

**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 15th 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 15th 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 via phone
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.

NO. 16224 A motion to approve items 1-6 on the Consent Agenda was made by Commissioner Young and seconded by Commissioner Hansbro. Upon call of roll, Commissioner Harrison abstained and all else voted aye.

1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting
2. Lease for Standing Paddleboard Company
3. Lease for Surf Springfield
4. Lease for Tandemonium
5. Lease for TLC Ice Cream, LLC (Mr. Softee)
6. Bills for Approval

NO. 16225 Staff recommended approval of Ordinance No. 2023-2 2017B Bonds. This is an ordinance the Decatur Park District approves annually. This abatement of taxes is in relation to the debt payments on the District's outstanding alternate revenue bond issues 2017B. Debt payments on the alternate bond issues do not come from separate taxes levied, rather a portion of general obligation bond issue proceeds are used to make the required payments. The separate levy for annual debt payments must be abated and filed with the County. A motion was made by Commissioner Young and seconded by Commissioner Harrison to approve Ordinance No. 2023-2. Upon call of roll, all voted aye.

NO. 16226 Staff recommended approval of Ordinance No. 2023-3 2021C Bonds abating the tax levied for the year 2022 to pay the principal of and interest on General Obligation Bonds alternate revenue source series 2021C. A motion was made by Commissioner Harrison and

seconded by Commissioner Young to approve Ordinance No. 2023-3. Upon call of roll, all voted aye.

NO. 16227 Staff recommended approval of Resolution No. 2023-1 State of Illinois Federal Surplus Property Program. The Army is phasing out older Blackhawk helicopters in their fleet and replacing them with new ones. Airport Director, Tim Wright contacted Senator Duckworth's staff regarding the possibility of acquiring a Blackhawk static display for the Decatur Airport. This Resolution is required to begin the process. Numerous steps and conversations will be had prior to any decisions to acquire the Blackhawk. After a brief conversation a motion was made by Commissioner Harrison and seconded by Commissioner Young to approve Resolution No. 2023-1. Upon call of roll, all voted aye.

NO. 16228 Staff recommended approval of the purchase of a used 2020 Ford F-150 XLT Super Crew truck in the amount of \$33,663.00 from Bob Ridings-Decatur, IL for use in the Decatur Park Districts Parks Department. Executive Director Gerhard explained, previously five trucks had been approved by the board in 2022 and were on order. The order was recently cancelled by Ford with no indication that government trucks will be returning to state bid in the near future. With the costs of new trucks the District is moving forward and exploring opportunities to purchase decent used trucks with under 75,000 miles on them. Staff drove and completed a detailed inspection of this particular truck. Staff was very thankful that Bob Ridings worked with the District. A motion was made by Commissioner Young and seconded by Commissioner Harrison to approve purchase of the used 2020 Ford F-150 XLT. Upon call of roll, all voted aye.

AIRPORT Enplanements continue to rise. It is a positive that customers continue to use the service.

All of the doors have been placed on the new maintenance/fire house and the company has begun the process of making them functional. There are now doors that are red which will signify to everyone that emergency response vehicles are inside.

Ameren has completed replacing power and cable that had been required by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

Airport maintenance continue servicing mowers to prepare for Spring.

RECREATION The DISC hosted another Decatur Park District hiring fair on Friday, February 10th. As in the past this was a successful event. Over 300 potential hires attended and 167 applications were turned in the day of. The next step will be school recruiting visits.

Scovill Zoo volunteer classes began Wednesday, February 1st. Classes will run weekly every Wednesday for 10 weeks. Over 30 volunteers attended the first class.

The Senior Valentines Luncheon was held Wednesday, February 14th at the Scovill Activity Center. Over 140 Seniors took part in lunch and playing bingo. As always it is great to see Decatur Park District staff from other facilities come help serve for this event.

Perform tickets went on sale February 10th for parents and February 14th for the general public. At this time over 590 tickets have been sold. The show dates are March 17th, 18th and 19th.

The Decatur Park District will host another Trivia Night on February 18th. All of the round sponsors have been sold. In correlation with this event the DISC will be holding Parents Night Out.

Hickory Point Banquet will hold its first Bridal Expo February 18, 2023 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. At this time 28 tickets have been sold.

Devon season ticket sales look a little different than last season. Season ticket renewal presentations were held on two separate days and were well attended. Previous season ticket holders were informed about price increase, buy back process and the new Pick Your Pack program. All were well received and numerous renewals were done on site.

CFO Staff received the funding for the General Obligation Park Bonds Series 2023AB this morning.

Laura has received the budget submissions from department supervisors and now finance staff will begin reviewing figures. After figures are reviewed reports will be sent back to Directors and Supervisors for revisions. Staff intends to have the budget finalized by the end of March or early April.

OPERATIONS Park staff continue working on tree work throughout the Decatur Park District Parks.

Horticulture crews have been prepping the greenhouse for spring potting season.

Construction crews have started working throughout the parks to fix issues prior to the coming season.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR G&H Marine has begun installing the 60 new additional boat slips. Bodine has ordered the required material to connect the three new docks to the current electrical network.

The Herpaquarium project had a minor snag with the underground plumbing. This issue is being worked on and finishes are still on track.

Work continues on putting together a separate community advisory group to discuss Garfield Park and what residents would like to see revitalized. Staff continue to look for individuals who may want to participate in this group. Commissioner Young mentioned she had 6 names that would like to be added.

Talks continue with Millikin on the solar panel system project at the DISC.

Planning continues for a Joint Commissioners and Foundation open meeting. Staff anticipate to have it scheduled for the last week in March.

MAREKTING DIRECTOR Staff met with Juicebox last week. This gave marketing staff and other Decatur Park District staff an opportunity to state their concerns and wishes for the new website. Katie will update the Board as the process progresses.

FOUNDATION The Foundation met last week and had a very productive meeting.

Staff have been meeting with potential donors for 2023.

The annual Zoo Open golf event date has been set. Mark your calendars for May 19, 2023. This year participants will be able to register online.

Aly will attend a Foundation Fundraising Course offered by the Lilly School of Philanthropy next week. This is a 4-day course that takes place at Richland Community College.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Harrison It has been great to see the public out enjoying the parks as the change of season begins.

Commissioner Young made and Commissioner Hansbro seconded a motion that the meeting adjourn. All voted aye and the meeting adjourned at approximately 12:48 p.m.

/s/ Bob Brilley
President, Board of Park Commissioners

/s/ Melanie Moore
Secretary, Board of Park Commissioners