

**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 15th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2023**

The Board of Park Commissioners of the Decatur Park District, Macon County, Illinois, met in a regular session on Wednesday, the 15th of November, 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
Stacey Young, Commissioner via zoom

Absent: Shelith Hansbro, 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. 16292 A motion to approve items 1-2 on the Consent Agenda was made by Commissioner Harrison and seconded by Commissioner Dr. White. Upon call of roll, all voted aye.

1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting
2. Bills for Approval

NO.16293 Approval of a proposal from O'Shea Builders for construction of a new mountain lion exhibit and camel holding building at Scovill Zoo. Tyler Cormeny from O'Shea Builders attended the meeting to answer any questions the board of Commissioners might have. After a thorough discussion Commissioner Harrison made and Commissioner Dr. White seconded a motion to approve the proposal from O'Shea Builders for construction of a new mountain lion exhibit and camel holding building at Scovill Zoo. All voted aye upon the call of roll.

NO.16294 Staff recommended the approval of Resolution 2023-8 to the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) to temporarily close Lake Shore Drive from Lost Bridge Road to Cantrell Street for the boat races that will be held in June of 2024. The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) requires a Resolution to allow the temporary closure. Commissioner Harrison made and Commissioner Dr. White seconded a motion to approve Resolution 2023-8 to the Illinois Department of Transportation to temporarily close Lake Shore Drive from Lost Bridge Road to Cantrell Street for the June 2024 boat races. All voted aye upon the call of roll.

NO. 16295 Staff recommended approval of a bid from White Construction to replace and repair four bridges at Hickory Point Golf Course. Partial funding was included in the 2023 Capital budget and additional dollars will be allocated in the 2024 Capital budget. Commissioner Dr. White made and Commissioner Harrison second a motion to approve a bid from White Construction to replace and repair four bridges at Hickory Point Golf Course. All voted aye upon the call of roll.

NO. 16296 Staff recommended preliminary approval of estimated 2023 tax levy in accordance with the required Truth in Taxation Law. There will be a public hearing at the December 20, 2023 board meeting and a formal vote of approval for the 2023 tax levy. Commissioner Young made and Commissioner Harrison second a motion to preliminary approve the estimated tax levy in accordance with the Truth in Taxation Law. All voted aye upon the call of roll.

AIRPORT October had 1,103 enplanements making the annual total at this time of 9,017. We are getting closer to reaching the 10,000-enplanement goal for the year!

The FAA has completed their annual inspection.

The status remains the same regarding air service.

RECREATION Turkey Trot is this weekend November 18th. At this time 230 participants are registered.

New Seniors continue to come to the Scovill Activity Center. The city bus route provides transportation and drops the seniors off at the door. The programs have been expanded to congregate meals, Medicare Part D applications, exercise classes, informational services and nail appointments.

The Thanksgiving Senior luncheon was held on November 7th. Over 100 seniors were in attendance.

Currently 14,527 tickets have been sold for Trees on the Tees.

PROJECT MANAGER The fabric has been ordered for the DISC Solar project. Panels should be placed on the roof by the end of the month.

The sheet piling was installed yesterday, November 14th at the Devon Service building and the concession building demo is now complete.

Coates and Cresthaven park basketball replacement has been deferred to 2024 due to back log and weather concerns.

The City of Decatur should receive bid documents today, November 15th for the installation of the new sewer through the area of Fairview Destination Playground. Russ will follow up with the results.

FOUNDATION DIRECTOR The alligator fundraising campaign is going strong. After the Gator-aid bottles were picked up and counted from 3 schools it has already made \$3,000.

Reminder the Foundation will host a Holiday party at Trees on the Tees December 14th from 6-8pm.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR shared a bit of good news. The Decatur Park District has been awarded a grant for the Senior center.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Harrison Happy Thanksgiving!

Commissioner Harrison made and Commissioner Dr. White seconded a motion that the meeting adjourn. All voted aye and the meeting adjourned at approximately 12:31 p.m.

/s/ Melanie Moore
Secretary, Board of Park Commissioners

/s/ Bob Brilley
President, Board of Park Commissioners