

**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 7th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2022**

The Board of Park Commissioners of the Decatur Park District, Macon County, Illinois, met in a regular session on Wednesday, the 7th of September, 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 entered at 12:06 p.m.
Chris Harrison, Commissioner via phone due to COVID
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. 16192 A motion to approve items 1-4 on the Consent Agenda was made by Commissioner Young and seconded by Commissioner Hansbro. Upon call of roll, all voted aye.

1. Minutes and Executive Session Minutes of the Previous Meeting
2. Approval to Open the Executive Session minutes dated: 2/3/2016, 2/17/2016, 3/16/2016, 6/1/2016, 7/20/2016, 12/7/2016, 3/1/2017, 3/15/2017, 3/7/2018, 3/21/2018, 4/4/2018, 6/6/2018, 7/3/2018, 7/18/2018, 8/15/2018, 9/5/2018, 9/19/2018, 10/3/2018, 10/17/2018, 11/7/2018, 11/21/2018, 1/16/2019, 2/6/2019, 2/20/2019, 3/6/2019, 4/3/2019, 4/17/2019, 5/2/2019, 5/15/2019, 5/23/2019, 6/5/2019, 7/17/2019, 9/18/2019, 11/6/2019, 11/20/2019, 1/15/2020, 2/19/2020, 3/4/2020, 5/6/2020, 5/20/2020, 6/3/2020, 6/17/2020, 7/1/2020, 7/22/2020, 8/19/2020, 9/2/2020, 10/7/2020, 10/21/2020, 11/4/2020, 11/18/2020, 12/16/2020, 1/20/2021, 2/3/2021, 2/17/2021, 3/29/2021, 4/7/2021, 4/13/2021, 5/19/2021, 6/2/2021, 6/16/2021, 7/7/2021, 7/21/2021, 8/18/2021, 9/15/2021, 10/6/2021, 10/20/2021, 11/3/2021, 11/17/2021, 12/15/2021, 1/19/2022, 2/16/2022, 3/2/2022, 2/16/2022, 4/6/2022, 4/20/2022, 5/4/2022, 5/18/2022, 6/15/2022, 7/6/2022, 7/20/2022, 7/25/2022 and for the Following Closed Meeting Dates to Remain Closed: 4/5/2017, 7/5/2017, 7/19/2017, 8/16/2017, 2/7/2018, 5/2/2018, 8/1/2018, 9/4/2019, 2/2/2020 and 3/3/2021.
3. Approval of Resolution 2022-11 to appoint Tara Asheg as IMRF authorized agent.
4. Bills for Approval

NO. 16193 Staff recommended approval of a lease agreement with Surf Springfield to utilize the Nelson Park Beach area to provide eFoil lessons on Lake Decatur. An eFoil is a surf board like motorized unit watercraft that uses an individual's balance and weight to lift off the water and surf in lake Decatur without the need for large waves. Matthew Scherer brought this idea to the Decatur Park District. All boards have a permit and Surf Springfield will provide the District with a certificate of insurance naming the Decatur Park District as an added insured in all instances. The rent is 10% of the gross revenue of the training and rentals. The District believes this will add another great recreational opportunity along the lakefront in addition to the standing paddle boards. A motion was made by Commissioner Young and seconded by Commissioner Hansbro to approve the lease agreement with Surf Springfield to utilize the Nelson Park Beach area to provide eFoil lessons on Lake Decatur. Upon call of roll, all voted aye.

NO.16194 Staff recommended approval of a Professional Services Agreement with SKS Engineers to provide construction engineering services during the resurfacing of the Faries Park roadway. Their services will include the IDOT required supervision and material testing throughout the duration of the project. A motion was made by Commissioner Dr. White and seconded by Commissioner Hansbro to approve the Professional Services Agreement with SKS Engineers to provide construction engineering services during the resurfacing of Faries Park Roadway. Upon call of roll, all voted aye.

NO.16195 Staff recommended approval of for the Christy-Foltz change order to the SRE/ARFF contract in the amount of \$106,632.59. This change order is for the emergency alert system for the new fire station. The system will alert firefighters and Central Illinois Regional Dispatch Center (CIRDC) when there is an emergency on the airport. This change order will be 100% funded through the CARES Act. A motion was made by Commissioner Young and seconded by Commissioner Hansbro to approve the Christy-Foltz change order to the SRE/ARFF contract in the amount of \$106,632.59. Upon call of roll, all voted aye.

NO.16196 Staff recommended approval for the Christy-Foltz pavement change order to the SRE/ARFF contract in the amount of \$150, 285.00 for additional pavement rehabilitation around the new maintenance building. The pavement adjacent to the new maintenance building pavement is old asphalt that is in need of repair. Tim is in conversations with the FAA to determine if project can be funded through the CARES Act, if not proceeds are available in the airport A motion was made by Commissioner Young and seconded by Commissioner Hansbro to approve the Christy-Foltz pavement change order to the SRE/ARFF contract in the amount of \$150,285.00 for additional pavement rehabilitation around the new maintenance building. Upon call of roll, all voted aye.

