

**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 18TH DAY OF MAY, 2022**

The Board of Park Commissioners of the Decatur Park District, Macon County, Illinois, met in a regular session on Wednesday, the 18th of May, 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:

Bob Brilley, II, President
Dr. Kristin White, Vice President
Matt Whitehead, Commissioner
Stacey Young, Commissioner via phone

Absent: Chris Harrison, Commissioner

A quorum of the members of the Board of Park Commissioners being present, President 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.

NO. 16171 A motion to approve items 1-2 on the Consent Agenda was made by Commissioner Whitehead and seconded by Commissioner Dr. White. All voted aye.

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

NO. 16172 Staff recommended approval of a proposal with Weber Group to construct a new Herptile Exhibit at Scovill Zoo. A request for proposals was put forth back in the fall of 2021 and after evaluating the proposals and speaking with the various respondents, Weber group has been selected by staff and representatives of AEX to construct the new exhibits. This project is partially funded through a Museum Grant with Illinois Department of Natural Resources providing \$750,000 of the overall funding for the project and donors to the Zoo providing \$150,000. AEX is now working on the general construction drawings to put out to bid in the coming weeks. The overall cost of the project is projected to be \$900,000. A motion was made by Commissioner Young and seconded by Commissioner Whitehead to approve the proposal with Weber Group to construct Herptile Exhibits at the Scovill Zoo. Upon call of roll, all voted aye.

NO. 16173 Staff recommended approval of an Addendum to the Adams Arial Solutions lease for the Cargo Building. Monthly rent will be \$1,530.00 for a total of \$18,360.00 a year. This addendum will be until October 11, 2022. A motion was made by Commissioner Young and

seconded by Commissioner Dr. White to approve the Adams Aerial Solutions lease for the Cargo Building. Upon call of roll, all voted aye.

CFO Tara Asheg has accepted the HR Specialist position.

The Decatur Park District is currently accepting applications for the Safety Coordinator/HR Specialist II. This position will report to HR & Risk Manager, Brei Mercado. Brei will attend Board meetings in the upcoming weeks.

Quarterly grant reports have been submitted.

The budget is complete and Finance staff are preparing for the annual audit.

RECREATION Glow Golf was held last Friday. Participants received glow accessories and a glow ball.

The Decatur Park District continues to hire additional lifeguards due to summer schedules of the employees. Tracey Hewitt has been doing a great job on boarding and training the lifeguards. Brei Mercado has been awesome helping Tracey with the onboarding. Splash Cove will open Saturday, May 28th at noon.

Thursday, May 19th the Decatur Park District will attend a Summer Sign Up event held at Hope Academy by the Decatur Public School District. This event gives families an opportunity to sign their students up for programs and apply for scholarships to cover the cost of programs and registration fees.

This Friday, May 20th the Devon Amphitheater will have its first show. Here Come the Mummies will kick off the 2022 Season, currently 1800 tickets sold for this show. The Jersey Tenors will perform Saturday, May 21st, currently 1,144 tickets have been sold.

AIRPORT Airport Fun Day will be Saturday, June 4th. Young Eagle flights will be offered during this fun event.

Christy Foltz has poured all the footings and foundation walls. Work is coming along nicely now that the weather has let up.

Talk continues with Skywest and the Department of Transportation.

OPERATIONS East side and West side crews continue to get caught up on mowing.

Staff have filled and chemically balanced the competition pool. Klarer is finally here from Switzerland to conduct slide checks.

Construction crews have been completing projects throughout the Decatur Park District parks. Crews recently replaced wood fencing along the bike trail near Summit Ave. The district received lots of positive comments.

Construction on Steven's Creek Bike Trail Phase 2B has resumed. Ameren should be on site next week to begin moving the gas line.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR The Marina Expansion is continuing to move forward. There have been a few delays due to the supply chain and ability to find the materials. The roadway along the lake has been evaluated to create new parking spaces. Next week work will begin on the road.

The Decatur Park District Leadership Team will host a Pancake & Sausage Breakfast for employees on May 19th.

There will be an employee night at Splash Cove on May 26th. Employees and their immediate family will be able to enjoy swimming, sliding, pizza and hotdogs. This is a great opportunity to help prepare staff for opening day.

FOUNDATION Zoo Open was postponed due to weather. The event has been rescheduled to July 25, 2022.

Staff are wrapping up Plant a Seed Plant a Tree. The radiothon went great.

Jury selection for the Sculpture Park will begin this week. Staff anticipates to have them installed by July at the latest.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Young thank you all for your continued hard work.

Commissioner Dr. White everyone is doing a great job.

President Brilley looking forward to the summer season. Staff has it figured out and ready to go. There is a need for Executive Session.

At approximately 12:37p.m., Commissioner Whitehead made and Commissioner Dr. White 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 Dr. White, seconded by Commissioner Young and unanimously approved.

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

/s/ Bob Brilley
President, Board of Park Commissioners

/s/ Melanie Moore
Secretary, Board of Park Commissioners