

**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 20th DAY OF JULY, 2022**

The Board of Park Commissioners of the Decatur Park District, Macon County, Illinois, met in a regular session on Wednesday, the 20th of July, 2022 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
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 COMMENTS President Brilley opened the meeting to public comment. Andrew Weatherford introduced himself as a Decatur Attorney and candidate for Macon County Circuit Judge. He expressed his appreciation for the park board as public servants to the community. Next the following residents spoke encouraging the Decatur Park District to keep the Lincoln Park property as a park and to not sell a portion of Lincoln Park for construction of a school. Residents that spoke in opposition of the sale of Lincoln Park were, Anthony Chapelle, John Dunn, Phil Clary, LeeAnn Clary, Robert Weil and Ardith Hubbard. These residents expressed concern over remaining amenities, historic value, sanitary sewers, acreage, Master Plan downsizing, disruption of wildlife and various other concerns.

NO. 16183 A motion to approve items 1-4 on the Consent Agenda was made by Commissioner Dr White and seconded by Commissioner Young. Commissioner Harrison abstained to item 1. Upon call of roll, all voted aye.

1. Minutes and Executive Session Minutes of the Previous Meeting
2. Ordinance No. 2022-06 Annexing Territory to Decatur Park District
3. Ordinance No. 2022-07 Annexing Territory to Decatur Park District
4. Bills for Approval

NO. 16184 Staff recommended approval of the purchase of a Toro Groundskeeper 4500 for \$80,082.60 from MTI Distributing of Brooklyn Center, MN for use at Hickory Point Golf Course. Funding for this purchase was included in the 2022 Capital Plan. This purchase is being made through the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing. A motion was made by

Commissioner Young and seconded by Commissioner Harrison to approve the purchase of a Toro Groundsmaster 4500 for \$80,082.60. Upon call of roll, all voted aye.

CFO Auditors will be on site Monday, July 25th to begin the FY21-22 audit. It is estimated they will be conducting field work for several weeks and should finalize the report by mid-October.

Scott Bauer the recently hired Safety Coordinator/HR Specialist II has started.

Golf rounds for June 2022 are up 12% compared to June of 2021. That puts golf up 2.8% fiscal year to date. Golf staff are doing a great job and have a renewed focus on pro shop sales. Sales were up 25% during the months of May and June.

RECREATION Splash Cove hit maximum capacity of 750 Saturday by 1:30 p.m.

The Scovill Zoo AZA Accreditation was last week. All crews worked together and did a great job. Staff received positive feedback. The Accreditation Hearing will be August 27th in Baltimore at the AZA yearly conference.

BOSS will be performing The Rainbow Fish Musical and Disney's The Little Mermaid at the Devon Amphitheater Friday, July 22nd 7 p.m. and Saturday, July 23rd at 7 p.m. Currently 520 tickets have been sold for Friday and 486 have been sold for Saturday.

Rotary Park will host a tournament this weekend.

OPERATIONS Horticulture staff have spent the majority of their time at Scovill Zoo preparing for the accreditation visit. Staff received positive comments from the review team for the appearance of the gardens.

Construction crews have completed the Panda deck and other various projects at the zoo.

The bids to resurface Faries Park Roadway came in over budget. Staff will review the capital budget to see if funds can be reallocated. If not there is the option to rebid in the spring.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Steven's Creek Bike Trail Phase 2A's contract has been fully executed. Phase 2B continues to move full speed ahead. Crews are working under the MacArthur bridge to complete the retaining wall. Executive Director Gerhard presented a map displaying the progression of the bike path and areas of trail it will link to.

Golf Course Superintendent, Brett Oxley has recently received his Class A membership status. We appreciate Brett's efforts to put in the additional work to achieve this status.

Park Manager, Brett Stock just became certified through the State of Illinois to teach Commercial Driver's License (CDL) classes. Brett took this initiative on his own and will now be able to train staff on site. This will be a big savings of both time and money for the Decatur Park District. Kudos to Brett for going above and beyond.

AIRPORT The SRE building is making great progress.

The new fire truck has now been placed into service.

Airport Staff, Nelson Staff and General Fence Staff worked amazingly fast and efficiently securing the three hundred and eighty feet of fence that was damaged due to the small engine plane crash.

FOUNDATION The Zoo Open will be Monday, July 25th at Hickory Point Golf Course. Currently 32 teams are registered to play.

Installation has begun at the Scovill Sculpture Park. A total of 6 pieces have been installed at this time. The 4 remaining pieces will be installed in the next few weeks. There is still a need for more sponsors.

Zoo-rific is scheduled for September 10, 2022 at Scovill Zoo. Ticket sales will begin in a few weeks.

Devon on Tap will be October 8, 2022. At this time 75 tickets have been sold.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

President Brilley There is a need for executive session.

At approximately 12:54 p.m., Commissioner Dr. White made and Commissioner Young seconded a motion to move into executive session. Upon call of the roll, all voted aye.

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

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

/s/ Bob Brilley
President, Board of Park Commissioners

/s/ Melanie Moore
Secretary, Board of Park Commissioners