RECOGNITION Executive Director, Clay Gerhard invited the Scovill Zoo staff to attend the Board meeting to be recognized for their tremendous amount of work to prepare for the AZA accreditation. Each staff member stood individually to be recognized stating their name and job title. The Board congratulated them on a job well done.

Recreation Supervisor, Gabby Cliff was recognized for her promotion to Scholarship Coordinator. Gabby provided a brief overview of the proactive approach that she will be making moving forward with the new scholarship program. Gabby has already met with

various Decatur area community organizations and is excited to have the opportunity to assist with distributing these scholarships.

GOLF Decatur Park District golf pro, Ben Irwin attended the meeting to give an update on golf. There has been an increase in golf this season. Rounds for the month of August were up 4.5% from last August. High School golf has begun for the season and there is an increase in High School players. St. Teresa, Maroa-Forsyth, LSA, MacArthur and Eisenhower use the courses to practice and hold matches. In addition, there has been an increase in Pro Shop sales for the year. Revenue for both Pro Shops are up by 23%.

CFO finance staff continue to work on the 10-Year Capital Plan. Worksheets have been distributed to department heads and are to be returned by September 23rd. Staff expect to have it to the board by late October.

Work has begun on the 2022 Tax Levy. There are expected changes to the levy allocations. The IMRF rate is projected to drop from 4.57% in 2022 to 1.49% in 2023. Staff plans to have preliminary tax levy conversations during the 10-Year Capital Plan discussions. The tax levy will not be approved until December.

RECREATION it was a fun Labor Day weekend. Thursday, September 1st Jake Owen was a huge concert with a great vibe, selling over 2,633 tickets. Saturday, September 3rd Heartache Tonight had a good crowd selling over 1,344 tickets. Ending the weekend with Jersey Tenors and MU Pop.

Splash Cove is now closed for the 2022 season.

There will be a Fall dance for Seniors on September 10th at the Scovill Activity Center. The recent senior LUAU dance was well attended. Seniors are enjoying these dances with food, fun and music.

September 11th Overlook Adventure Park will have a Grandparents Day special. Grandparents will get in free with paid child.

Scovill Zoo will also celebrate Grandparents Day on September 11th with lots of activities and games planned.

AIRPORT the Airport staff was excited to have the first school field trip back since COVID. It was nice to see the kids again.

Scareport is postponed for this year. Staff have not received approval from the Federal Aviation Administration. The FAA will be conducting a project scheduled for the runway in September and October. Staff will continue working with them to bring Scareport back next year.

Christy-Foltz has started installing the new maintenance/fire station insulation and roof.

OPERATIONS park staff continue to winterize throughout the District.

Crews recently removed the Learning Curve sculpture at the Scovill Zoo in preparation for a new sculpture to arrive.

Construction on Steven's Creek Bike Trail Phase 2B project is almost completed. Once the railing and fencing is installed there will be an official ribbon cutting for use of the trail.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR staff has been notified that Decatur has now been placed on the Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) Economically Distressed Communities list for the FY23 grant cycle. What this means for the Decatur Park District is that instead of having a 50% match for the project, the OSLAD grant will fund 100% of the grant if the District is awarded in 2023.

Staff continue to meet regularly with representatives of Chastain, Fehr Graham and AEX as the continued work for grant opportunities for OSLAD, the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO), Tourism grant and Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) grants. The OSLAD grant will be for the destination playground at Fairview Park. The DCEO grant will be to increase the size of the Devon concession and restroom building. The ITEP grant is to replace the railroad trestle that supports the bike trail in the west end of Fairview Park.

FOUNDATION Zoorific will be September 10th at Scovill Zoo. Over 150 tickets have been sold to date.

The permeant art piece at the Sculpture Park has now been removed. The new art sculpture "Glass House" will arrive late September.

Staff met with Primient to discuss potential community partnerships and future projects with them.

MARKETING DIRECTOR The Fall Activity Guides are here.

Zoorific Evening Flight of Fancy ads have been running on WAND, radio and social media.

Marketing staff have been working on Boo at the Zoo banners, signage, posters and tickets.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR There is a need for executive session.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Hansbro thanked everyone again and reiterated her excitement to be a part of the Decatur Park District.

At approximately 12:57p.m., Commissioner Young made and Commissioner Dr. White seconded a motion to move into executive session. Upon call of roll, all voted aye.

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

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

/s/ Bob Brilley
President, Board of Park Commissioners

/s/ Melanie Moore
Secretary, Board of Park Commissioners