are working to grind tree stumps and fill in the holes with dirt throughout the parks.

Westside Parks staff continue to work on the installation of the new playground at Kiwanis Park.

All crews will begin working on the lighting for Trees on the Tees event at Hickory Point Golf Course. Commissioner Dr. White inquired on who would be in charge of the event. Executive Director Gerhard explained staff are in the process of meetings to determine the chief coordinator.

The project to replace the roof for pavilion #1 in Nelson has been put out for bid. It will be due at the end of October.

Director Gerhard gave a brief slideshow of an arial view from Cresthaven Park for the Steven's Creek bike trail project. The project is progressing quickly and should be completed sometime next fall. Crews have already begun work under I-72.

**AIRPORT** There will be a pre-construction meeting tomorrow with Cristy Foltz to proceed with the SRE building. Staff are 99.9% done in cleaning out the old t-hangers in preparation for construction.

Ameren was onsite yesterday to repair the underground cable. This cable feeds power to FAA equipment used for the control tower.

There were 1,002 enplanements in the month of September 2021. In September of 2020, 351 enplanements and September of 2019, 695.

The Airport staff are pleased to announce that the Decatur Airport received an award from the Illinois Division of Aeronautics for Airport of the Year. The last time this award was achieved was in 2003.

## **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

**Commissioner Harrison** inquired about the use of the Scovill Activity Center and outdoor maintenance. Executive Director Gerhard explained it is used for Senior activities, Special Recreation activities, Greater Decatur Chorale rehearsals and Heart & Soul rehearsals. Hickory Point Banquet staff does use it on occasion for customers with larger events. There is a lot of outdoor use with bicyclers and walkers along the cart path. Staff are working to maintain the cart paths and area surrounding them.

**Commissioner Whitehead** Thank you for including correspondence letters in the board packet. It was fun to read them.

**President Young** stated gas prices are increasing. CFO Sowa explained the Park District contract was recently re negotiated and the rates are locked in. Thanked CFO Sowa for the added input. Expressed how good the Fall Activity Guide looks. There is a need for executive session.

At approximately 12:56 p.m., Commissioner Whitehead made and Commissioner Harrison 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 Harrison, seconded by Commissioner Whitehead and unanimously approved.

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

/s/ Stacey Young  
President, Board of Park Commissioners

/s/ Melanie Moore  
Secretary, Board of Park Commissioners