

**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 4TH 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 4th 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:

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

Absent: Dr. Kristin White, 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.16166 Commissioner Harrison moved that Bob Brilley II be elected as President and Dr. Kristin White be elected as Vice-President, seconded by Commissioner Whitehead. All voted aye upon call of the roll.

NO. 16167 A motion to approve items 1-8 on the Consent Agenda was made by Commissioner Young and seconded by Commissioner Harrison, Commissioner Whitehead abstained. All else voted aye.

1. Minutes, and Executive Session Minutes of the Previous Meeting
2. Appoint Staff of 2022-23 as Follows:
 - Executive Director – Clay Gerhard
 - Treasurer – Kristin Sowa
 - Secretary – Melanie Moore
 - Legal Counsel – Ed Flynn
3. Resolution No. 2022 – 3 Setting Schedule Dates, Times, and Place for Regular Park Board meetings
4. Resolution No. 2022 – 4 Designating Depositories for the Park District Funds
5. Resolution No. 2022 – 5 Providing Investment of Available Park District Funds
6. Resolution No. 2022 – 6 Authorizing Negotiations for Purchase of Airport Land
7. Resolution No. 2022 – 7 State of Illinois Federal Surplus Property Program
8. Bills for Approval with an additional bill day of

NO. 16168 Staff recommended approval of Resolution No. 2022 – 8 for a Joint Funding Agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation for Stabilization and Resurfacing of Faries Park Road in the amount of \$123, 000. This is the Park District’s share of the cost to resurface the roadway which is 20% of the overall project cost. The remaining 80% of the project cost is funded through STP funds from the Illinois Department of Transportation. Crews have filled the potholes to maintain the road until resurfacing can begin. A motion was made by Commissioner Young and seconded by Commissioner Whitehead to approve Resolution No. 2022 – 8 for Joint Funding Agreement with IDOT for Stabilization and Resurfacing of Faries Park Road. Upon call of roll, all voted aye.

NO. 16169 Staff recommended approval of the purchase of a John Deere 4044M tractor from Sloan Implement in Assumption, IL in the amount of \$22,281.14. This purchase will replace an aging tractor in the Horticulture department that is experiencing significant electrical wiring issues. The existing Case tractor is intended to be traded as a part of the purchase. A motion was made by Commissioner Whitehead and seconded by Commissioner Harrison to approve the purchase of a John Deere 4044M tractor. Upon call of roll, all voted aye.

NO. 16170 Staff recommended approval of the purchase of a portable pumptrack from American Ramp Company of Joplin, MO in the amount of \$83,294.53. This purchase was included in the 21-22 Capital budget. This is a portable unit that can be moved to different parks and used at Decatur Park District special events. It is a track that bikes, skateboards and roller blades can be used on. After a period of time the track can be permanently installed in a park as a permanent fixture. A motion was made by Commissioner Young and seconded by Commissioner Harrison to approve. Upon call of roll, all voted aye.

OPERATIONS Eastside parks staff have completed the painting of the competition pool at Splash Cove. Crews will begin to fill the pool with water tomorrow. Lifeguard training is set for Saturday. Crews completed repairs to the handrails on the footbridge over Dreamland lake at Fairview Park,

Horticulture staff started planting beds for annual flowers.

Mowing operations have been a struggle due to the constant rain. Mowers have had to be pulled out of wet areas. Park staff are working over on good weather days trying to catch up.

Crews continue to get ball diamonds ready for opening day on Saturday.

Staff are preparing to coat the Devon bathrooms, concession area and green room with epoxy floor coating. This will create a nicer look and make it easier to clean.

Construction on the Steven’s Creek Bike Trail has resumed as weather has allowed. Completion is still anticipated for this coming fall.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR G & H Marine has the new docks in place. Bodine continues work to install the electrical to the docks. Minor delays are being experienced due to supply chain issues.

Katie Myers is doing a great job working with Jim Wilkerson who uses a drone to take pictures showcasing the Decatur Park District parks. A short video was played to show some of the areas throughout the district that have been photographed.

CFO Kristi Orrick is now on medical leave. Brei Mercado is transitioning into Kristi's HR/Risk Manager role. Brei and Kristin will be working together during Kristi's leave.

Laura and Kristin are now working on year end audit.

The closing of the Kostenski property will be tomorrow, May 5th. This is the property that assists us in connecting the two sections of the bike path.

AIRPORT Talks continue with Skywest and the Department of Transportation.

Airport Fun Day will be Saturday, June 4th.

Airport staff continue to try to keep up on mowing with the recent rain.

RECREATION Youth Baseball and Softball season will begin next week. Redbird Rookies currently have 108 kids registered.

The Arts Department Dance Recital will be this weekend May 6th and 7th at the Decatur Civic Center. Ticket sales are going well.

The Scovill Activity Center staff held an Easter Brunch on April 5th and had 90 seniors attend.

Mom's will get free admission into Scovill Zoo with paid child on May 7th and 8th. School groups have started visiting the zoo. Currently there are 120 school tours scheduled. This number is up from 2021, only 34 schools toured during that time.

FOUNDATION On Arbor Day, April 29th Decatur Park District staff had a radiothon at the Neuhoff radio station for the Plant a seed Plant a Tree Arbor Day fundraiser. These donations go to the Decatur Park District scholarship fund and to add trees and restore parks. This fundraiser raised \$63,540.00! Thank you to the community for donations and the Decatur Park District team for all the help and support.

The Zoo Open is May 6th at Hickory Point Golf Course. Staff are working on alternatives due to the forecast of 90% rain that day.

The Foundation is still in need of jury members to select the new art for the Scovill Sculpture Park. The jury will vote on pieces that best fit the park. Once the pieces are chosen they will be installed in June and July.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Harrison received a very nice call from a Decatur resident thanking the Decatur Park District for getting the Marina boat slip area cleaned up and looking good.

Commissioner Young received an email from the Ameren Superintendent stating that he has enjoyed working with Executive Director, Clay Gerhard. He said Clay was very easy to work with.

President Brilley There is a need for executive session.

At approximately 12:44p.m., Commissioner Harrison made and Commissioner Whitehead 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 Young and seconded by Commissioner Whitehead and unanimously approved.

/s/ Bob Brilley
President, Board of Park Commissioners

/s/ Melanie Moore
Secretary, Board of Park Commissioners