

**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 17<sup>th</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 2022**

The Board of Park Commissioners of the Decatur Park District, Macon County, Illinois, met in a regular session on Wednesday, the 17<sup>th</sup> of August, 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  
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.16185** A motion to approve Resolution No. 2022-10 Appointing Shelith Hansbro to Decatur Park District Board Commissioner to fulfill the unexpired term of Matt Whitehead was made by Commissioner Dr. White, seconded by Commissioner Young. All voted aye upon call of roll.

The Oath of Office was administered by the Board Secretary to Shelith Hansbro.

**NO. 16186** A motion to approve items 1-3 on the Consent Agenda was made by Commissioner Young and seconded by Commissioner Harrison. Commissioner Hansbro abstained to item 1. Upon call of roll, all voted aye.

1. Minutes and Executive Session Minutes of the Previous Meeting and July 25, 2022 Special Meeting
2. Fourth Addendum Clow Control Lease Renewal
3. Bills for Approval

**NO. 16187** Staff recommended approval of the purchase of an Aerial Bucket Truck for use by the Decatur Park District electrician in the amount of \$145,350 from Feldman Ford of Detroit Michigan. A public bid offering was held on July 14<sup>th</sup> and two bids were received. Funding in the amount of \$110,000 was included in the 2022 Capital Plan for this purchase. The remaining funds will come from the cancellation of a mower purchase that is no longer necessary. A motion was made by Commissioner Harrison and seconded by Commissioner Dr. White to approve the purchase of an Aerial Bucket Truck. Upon call of roll, all voted aye.

**NO.16188** Staff recommended approval of the acceptance of a bid for \$782,944.23 from Dunn Company to cement stabilize and resurface the Faries Park Roadway. This project was included in the June 17, 2022 letting by the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT). Two bids were received. There was a discrepancy in the bid documents where the wrong quantity pay item was utilized by the engineer. This discrepancy will be corrected through a change order which will reduce the project by \$80,000 bringing the contract amount to \$702,944.23. This project will be funded through a combination of the following funding sources: \$490,000 – IDOT funding through the Surface Transportation Program (STP), \$100,000 – ADM Contribution and \$112,944 – Park District Capital Funds. After a brief discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Young and seconded by Commissioner Harrison to approve the acceptance of a bid for \$782,944.23 from Dunn Company. Upon call of roll, all voted aye.

**NO.16189** Staff recommended approval of a bid to replace the concrete basketball court at Sinawik Park from Etherton Enterprises in the amount of \$39,721.50. A public bid offering was held July 28<sup>th</sup> with two bidders responding. \$20,000 for this project was included in the Capital Plan. With the increase of construction costs the remaining amount will come out of the General Park Projects line item. A motion was made by Commissioner Dr. White and seconded by Commissioner Harrison to approve the bid to replace the concrete basketball court in Sinawik Park. Upon call of roll, all voted aye.

**NO.16190** Staff recommended approval of a request to annex parcel number 17-12-34-10-023 into the Sanitary District of Decatur. This is a parcel south of Grove Road that is part of the Red Tail Run Golf Course. A motion was made by Commissioner Young and seconded by Commissioner Dr. White to approve the request to annex parcel number 17-12-34-10-023 into the Sanitary District of Decatur. Upon call of roll, all voted aye.

**NO.16191** Staff recommended approval of a request to annex parcel numbers 04-12-05-200-210, 04-12-05-426-001, 04-12-05-451-002 into the City of Decatur. These are parcels in the Home Park neighborhood that the bike trail is constructed on. Annexing these into the City allows for City services to be provided such as police and fire/EMS response and cleans up some boundary lines in that area. A motion was made by Commissioner Young and seconded by Commissioner Hansbro to approve the request to annex parcel numbers 04-12-05-200-210, 04-12-05-426-001 and 04-12-05-451-002 into the City of Decatur. Upon call of roll, all voted aye.

**RECREATION** The Association of Zoos & Aquariums (AZA) Accreditation Hearing will be August 27<sup>th</sup>. Executive Director, Clay Gerhard will attend along with several other zoo staff.

Splash Cove is open weekends only and will close after Labor Day. It is still a continuous struggle to find staff especially after school has started. Year to date as of August 7<sup>th</sup> Splash Cove has had 41, 464 guests.

