

**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 18th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2023**

The Board of Park Commissioners of the Decatur Park District, Macon County, Illinois, met in a regular session on Wednesday, the 18th of October, 2023 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
Chris Harrison, Vice President
Dr. Kristin White, Commissioner
Shelith Hansbro, Commissioner - Via Zoom
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. 16281 A motion to remove item number 17 Designation of Delegate to serve at the Illinois Association of Park Districts (IAPD) Annual Business Meeting from Consent Agenda to Items of Business in order to discuss a change in the Delegate Alternates. A motion was made by Commissioner Harrison and seconded by Commissioner Young to remove item number 17 Designation of Delegate to serve at the IAPD Annual Business Meeting from Consent Agenda to Items of Business in order to discuss a change in the Delegate Alternates. Upon call of roll, all voted aye.

NO. 16282 A motion to approve items 1-16 and item 18 on the Consent Agenda was made by Commissioner Harrison and seconded by Commissioner Dr. White. Upon call of roll, all voted aye.

1. Minutes and Executive Session Minutes of the Previous Meeting
2. Approval of Ordinance No. 2023-9 Annexing Territory to Decatur Park District
3. Approval of Ordinance No. 2023-10 Annexing Territory to Decatur Park District
4. Approval of Ordinance No. 2023-11 Annexing Territory to Decatur Park District
5. Approval of Ordinance No. 2023-12 Annexing Territory to Decatur Park District
6. Approval of Ordinance No. 2023-13 Annexing Territory to Decatur Park District
7. Approval of Ordinance No. 2023-14 Annexing Territory to Decatur Park District
8. Approval of Ordinance No. 2023-15 Annexing Territory to Decatur Park District
9. Approval of Ordinance No. 2023-16 Annexing Territory to Decatur Park District
10. Approval of Ordinance No. 2023-17 Annexing Territory to Decatur Park District
11. Approval of Ordinance No. 2023-18 Annexing Territory to Decatur Park District

12. Approval of Ordinance No. 2023-19 Annexing Territory to Decatur Park District
13. Approval of Ordinance No. 2023-20 Annexing Territory to Decatur Park District
14. Approval of Ordinance No. 2023-21 Annexing Territory to Decatur Park District
15. Approval of Ordinance No. 2023-22 Annexing Territory to Decatur Park District
16. Approval of Ordinance No. 2023-23 Annexing Territory to Decatur Park District
17. Moved to items of business
18. Bills for Approval

NO.16283 Approval of Delegate to serve at the IAPD Annual business meeting. After a quick discussion regarding a 3rd delegate alternative, Commissioner Dr. White will substitute as the 3rd Alternate designated to serve as a delegate to the annual IAPD business meeting. Commissioner Harrison made and Commissioner Young seconded a motion to the revised delegate to serve at the IAPD Annual business meeting. All voted aye upon the call of roll.

RECOGNITION of Chuck Kuhle for his efforts leading the Ursella Beck Pro Tennis Classic for 25 years. Chuck has brought in thousands of tennis players from across the world. He began in 1999 and has done diligent work in all aspects of every tournament throughout his years with the Decatur Park District. He has been a tremendous advocate to the Decatur community. Executive Director Gerhard went on to express gratitude for Chucks dedication and success leading the Ursella Beck Pro Tennis Classic. Chucks efforts are highly appreciated. Chuck was presented with a plaque and gift card. President Brilley thanked Chuck as well for his dedication and services. Chuck was thankful and added the Fairview Tennis Complex is one of the best small public facilities throughout the country. He has enjoyed leading the Ursella Beck Pro Tennis Classic and appreciates the Decatur Park District.

NO.16284 Staff recommended the approval of a purchase from Gametime c/o Cunningham Recreation for \$437,177.49 for the playground equipment required for the new Fairview Park destination playground. This purchase will be made utilizing a portion of the OSLAD funding received for the Fairview destination playground. Commissioner Young made and Commissioner Harrison seconded a motion to approve the purchase from Gametime c/o Cunningham Recreation for the playground equipment required for the Fairview Park destination playground. All voted aye upon the call of roll.

NO. 16285 Staff recommended approval of a purchase of a new Virtual Reality Simulator for use at Overlook Adventure Park and other special events throughout the Decatur Park District. Funding from this purchase will come from remaining funds in the 2023 capital budget. Commissioner Young had several questions and concerns. After a thorough discussion amongst all Commissioners and staff, Commissioner Harrison made and Commissioner Dr. White seconded a motion to approve the purchase of a new Virtual Reality Simulator. All voted aye upon the call of roll.

NO.16286 Staff recommended approval of a Third Addendum to the Adams Aerial Solutions LLC hangar lease for the South hangar. This lease shall now be for the period beginning November 1, 2023 and ending October 31, 2024. The payment monthly will be \$1,061.20 plus \$52.02 monthly to cover the real estate tax obligation. The parties agree if the annual real estate taxes are less than \$624.24 the lessee shall receive a credit. If the taxes exceed that amount the lessee shall pay the balance. Commissioner Young made and Commissioner Dr.

White second a motion to approve a Third Addendum to the Adams Aerial Solutions LLC hangar lease for the South hangar. Upon call of the roll, all voted aye.

