

**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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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, Commissioner  
Stacey Young, Commissioner

Absent: Chris Harrison, 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 public comment with a statement about the potential sale to District 61 of a portion of Lincoln Park and that there is no contract yet, the parties are nearly exploring the idea. President Brilley then opened the meeting up to public comment. The following residents spoke encouraging the Decatur Park District to keep the property as a park and to cease the negotiations to sell a portion of Lincoln Park. Residents that spoke in opposition of the sale of Lincoln Park were, Margret Cuttill, John Dunn, Tim Hamilton, Jacob Jenkins, Kevin Mayberry, Rochelle Hines, Brett Robinson, Wendy Stevens, Phil Clary, LeeAnn Clary, Mark Tyus, Mark Peters, Jim McBride and Yvette Casner. These residents expressed concern over a loss of property values, disruption of wildlife, too much traffic, removal of trees and various other concerns.

**NO. 16182** 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 and Executive Session Minutes of the Previous Meeting
2. Bills for Approval

**RECREATION** It was an activity packed 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend for the Decatur Park District. The community enjoyed mini golf at Overlook Adventure Park, free carousel rides at Scovill Zoo, live music at the Devon and kids experienced the new Pump Track. All ending the night with a great 25-minute firework show.

Over 200 individuals participated in the Run, White and Blue Road Run held on July 4<sup>th</sup>.

Splash Cove had 775 patrons in attendance on July 4<sup>th</sup>.

On July 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. Overlook Adventure Park had a fun red, white and blue glow golf night.

Sunday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> the Sonic Slam Tour at the Devon sold over 1,500 tickets. Monday July 4<sup>th</sup> 2,000 tickets were sold for Imagine That.

Music Bingo at the Devon is a big hit with customers and is now sold out for Thursday, July 9<sup>th</sup>. This Friday, July 8<sup>th</sup> the singer of Boston will perform at the Devon and Saturday, July 9<sup>th</sup> will be movie night, The Goonies.

Rotary Park will be hosting the girls 14U USA Softball Tourney July 7<sup>th</sup> through July 10<sup>th</sup>.

DISC day camp is averaging 115 participants a day.

Heart and Soul have been a wonderful addition to the Decatur Park Districts special recreation programming. The Arts will offer "Heart and Soul in Motion" this coming fall. This will give those with special needs opportunity to experience dance.

The Association of Zoos & Aquariums (AZA) will be at Scovill Zoo next week July 11<sup>th</sup> through July 13<sup>th</sup> for the accreditation inspection. Staff have been working hard to prepare for the visit.

**OPERATIONS** Park Staff have slowed down on the mowing due to the lack of rain recently. Crews have been busy maintaining the facilities, setting up for events and preparing for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

Construction Crews and Horticulture staff have been working at the Zoo to help prepare for the upcoming Zoo accreditation.

Construction on Steven's Creek Bike Trail Phase 2B has resumed. Crews continue to work under the I-72 bridge to complete the retaining wall. The grading work has begun along the trail.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR** July 4<sup>th</sup> went great. Staff did a great job with all of the events throughout the Park District facilities. There were no major issues or incidents.

There is a need for executive session.

## **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

**Commissioner Dr. White** Staff did a great job with all of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July activities.

**President Brilley** Compliments to Splash Cove. They have made great progress.

At approximately 1:06 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 Commissioner Dr. White, seconded by Commissioner Young and unanimously approved.

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

/s/ Bob Brilley  
President, Board of Park Commissioners

/s/ Melanie Moore  
Secretary, Board of Park Commissioners