The Devon Amphitheater numbers are still doing well. Tickets sold for Gary Allen on August 4<sup>th</sup> were over 2,200. August 5<sup>th</sup> was Free movie night with the showing of Ghostbusters Afterlife. There were over 200 attendees. The Pop 2000 Tour on August 13<sup>th</sup> sold over 1,644 tickets. Silver Bullet (Bob Seger Tribute) will perform on August 20<sup>th</sup>. This show is currently

at 1,527 tickets sold. Jake Owen will be at the Devon on September 1<sup>st</sup>, at this time over 1,987 tickets have been sold.

Fall program registrations have begun.

Heart and Soul choir has been a wonderful addition to the Decatur Park District programming. This Fall the Arts Department will be offering Heart and Soul in Motion. This program will offer dance to those with special needs.

Staff have started planning for Trees on Tees.

**ACCOUNTING MANAGER** Laura Cooper gave a brief summary of Splash Coves Year to Date revenue for daily admissions, pass member admissions and concession sales.

**AIRPORT** The new maintenance/fire house project continues to progress. Christy Foltz has the sheetmetal up and all of the concrete on the eastside of the building has been poured. Bodine Electric is in the process of upgrading the lights to LED lights in two of the airport buildings.

The pilot shortage continues to be an issue throughout the country. Hours of flight time required for pilots to train has increased and numerous pilots retired during the pandemic. This issue is not going away anytime soon. It will take several years or more to recover.

**OPERATIONS** East Side Parks Staff continue to maintain Splash Cove daily.

Staff are in the process of removing the Learning Curve Sculpture at the Scovill Zoo. This sculpture is no longer operational and will be replaced by a new sculpture in the near future.

Construction Crews have been busy throughout the District repairing, replacing and building. Construction Manager, Bobby Garner is a talented and skilled carpenter. Bobby and his crew have done a great job building new decks, handrails, bridges and fences just to name a few.

Staff have noticed deterioration of the steel support beams on the old train trestle bridge in Fairview Park. Staff have contacted engineers to review the rust and other issues that were discovered and are planning to apply for the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) grant to either fortify or replace the bridge in the future.

Steven's Creek Bike Trail Phase 2B continues to move forward. Dunn Company has been on site paving. Marketing Staff will send a Facebook post regarding residents to stay off the path until it is complete. Once the paving is complete crews will get the railings installed. The date for the ribbon cutting is still to be determined.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR** has been in contact with various representatives from the Illinois Department of Transportation regarding the Faries Park Road project as well as ADM. ADM has confirmed contributing to the project. With the approval today of Dunn Company's bid the project can get underway.

DISC staff met with Dunker Electric to replace current lights with LED lights.

A “DISC Solar Request for Proposal” was published on August 16<sup>th</sup>. This project is for the Decatur Indoor Sports Center roof. Offers will be received up until September 15<sup>th</sup>.

An admissions summary report from January 2022 through July 2022 was handed out to the Commissioners. Executive Director Gerhard explained the summary report that consisted of Facility, Admission Type and Number of Participant Totals.

**FOUNDATION** Zoo Open was a great success. Thirty teams participated and it was a beautiful day.

Zoo-rific will be September 10, 2022 at Scovill Zoo.

**MARKETING DIRECTOR** the Fall Winter Activity Guide was sent to the printer. They should be here by August 29<sup>th</sup>.

Meetings for Trees on the Tees have begun. Sponsors are still needed.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR** There is no need for executive session.

#### **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

**Commissioner Young** Congratulated Shelith and added the Park Board is glad to have her. Nice work to all of the staff.

**Commissioner Harrison** Welcomed Shelith and added this is a good Board to be on and the Park District staff are amazing. They come up with innovative ideas in times of need. The Trees on Tees event is a prime example. Thank you for being here.

**Commissioner Hansbro** Thanked the Board and staff for making her feel welcome and for taking time to meet with her. She is excited to be a part of the Decatur Park District.

**Commissioner Dr. White** Welcomed Shelith. The District has a great staff and do a great job in all areas. The bike path progression is exciting to see.

**President Brilley** Welcomed Shelith to the Park District family.

At approximately 12:54 p.m., Commissioner Young made and Commissioner Harrison seconded a motion to adjourn. Upon call of the roll, all voted aye.

/s/ Bob Brilley  
President, Board of Park Commissioners

/s/ Melanie Moore  
Secretary, Board of Park Commissioners