

**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 FEBRUARY, 2023**

The Board of Park Commissioners of the Decatur Park District, Macon County, Illinois, met in a regular session on Wednesday, the 1st of February, 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
Shelith Hansbro, Commissioner
Stacey Young, Commissioner via phone

Absent: Chris Harrison, Commissioner

A quorum of the members of the Board of Park Commissioners being present, Vice President Dr. White 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. 16220 A motion to approve items 1-2 on the Consent Agenda was made by Commissioner Hansbro and seconded by Commissioner Brilley. Upon call of roll, all voted aye.

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

PRESENTATION Aaron Gold from Speer Financial presented bid results for the \$4,844,220 General Obligation Park Bonds, Series 2023A and \$258,055 Taxable General Obligation Park Bonds, Series 2023B. Both received favorable interest rates. Out of 3 bids, First Secure Community Bank, Sugar Grove, Illinois provided the best bid for Series 2023A with the net interest of 3.980%. After the sale the issue size was decreased by \$56,830 to \$4,787,390. Out of 3 bids, Hickory Point Bank & Trust, Decatur, Illinois provided the best bid for Series 2023B with a net interest rate of 5.24%. Mr. Gold recommended approval of both bids as stated. Both issues will close February 15, 2023.

NO. 16221 A motion was made by Commissioner Young and seconded by Commissioner Dr. White to approve Ordinance No. 2023-1 providing for the issue of \$4,787,390 General Obligation Parks Bonds, Series 2023A, and \$258,055 Taxable General Obligation Park Bonds, Series 2023B, 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 Park District, to provide the revenue source for the payment of certain outstanding bonds of the Park District, and for the payment of the expenses incident thereto, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the sale of the 2023A Bonds to First Secure Community Bank and the 2023B Bonds to Hickory Point Bank & Trust. All voted aye upon the call of roll.

NO. 16222 Staff recommended approval of the 2023 Facility Fees discussed in detail with Board members during the recent 2-2-1 meetings. CFO Sowa explained a significant amount of time was spent reviewing the overall performance of facilities, competitor pricing, participation trends and national trends. While increases are never taken lightly, the proposed recommended increases were based on known increasing minimum wage and utilities. A motion was made by Commissioner Brilley and seconded by Commissioner Hansbro. Upon call of roll, all voted aye.

NO. 16223 Staff recommended approval of a bid from Intelligent Marking USA Inc. dba Turf Tank in the amount of \$56,500 for an autonomous turf paint sprayer for use at Midstate Soccer facility. Executive Director Gerhard presented a video of the autonomous turf paint sprayer to the Board and explained how the unit worked. Funding was included in the 10-year capital plan. A motion was made by Commissioner Brilley and seconded by Commissioner Hansbro. Upon call of roll, all voted aye.

AIRPORT Last Wednesday Airport staff utilized the snow equipment trucks. This has been the third time this season. Staff continue to do a great job keeping the runways clear.

Ameren has been back onsite replacing power and cable required by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

The FAA is in the process of replacing the two large towers west of Airport Road. This is to bring the towers more up to date. These towers are part of the National Communication System used by the FAA for aircraft moving across the United States.

CFO Now that Facility Fees and General Obligation Bonds are complete and approved staff will focus on the FY23-24 budget process. The first draft budget submissions from departments are due back to Laura on February 10th.

Revenue from G&H Marine for their boat docks has been received for the 2022 season. The 2023 season should see an increase due to the 60 additional boat slips.

RECREATION The Decatur Park District Arts department will host Trivia Night on February 18th at the Scovill Banquet Facility. Dinner will be provided by Papa Murphy's and can be purchased as a team or individually. The DISC will hold Parent's Night Out that same night. Parents should pre-register by February 15th.

For Valentine's Day Scovill Zoo is promoting an adopt a mole rat and or hissing cockroach. To adopt a mole rat the cost is \$25.00 and customers will receive a certificate, photo and original art work. To adopt a hissing cockroach, \$20.00 and receive a certificate, photo and original art work. The proceeds go to the food and care of the animal/insect at the Zoo.

The DISC is offering a Next Level Athlete class designed to prepare athletes for sports. Athletes ages 13-15 years old can register. Classes begin Monday, February 20, 2023.

Youth baseball/softball registrations begin today.

The DISC will once again host a Decatur Park District hiring fair. This event will be held Friday, February 10, 2023 from 3-6 p.m. Part time and seasonal positions are available and positions may be offered on the spot.

OPERATIONS Park staff continue to grind stumps throughout all of our various parks.

Crews continue winter clean up and cleaning efforts after recent snow falls.

Horticultural staff have been prepping the greenhouse and taking care of the seedlings to be planted throughout the Decatur Park District in the Spring. Staff help assist with salting and cleaning after snow falls.

Construction crews continue to work at the Administration office replacing ceiling tiles, lights and carpet.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Christy Foltz has been working on the Herpaquarium to frame the new walls and prep for the finishes. Weber group is planning to be on site the week of February 6th to take field measurements and begin preparations for the enclosures.

Staff are working on a grant through the Recreational Trails Grant program administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) to resurface portions of the old cart paths that are now utilized as walking trails at the former Scovill Golf Course. This would help the Decatur Park District move forward towards the goal of connecting the trail to the Steven's Creek Bike Trail network.

G&H Marine has started to receive material for the 60 new boat slips. Bodine has ordered electrical material for the additional electrical work that is needed. Due to the success of the docks and adding 60 instead of 40 the plans have been accelerated to finalize the electrical service.

Several of the Decatur Park District staff attended the Illinois Association of Park Districts (IAPD) conference January 26th through the 28th. It was a very informative conference and a great time to network with other Districts.

FOUNDATION Aly continues to meet regularly with community partners.

The Parks Foundation was selected for a spot in the Lilly School of Philanthropy Fundamentals of Fundraising Course. Aly will be attending 4 day courses this month.

Zoo Open is planned for May 19, 2023 at Hickory Point Golf Course.

MAREKTING DIRECTOR Staff are currently in the process of meeting with JuiceBox for discovery meetings. During these meetings staff share thoughts, concerns and wishes for the new website. Several meetings are still schedule for further discussion.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Hansbro Thank you for all of the information. Good job!

Commissioner Brilley Thank you for the continued prayers and support.

Commissioner Hansbro made and Commissioner Brilley seconded a motion that the meeting adjourn. All voted aye and the meeting adjourned at approximately 12:32 p.m.

/s/ Bob Brilley
President, Board of Park Commissioners

/s/ Melanie Moore
Secretary, Board of Park Commissioners