

**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 MARCH, 2022**

The Board of Park Commissioners of the Decatur Park District, Macon County, Illinois, met in a regular session on Wednesday, the 2nd of March, 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
Dr. Kristin White, Commissioner entered at 12:07 p.m.
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. 16143 A motion to approve items 1-2 on the Consent Agenda was made by Commissioner Whitehead and seconded by Commissioner Harrison and all voted aye.

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

NO. 16144 Staff recommended approval of Local Union 837-02 Park & Airport Maintenance contract and motion authorizing and directing Clay Gerhard to execute the contract. The union contract proposed by the District was ratified by the Union on February 18th. There were no significant changes made to the contract other than to mirror the wage increases that non-union staff received in late January as well as adjust the contract period to coincide with the District's annual merit increases for non-union staff. A motion was made by Commissioner Brilley and seconded by Commissioner Harrison to approve the Local Union 837-02 Park & Airport maintenance contract and authorizing and directing Clay Gerhard to execute contract. Upon call of roll, all voted aye.

NO. 16145 Staff recommended approval of the purchase of a 2022 Ford F-150 Lightning Pro electric pick-up truck for \$54,384.00 from National Auto Fleet Group of Watsonville, CA. Funding for this purchase was included in the 2022 Capital Plan with \$55,000 budgeted towards the purchase. This purchase will act as the Decatur Park District pilot program to better understand how electric trucks will fit into our future operations. This purchase is being made through the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing. Local dealers were contacted but could not match the pricing available on the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program. The

delivery of the truck if approved will not be until 2023 and will be paid for at that time. After a brief discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Harrison and seconded by Commissioner Dr. White to approve the purchase of the 2022 Ford F-150 Lightning Pro electric pick-up truck. Upon call of roll, all voted aye.

NO. 16146 Staff recommended approval of the purchase of a 2022 CAT 420-07 XE Backhoe Loader for \$139,849.00 from Altorfer CAT of Peoria, IL. The Decatur Park Districts current John Deere Backhoe was manufactured in 1998 and is reaching the end of its useful life. \$140,000 was allocated in the 2022 Capital Plan for this purchase. A motion was made by Commissioner Brilley and seconded by Commissioner Whitehead to approve the purchase of the 2022 CAT 420-07 XE Backhoe. Upon call of roll, all voted aye.

AIRPORT Staff started planning for the Airport Fun Day event that will be held on Saturday, June 4th. It has been 2 years since the event has taken place. It will be held in the terminal building and will offer flights for attendees.

Maintenance staff are in the process of servicing and preparing the summer equipment.

For the month of March SkyWest began departing Chicago and arriving in Decatur at 9:52 a.m. Another flight will arrive at Decatur at 2:01 p.m. with no late night inbound flight to Decatur. They will continue with the two flights a day as scheduled for March. The April schedule is not set at this time. Although airline travel across the network is still scarce and suffering, SkyWest is optimistic that it is a temporary situation.

FOUNDATION There are 65 days until Zoo Open. It will be held on May 6th at Hickory Point Golf course.

The Devon on Tap is slated for Fall of 2022.

Zoorific date is still to be determined due to some scheduling issues. It will possibly be held sometime in September.

A number of grant applications have been submitted for annual review. Additional grants will be submitted in the coming weeks.

CFO Finance staff continue to work on the budget. Plans are to schedule meetings with the Commissioner's in early April.

Kristi Orrick continues to work on hiring with the numerous positions the District has available.

The Statement of Economic Interest form that is to be filed with the County Clerk yearly has changed from last year. Attorney Ed Flynn provided clarification regarding the new questions asked on the form.

Kristin and Melanie are currently working on annual agreements for the Decatur Park District Boat Slips. Slip holders will now be invoiced and payments must be made in advance.

RECREATION The 4v4 tournament had a good turnout. The Decatur Indoor Sports Center was packed with people. This was the first year for admission entry.

Perform's Shrek the Musical Jr. has sold 845 tickets to date.

Polar Plunge will be March 5th at the Beach House. Plunging will start at noon.

Youth Baseball and Softball registrations are slowly progressing. There are 173 participants registered at this time.

Splash Cove Season Passes are currently on sale.

Heart and Soul performed at the Macon County Health Boards Focus on the Future Luncheon on Tuesday, March 1st. Participants were excited to be invited as the guest performers and did a great job.

OPERATIONS The demolition of the old Fairview pool should be wrapped up by end of next week, weather permitting. Park Crews have removed a significant amount of concrete and transported it to a recycling company.

Construction Crews continue to clean up in the parks and start turning the water on to get ready for Spring.

Golf staff are gearing up for the beginning of Spring golf season. Ben Irwin was recently promoted to Golf Manager and has been working with staff to have Red Tail Run open this Friday. Staff are working on a 10 % discount initiative for season pass holders who refer a friend to purchase a season pass.

PARK POLICE Chief Hubbard gave recognition to Officer St. Pierre for her recent promotion to Deputy Chief of Police. Officer St. Pierre has served as an active duty officer and now will also assume more reporting and training responsibilities and serve as a back up Supervisor to the Chief. This advancement strengthens the Decatur Park District Police Department's command structure. Executive Director Gerhard added, Officer St. Pierre has been a key training component and has done a great job for the District. This is a great reward for all of her effort.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Whitehead Congratulations to Officer St. Pierre.

President Young There is a need for Executive Session.

At approximately 12:38 p.m., Commissioner Whitehead made and Commissioner Harrison seconded a motion to move into executive session. Upon call of 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 Whitehead and seconded by Commissioner Harrison and unanimously approved.

/s/ Stacey Young
President, Board of Park Commissioners

/s/ Melanie Moore
Secretary, Board of Park Commissioners