

**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 19<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2023**

The Board of Park Commissioners of the Decatur Park District, Macon County, Illinois, met in a regular session on Wednesday, the 19<sup>th</sup> of April, 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 Via Zoom  
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. 16238** A motion to approve items 1-2 on the Consent Agenda was made by Commissioner Dr. White and seconded by Commissioner Young. Upon call of roll, all voted aye.

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

The presentation of FY23-24 budget and tentative approval was tabled until the first Board meeting in May due to additional budget adjustments that needed to be made following the previous 2-2-1 Commissioner meetings.

**NO.16239** Staff recommended approval of MCK CPA's & Advisors engagement letter for the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 audit services. A motion was made by Commissioner Young and seconded by Commissioner Harrison to approve MCK CPA's & Advisors engagement letter for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 audit. Upon call of roll, all voted aye.

**NO.16240** Staff recommends approval of a bid from Macqueen Equipment of Aurora, IL for a dual engine runway snow removal blower. This purchase will be paid for 100 % by the CARES funding. This approval will be contingent with approval from the FAA. The remaining CARES funding must be spent before June 8, 2024. A motion was made by Commissioner Young and seconded by Commissioner Dr. White to approve a bid from Macqueen Equipment for a dual engine runway snow removal blower. Upon call of roll, all voted aye.

**AIRPORT** Two fire trucks were positioned in the new Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) building today to measure surroundings and fit.

Enplanement numbers are still doing well. Staff continue conversations with SkyWest.

**RECREATION** The DISC hosted a state (Illinois/Iowa) tumbling competition this last Sunday. It had a great turn out and everything went smoothly.

Scovill Zoos Free “Critter’s Egg Hunt” on Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> went fabulous! An estimated 2,200 people from the community attended this event. In addition, a new special needs “EGGSTRA-SPECIAL” egg hunt was added this year. Staff were excited to see so many participants and how much they enjoyed it.

Job fairs continue as the Decatur Park District is still in need of seasonal staff.

The Activity fair with the Decatur Public School District #61 had a great turn out.

This summer the Decatur Park District will offer The Outreach Program for Soccer (TOPSoccer) for athletes with disabilities.

Soccer League Day will be this coming Saturday and Sunday. There will be over 100 games played.

The Senior Spring Brunch on April 11<sup>th</sup> had over 100 seniors in attendance.

Dance recital tickets went on sale April 10<sup>th</sup>. The recital will be held at the Decatur Civic Center this year.

**CFO** Now that this year’s election cycle is complete it is time for the Decatur Park District Board to create an “Efficiency Committee” as mandated by the Local Government Efficiency Act. This is the first year of the Act and the Committee will be required to issue a report every 10 years. The Board must pick 2 community members to serve and adopt a resolution naming the members prior to June 10, 2023. The Illinois Association of Park Districts (IAPD) can provide resources and information to help with this Committee.

Staff sat in on a webinar of the recently passed ‘Illinois Paid Leave for all Workers Act’ legislation. Park Districts were specifically excluded from the legislation and as such no change is required to the Districts leave benefits for part time or seasonal staff.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR** presented a slideshow featuring pictures of projects the Decatur Park District is in the process of while providing an overview of each. The Herpaquarium will be completed in early May. Christy Foltz continues to work and complete the interior finishes. The Weber Group began installing the new aquariums and terrarium enclosures. The artists are working on painting creative and colorful murals on the inner walls surrounding the inside enclosures.

The Decatur Convention and Visitors Bureau has funded a “DECATUR” sign to create photo opportunities to promote tourism in Decatur. The sign will be located at the Lake Front Amphitheater area. The Decatur Building and Trades group poured a 50 ft. concrete pad and Decatur Park District staff installed the lighting.

Conversations with Decatur residents regarding the Garfield Park revitalization efforts are going well. The public has given valuable input and it has been exciting to receive their feedback. Staff will meet in the next week to review the input from the community and teen groups and determine recommendations for design.

ADM is having their plant a tree event today. Over 100 trees will be planted at Fairview Park and the Scovill Activity Center by ADM employee volunteers.

Staff received the ITEP award letter this week for the replacement of the abandoned railroad trestle in Fairview Park.

Park Crews are scheduled to fill the pool next week.

The Decatur Regional Chamber of Commerce will host the State of the Community 2023 on April 27<sup>th</sup> at the Decatur Conference Center & Hotel from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Several community leaders will provide information on various topics. Executive Director, Gerhard will speak on the Decatur Park District Master Plan.

The Decatur Park District and the Decatur Area Arts Council will facilitate a project called “Transform a Trash Can” made possible by a grant received from The Community Foundation of Macon County. Schools, camps, families, groups and general public can sign up to paint a trash can. Paints and cans will be provided and can be delivered or picked up. Painted trash cans will be displayed at Lake Fest then transferred to Decatur area parks.

There is a need for executive session.

### **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

**Commissioner Harrison** Kudos to staff on the budget.

**Vice-President Dr. White** Thanked staff and agreed with Commissioner Harrison as well as shared some positive feedback she had received in regards to how helpful and friendly the DISC staff are. Thank you to DISC staff for creating that environment.

**President Brilley** Thanked staff for doing a great job!

At approximately 12:49 p.m., Commissioner Young made and Commissioner Dr. White seconded a motion to move into executive session. Upon call of the roll, all voted aye.

A motion to adjourn executive session return to open session was made by Commissioner Harrison and seconded by Commissioner Young and unanimously approved.

A motion to adjourn the open session was made by Commissioner Harrison and seconded by Commissioner Dr. White and unanimously approved.

/s/ Melanie Moore  
Secretary, Board of Park Commissioners

/s/ Bob Brilley  
President, Board of Park Commissioners

