

**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 1ST DAY OF DECEMBER, 2021**

The Board of Park Commissioners of the Decatur Park District, Macon County, Illinois, met in a regular session on Wednesday, the 1st of December, 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:

Bob Brilley, II, Vice President
Chris Harrison, Commissioner
Matt Whitehead, Commissioner

Absent:
Stacey Young, President
Dr. Kristin White, Commissioner

A quorum of the members of the Board of Park Commissioners being present, Commissioner 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 HEARING Vice President Brilley declared a public hearing open for comments on Real Estate property trade with Public Safety Properties Foundation for Property in and around Rotary Park. No one from the public presented questions or comments.

NO. 16123 A motion was made by Commissioner Harrison and seconded by Commissioner Whitehead to close the public hearing. Upon call of the roll all voted aye.

NO. 16124 A motion to approve items 1-2 on the Consent Agenda was made by Commissioner Whitehead and seconded by Commissioner Harrison. All voted aye.

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

NO. 16125 Staff requested approval of Ordinance No. 2021-49 levying the taxes for Decatur Park District FY22-23. The total dollar amount recommended is \$9,883,482. This total amount represents an increase of \$28,304 or .3% over the 2020 levy. Although only a slight increase overall, there was a significant increase in EAV over last year. Final 2020 EAV was ~\$937M and the estimated final EAV for 2021 to be somewhere between \$865M-\$868M, although the exact number will not be known until spring 2022. A motion to approve Ordinance 2021-49 was made by Commissioner Harrison and seconded by Commissioner Whitehead. Upon call of roll, all voted aye.

NO. 16126 A motion was read by the board secretary, Melanie Moore to approve Real Estate property trade with Public Safety Properties Foundation for Property in and around Rotary Park and to authorize and direct Clay Gerhard and Park District officials to execute any and all documents necessary to finalize the Real Estate trade with Public Safety Properties Foundation and Decatur Park District. A motion to approve was made by Commissioner Harrison and seconded by Commissioner Whitehead. Upon call of roll, all voted aye.

NO. 16127 Staff requested approval of lease termination agreement with Simply Southern Cafe, Inc. Angelo Moreno from Simply Southern Cafe has requested to terminate her lease at Nelson Park. A motion was made by Commissioner Harrison and seconded by Commissioner Whitehead. Upon call of roll, all voted aye.

CFO Staff continue reviewing work on upgrades for the purchase order system. Kristi conducted an All Staff meeting for annual benefits enrollment, updates and changes. Staff was informed during this time of the winter break that the Board previously approved and it was very well received!

RECREATION The DISC hosted a Turkey Basketball Tourney this last weekend. The tourney had 35 teams participate.

Scovill Zoo will have the PJ Party with Santa December 11th. Zoo Buddies will be December 14th and Parent's afternoon out will be December 21st.

The Annual Turkey Trot was held on November 20th with 190 participants.

Recreation staff are currently working on facility fees.

The Devon Season Ticket Holder Meet and Greet was held at Hickory Point Golf Course Tuesday, November 30th with around 70 attendees. Ticket holders received information for the 2022 Season and learned about the ticket buyback program. They were very positive and excited about the up coming season.

Arts and Recreation are thriving with their programs. Tickets for the Greater Decatur Choral went on sale online November 26th along with the Princess Ball tickets.

The Perform Company will perform every night at Trees on the Tees. Heart and Soul will be caroling at Trees on the Tees December 8th – 15th and the Greater Decatur Choral will be caroling on December 12th.

Trees on the Tees has sold 10,700 tickets as of today. This has exceeded last year's total by 3,000 and there are still tickets to be sold.

AIRPORT Air Traffic Controller, Robert (Bubba) Hodges has retired from the Airport after 24 ½ years. He has been an instrumental part of the Airport and has done a wonderful job throughout the years. The FAA recognized him back in 1997 for efforts in assisting a fatal airplane crash.

During the Thanksgiving Holiday from November 22nd to November 29th there were around 888 passengers that flew through the Decatur Airport.

The Airport had a plane with 32 passengers prepared to depart. There was a mechanical issue with the plane and it was unable to fly. Skywest sent a rescue plane to make sure the passengers got to their destination and were not stranded. This was very much appreciated. Director Wright commended United for not flying if there is any issue with their planes.

OPERATIONS Park staff continue to work over at Hickory Point Golf Course preparing for Trees on the Tees. There are 42 live trees to decorate and 17 artificial. A lot of excitement going on out there.

Hickory Point Golf course is now closed. Red Tail Run Golf course will stay open weather permitting. Tee sheets are starting to fill up.

Wednesday, December 8th is employee night for Trees on the Tees.

Wednesday, December 15th will be the last board meeting for 2021. There will be a rather large Agenda for this meeting.

Several Decatur Park District Directors will attend the Illinois Park & Recreation Association (IPRA) conference the week of January 27th through January 29th.

Marketing Director, Karalee Misner's last day is today. It has been a pleasure to have her here at the Decatur Park District. Thank you for all of your hard work.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Whitehead Congrats to Karalee and best of luck. Welcome Aly we are glad to have you.

Commissioner Harrison Karalee good luck to you. You have done an awesome job. Aly welcome to the Decatur Park District.

Commissioner Brilley Karalee thank you and welcome aboard Aly.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Whitehead and seconded by Commissioner Harrison at approximately 12:32pm. Upon call of the roll, all voted aye.

President, Board of Park Commissioners

Secretary, Board of Park Commissioners