

**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 JANUARY, 2023**

The Board of Park Commissioners of the Decatur Park District, Macon County, Illinois, met in a regular session on Wednesday, the 18th of January, 2023 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
Chris Harrison, Commissioner
Shelith Hansbro, Commissioner
Stacey Young, 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.

PUBLIC HEARING: President Brilley declared the public hearing open for public comment. As published in the Herald & Review, Notice of Public Hearing was given for the Park Board of Commissioners to sell not to exceed \$5,250,000 General Park Bonds for the payment of land condemned or purchased for parks, for the building, maintaining, improving and protecting of the same and the existing land and facilities of the District and for the payment of the expenses incident thereto. Bids on the bond sales will take place January 31, 2023 and the closing will be on February 15, 2023. There were no comments from the public or from the Commissioners.

NO.16218 After having no comments from the public or from Commissioners, a motion was made by Commissioner Young and seconded by Commissioner Dr. White to close the public hearing. All voted aye.

NO. 16219 A motion to approve items 1-2 on the Consent Agenda was made by Commissioner Young and seconded by Commissioner Dr. White. Upon call of roll, all voted aye.

1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting
2. Bills for Approval

RECREATION The Princess Ball will be held at the Scovill Banquet Facility on January 28th. Tickets for this event are sold out.

Scholarships are going well. Staff have given out over 40 scholarships this past Fall/Winter.

Staff have reached out to past employees that worked at Splash Cove during the 2022 season to verify who will be returning for the 2023 season. Over 50% of the employees have replied they will be returning. All hires must be 16 years or older.

The DISC will host another hiring fair February 10, 2023.

Mike will send Amphitheater emails out today to the 2022 season ticket holders regarding renewal information.

CFO The general obligation bonds will go out for bid January 31, 2023 and the sale will be January 31, 2023. The amount is a not to exceed and reflects the conversations the Board has had to date regarding FY23-24 capitals and tax levy.

Facility fee 2-2-1 meetings will take place next week. Projection reports for FY22-23 regarding all the major Decatur Park District facilities have been updated. Following the 2-2-1 meetings staff will request approval from the Board at the February 1, 2023 Board meeting.

The Decatur Park District received a \$1,500 safety incentive for meeting the established criteria of the 2022 Risk Management review from PDRMA. Congratulations to Brei Mercado, HR/Risk Manager and Scott Bauer, Safety Coordinator.

As a reminder the Budget Summary Report for November 2022 reflects monthly as well as year to date revenue and expense performance. Most fund revenues and expenses do not occur evenly throughout the fiscal year. Funds appear to be performing ahead of what would be expected in comparison to the FY22-23 budget.

AIRPORT Due to cancellations from inclement weather enplanements are down for December.

The Airport staff celebrated Jim Gentry, Assistant Maintenance Supervisors 35-year anniversary with the Decatur Airport.

Work continues on the new SRE/Fire House building. The projected deadline to be completed and ready to open should be by April.

OPERATIONS Park staff have completed testing and putting away all of the lights and decorations from Trees on the Tees.

Park crews have been working earnestly removing dead trees caused from the emerald ash bore bug that decimated hundreds of trees throughout the parks. The large stump grinder has arrived and crews will begin to grind over 200 tree stumps.

Horticulture staff have been working in the greenhouse to prep for spring potting season.

Construction crews have continued to work on the overdue renovation of the Administration office.

Fleet staff continue on their winter service work.

Sadly, the Decatur Park District lost one of our fleet employees this past week. Jim Phillips passed away after a short battle with cancer. Thoughts and prayers go out to his family.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR provided an update and pictures of the construction of the new herp aquarium at Scovill Zoo. Christy Foltz has started to frame the walls and prep for the new finishes. Weber Group has fabricated the new glass enclosures and are communicating with Zoo staff closely on finalizing the details of each enclosure. There is a great deal of coordination and particulars to work out with the needs of each individual animal

The Convention and Visitors Bureau has inquired about installing signage at the Devon creating a photo opportunity to promote tourism in Decatur. The CVB will fund the purchase of the sign and the Decatur Park District will provide the concrete pad for the signage to sit on.

Staff met with representatives from the Economic Development Corporation of Decatur & Macon County to have conversations on housing in Decatur. As corporations and businesses plan to bring new jobs to Decatur in the future there is a need for housing development. This opens up conversation of the master plan and the Chandler Cove development. Commissioner Harrison gave some insight on the marketing conditions and the housing changes. Currently there is a shortage of housing in Decatur and it is at the lowest it has ever been. It is a good time to start opening up conversations regarding the master plan and the Chandler Cove development. Executive Director Gerhard added as discussions continue there will be a public Request for Proposal process with specifics and affirmed the lake front always remains public.

Conversations continue with the City on the 100th Anniversary of Lake Decatur.

The scheduling of headline acts for the 2023 Devon Amphitheater season is almost finalized. There are just a few offers staff are waiting on.

MAREKTING DIRECTOR Staff have been working on the Spring/Summer Activity Guide.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Hansbro Thank you all!

Commissioner Young Happy New Year!

Commissioner Brilley Compliments again to all of the staff!

Commissioner Harrison made and Commissioner Dr. White seconded a motion that the meeting adjourn. All voted aye and the meeting adjourned at approximately 12:37 p.m.

/s/ Bob Brilley
President, Board of Park Commissioners

/s/ Melanie Moore
Secretary, Board of Park Commissioners