NO.16287 Staff recommended approval of a Fourth Addendum to the Adams Aerial Solutions LLC hangar lease. There will be a 2% increase to the base rent. This lease shall now be for the beginning period of November 1, 2023 and ending October 31, 2024. A motion was made by Commissioner Young and seconded by Commissioner Dr. White to approve the Fourth Addendum to the Adams Aerial Solutions LLC hangar lease. Upon call of the roll, all voted aye.

AIRPORT George Shride attended the Illinois Airport Airports Association (IPAA) annual conference. The Decatur Airport was awarded with the 2023 Outstanding Achievement Award for the new SRE/Fire House building. This achievement is a great milestone for the Decatur Airport. Twenty-seven Airports attended this meeting.

The new SRE/Fire House building ribbon cutting will be this Friday, October 20, 2023 at 10 a.m. Join us and come explore the new snow removal equipment building and airport rescue fire fighter station.

Scareport is Saturday, October 21st at the Decatur Airport. At this time there are 270 participants registered. Two of the three runways will be closed during this event. This event benefits educational programming and student outreach at the Decatur Airport.

RECREATION On October 17th the Scovill Activity Center hosted a special needs “Trick or Treat” event. Participants wore costumes and went around to tables to collect treats. It was a fantastic turnout. Thank you to all of the various Decatur Park District department staff and family members who donated their time to help with this special event.

The final glow golf of the season at Overlook Adventure Park was held October 14th. Attendance was down due to the cold misty weather.

Boo at the Zoo has 6,900 tickets sold at this time. Staff have been busy decorating and preparing for this event.

Halloween Trivia Night will be held on October 22nd. Currently 11 teams are signed up.

CFO Conversations continue with Speer Financial, our municipal bond advisors. The bond market has changed dramatically over the past two years possibly causing a public offering for 2024 rather than the private placements the Decatur Park District normally does. Finance staff will continue to assess the market and make a final determination in mid-November.

Staff continue to receive weekly Estimated Taxable Value (EAV) reports. With 2023 being a Quad year all properties in the Decatur Township sector are re-assessed. The county has indicated the multiplier may be around 10%. Staff anticipates an increase in the EAV for 2023. This potential increase could impact the General Obligation bond which would affect the capital availability therefore staff looks to push back the 2-2-1 meetings to late November. This will allow a clearer picture of the EAV prior to the meetings. Staff will reach out to each Commissioner before finalizations.

Auditors are still in the process of finalizing the 22-23 audit. They anticipate the final report to be complete mid-November.

Golf is up 7% for the month of September and year to date 5.6%. Golf staff were excited they sold 41 units within 3 days of lululemon during the IHSA State Girls golf tournament.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Park staff have been busy winterizing and cleaning up facilities from the summer season.

Construction crews continue to work on the remodel of the Scovill Activity Center. The anticipated finish date is November 1st.

Crews are working on a water leak at the Arts and Recreation Center.

Construction staff and Park crews have started to hang lights at Hickory Point Golf Course for Trees on the Tees. They also helped hang lights at Scovill Zoo for Boo at the Zoo.

This Sunday, October 22nd a volunteer light stringing event will take place at Over The Top Ice Cream Shop. Volunteers will come help place over 18, 000 bulbs into Christmas light strands for Trees on the Tees as they enjoy ice cream from Over The Top Ice Cream Shop.

Katie has done a tremendous job marketing all of these events.

MARKETING DIRECTOR Currently there are 3 non-profit trees left for Trees on the Tees. Corporate trees are sold out.

FOUNDATION DIRECTOR The Foundation will have an Alligator fundraiser event on October 28th. Kara Huss will host this event at her home. Invitations have been sent out.

On December 14th the Foundation will host a fundraising event at Trees on the Tees. A save the date will be sent out shortly before Trees on the Tees tickets go on sale.

PROJECT MANAGER Dunn Company is set to lay the asphalt for the Rotary Park parking lot resurfacing tomorrow, October 19th.

Installation of the conduits for the DISC Solar System were completed yesterday. The roof top solar panels will be installed once the racking system is delivered. Panel installation is estimated for the first of November.

The Devon Service building site visit with O'Shea Builders is October 19th. This project is set to be completed before next year.

Etherton Enterprises are currently working on the schedule for Coates and Cresthaven Park basketball court replacements. They intend to start in November.

The City of Decatur is preparing a bid for the installation of the new sewer through the area of Fairview Destination Playground. Estimated completion is spring of 2024.

The Hickory Point Golf Course bridge repair bid date has been extended to October 26th.

There is a need for executive session.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Harrison It is amazing the number of opportunities and events the Decatur Park District offers and the impact it has on the Community. Kudos to everyone, thank you for all you do.

Commissioner Brilley Thank you staff.

Commissioner Young Recently Ameren had a golf outing at Hickory Point Golf Course and the participants loved it. Thank you to Clay and all staff. Commissioner Young stated she is very proud of the Decatur Park District.

At approximately 12:54 p.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 by Commissioner Harrison, seconded by Commissioner Young and unanimously approved.

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

/s/ Melanie Moore
Secretary, Board of Park Commissioners

/s/ Bob Brilley
President, Board of Park Commissioners