

**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 21<sup>ST</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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  
Shelith Hansbro, Commissioner

Absent: 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 HEARING** Having been published; a hearing was held to receive public comments. President Brilley declared the public hearing open for public comment concerning the Decatur Park District's intent to apply to the Illinois Department of Transportation for a grant from the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP). These grant funds will be utilized to help the Park District fortify and develop Pedestrian/Bicycle pathways that facilitate transportation from one destination to another, allowing for the community to be connected to all necessary services and amenities. The goal of the ITEP grant project is to support alternate modes of transportation, enhance the transportation system throughout the community and improve the quality of life for members of the communities. No one from the public presented questions or comments.

**NO. 16197** With no comments from the public a motion was made by Commissioner Dr. White and seconded by Commissioner Hansbro to close the public hearing. Upon call of the roll all voted aye.

**NO. 16198** A motion to approve items 1-2 on the Consent Agenda was made by Commissioner Dr. White and seconded by Commissioner Hansbro. Upon call of roll, all voted aye.

1. Minutes and Executive Session Minutes of the Previous Meeting
2. Bills for Approval

**NO. 16199** Staff recommended approval of Resolution 2022-12 of support and commitment of funds for the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) grant for the pedestrian bridge replacement project in Fairview Park. This would replace the existing 100-year old train trestle that has structural issues with a new bridge structure. A motion was made by Commissioner Dr. White and seconded by Commissioner Hansbro to approve Resolution 2022-12 of support and commitment of funds for the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program grant for the pedestrian bridge replacement project in Fairview Park. Upon call of roll, all voted aye.

**AIRPORT** work continues on the new maintenance/fire station. The roof is nearly completed and Burdick is onsite installing the main drain for the bays.

Enplanements year to date are up considerably from last year. An early morning flight from Decatur to Chicago will begin mid-October. Conversations continue with Skywest.

**CFO** Kristin, Clay and Brei have been working on updating the structure of the Decatur Park Districts Fall/Winter All District Meeting.

Kristin and Laura updated the Board a preliminary financial performance for Splash Cove. Although there are many expenses still to occur so the projections are preliminary, it is anticipated that revenues will be close to the budgeted figures and net performance will be slightly below budget due to additional staffing costs and increased prices in chemicals.

**MARKETING DIRECTOR** a Request for Proposal (RFP) from qualified firms to design and develop a new website for the Decatur Park District was sent out and a public notice placed in the Herald & Review to run on Friday, September 23, 2022. Proposals will be received until Friday, October 14, 2022.

Boo at the Zoo tickets go on sale Tuesday, September 27, 2022.

Devon on Tap ads continue to run. This event is back for its second year and will be October 8, 2022. Tickets are currently on sale.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR GERHARD** joined the meeting via zoom from Phoenix, Arizona. Jamie, Aly and Clay are at the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) 2022 Annual Conference networking with an estimated 6,000 park professionals.

Director Gerhard gave an update on operations and recreation. Park Crews and Horticulture staff spent the majority of their time the last several weeks getting the Zoo ready for the Flight of Fancy Zoorific event. The event held on September 10<sup>th</sup> was a success thanks to the hard work of Katie Myers, Aly Delatte, park crews, horticulture staff and zoo staff.

Park staff continue to do tree work and clear vegetation. They assisted with the bridge inspection of the 100-year old railroad trestle in Fairview Park. This is in preparation for the replacement project of the trestle that currently has structural issues. It is estimated the bridge will be closed during repair for 4-6 weeks.

Crews have been busy installing water lines at the new tree farm location in Fairview Park and preparing to plant trees in October.

Construction on the Steven's Creek Bike Trail Phase 2B project is close to being finished. A tentative date of October 14, 2022 has been set for the ribbon cutting ceremony.

Faries Park Road construction has begun. Dunn Company will be onsite early next week. Contractors have been working on removing the old curbing and grading the ditches. The road will be closed approximately 4-6 weeks.

Overlook Adventure Park hosted Adult Glow golf and Glow ropes on September 17, 2022. This event was well attended and staff plan to have additional nights in the future.

The Devon hosted several 100 guests from Bodine Electric for their 100 Anniversary party during the concert from The Pork Tornadoes. Saturday, October 1, 2022 Platinum Rock Legends will close out the 2022 season. Staff have booked several shows for the 2023 season and continue to work on the line up.

The Scovill Zoo alligator "G" took a field trip to Splash Cove Thursday, September 15, 2022. He spent the day wading through the lazy river and sunning on the pool deck. His handler, Ryan Kirkland was so excited for "G" to have this experience. A video has been sent out to the media for all to enjoy.

Commissioner Dr. White made and Commissioner Hansbro seconded a motion that the meeting adjourn. All voted aye and the meeting adjourned at approximately 12:19 p.m.

/s/ Bob Brilley  
President, Board of Park Commissioners

/s/ Melanie Moore  
Secretary, Board of Park Commissioners