

**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 MARCH, 2023**

The Board of Park Commissioners of the Decatur Park District, Macon County, Illinois, met in a regular session on Wednesday, the 1st of March, 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.

NO. 16229 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

RETIREMENT PRESENTATION Airport Director, Tim Wright introduced Airport employee, Carl (Rick) Stiner to the Board. Rick will be retiring March 2, 2023 after 25 years of service with the Decatur Airport. Rick began his career with the Decatur Park District on December 20, 1997. Over the course of his career he has seen instrumental changes throughout the Airport. Rick has responded to several incidents and accidents over his many years of employment. Tim invited the Board to attend an open house for Rick at the Airport on March 2nd from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Rick thanked Tim and the Decatur Park District and added he has enjoyed working at the Airport. President Bob Brilley extended his congratulations to Rick.

NO. 16230 Staff recommended approval of the purchase of a Solar Voltaic System for the Decatur Indoor Sports Center from Tick Tock Energy-Effingham, IL. Due to the partnership between the DISC and Millikin University, Millikin will be responsible for 50% of the total cost of the project. The Decatur Park District recommends utilizing available fund balance from the General Operating Fund to fund the purchase of the system. An agreement will be drafted and staff will work with Millikin to finalize the terms and details of that agreement.

After a thorough discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Harrison and seconded by Commissioner Hansbro to approve the purchase of a Solar Voltaic System for the Decatur Indoor Sports Center from Tick Tock Energy-Effingham, IL. Upon call of roll, Commissioner Young abstained and all else voted aye.

AIRPORT The Decatur Airport will be hosting Airport Fun Day on June 3, 2023. Staff will hold meetings with the Experimental Aircraft Association, the Aero Club and the Army Aviation Support Facility to develop new ideas to provide attendees a greater experience.

Enplanements were strong last month.

Conversations continue with Daniel Belmont from SkyWest regarding their submittal to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

Progress on the new SRE/Fire House building is moving along. The estimated completion date should be the first week in April.

RECREATION Soccer staff are preparing for the outdoor season. Soccer registrations are doing great. Currently Little Kritters numbers are at 103 and MYSL are at 348.

DISC Day Camp staff will hold an Open House on March 18th from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The 2023 Polar Plunge is this Saturday, March 4th at noon at the Beach House. The Decatur Park District team is made up of various staff from the Park District and Special Recreation athletes.

Perform tickets for Newsies Jr are currently on sale. At this time 926 tickets have been sold.

As baseball season approaches staff have started receiving Youth Baseball and Softball registrations.

Overlook Adventure Park and Scovill Zoo will open for the season on April 1, 2023. Interviews for cashiers and the ropes course will occur in the next two weeks. Scovill Zoo volunteer classes have been going well

Splash Cove interviews began this week and staff continue to accept applications.

Devon Amphitheater orders continue to come in for Season ticket renewals. The Pick Your Pack Program has been well received. The 2023 Season line up is almost complete. Staff will continue to announce acts in the coming days. The T-Pain announcement on February 27th had a great response.

CFO Last week the Decatur Park District received the final Equalized Assessed Value (EAV) report with a new EAV of \$927M. Kristin contacted the County to determine what may have caused this increase post filing of the Decatur Park Districts 2022 tax levy. The County applied a 1.0165 multiplier to all parcels because of a 3-year study completed by the Department of Revenue. This study indicated properties were being purchased for greater than assessed value. The County applied the multiplier to raise the assessed values closer to 33.33% of market value. Therefore, because the multiplier was not applied by the County until after the 2022 tax levy was filed the Decatur Park District is not able to capture the

additional EAV for the 2022 levy. If the EAV does not decline the District should be able to capture it for 2023.

OPERATIONS With the warmer temperatures park usage has increased. Park crews are trying to keep up with trash clean up as seasonal employees have not started yet. Crews continue to prepare the parks for the Spring season.

Within the next couple of weeks staff will start the process of de-winterizing Splash Cove.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Staff continues to put together a community advisory group to discuss the Garfield Park revitalization. Names are still being taken of individuals who may want to participate in this advisory group. A meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, March 23rd at the Poage building. Post cards will be sent out in the next week and extended invitations to specific individuals who are part of the neighborhood association.

Engineers have completed the initial survey and staking for Steven's Creek Bike Trail 2A.

Park staff brought several large pieces of slate tiles that were discovered earlier in the day from the Nelson Pavilion #1 roof. As in previous discussions, the roof is deteriorating and has now become a risk to public safety. Staff also noticed several new areas on the underside of the roof in the open-air pavilion where additional cracks and spalling concrete have appeared over the winter and one additional piece of concrete on the floor in the pavilion which has presumably fallen recently. Due to the risk to public safety, staff have placed temporary fencing around the perimeter of the building to prevent anyone from being injured by falling tiles or spalling concrete.

Kudos to DISC staff for coming up with a good will gesture for Akorn Pharmaceutical employees that recently lost their jobs. The next 2 months the DISC is offering full facility individual memberships for Akorn employees. The Decatur Park District is hoping this will assist them in maintaining their mental and physical health during this difficult time.

MARKETING DIRECTOR Meetings continue with Juicebox as progress moves forward on the website. Juicebox is currently working on 3 different home page options.

Youth Baseball and Softball registration TV ads are airing on WCIS during sports programming and digital ads are currently running.

FOUNDATION Aly attended the Foundation of Fundraising Course offered by the Lilly School of Philanthropy with 35 other Non for Profit individuals within our community. The course was 4 days and took place at Richland Community College. It was very informative and a great learning experience.

Donor engagement continues and has consisted of several meetings.

Commissioner Harrison made and Commissioner Dr. White seconded a motion that the meeting adjourn. All voted aye and the meeting adjourned at approximately 1:01 p.m.

/s/ Melanie Moore
Secretary, Board of Park Commissioners

/s/ Bob Brilley
President, Board of Park Commissioners

