

**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 6<sup>th</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER, 2023**

The Board of Park Commissioners of the Decatur Park District, Macon County, Illinois, met in a regular session on Wednesday, the 6<sup>th</sup> of December, 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

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. 16297** A motion to approve items 1-12 on the Consent Agenda was made by Commissioner Young and seconded by Commissioner Harrison. Upon call of roll, all voted aye.

1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting
2. Approval of Ordinance No. 2023-24 Annexing Territory to Decatur Park District
3. Approval of Ordinance No. 2023-25 Annexing Territory to Decatur Park District
4. Approval of Ordinance No. 2023-26 Annexing Territory to Decatur Park District
5. Approval of Ordinance No. 2023-27 Annexing Territory to Decatur Park District
6. Approval of Ordinance No. 2023-28 Annexing Territory to Decatur Park District
7. Approval of Ordinance No. 2023-29 Annexing Territory to Decatur Park District
8. Approval of Ordinance No. 2023-30 Annexing Territory to Decatur Park District
9. Approval of Ordinance No. 2023-31 Annexing Territory to Decatur Park District
10. Approval of Ordinance No. 2023-32 Annexing Territory to Decatur Park District
11. Approval of Ordinance No. 2023-33 Annexing Territory to Decatur Park District
12. Bills for Approval

**NO.16298** Staff recommended approval of the 10-Year Capital Plan. Kristin gave a brief summarization regarding the final version of the 10-Year plan. The plan is identical to what was reviewed in the 2-2-1 meetings with each Commissioner last week. After a short discussion Commissioner Young made and Commissioner Harrison seconded a motion to approve the 10-Year Capital Plan. All voted aye upon the call of roll.

**NO.16299** Staff recommended the approval of a proposal from Gametime c/o Cunningham Recreation for the purchase and installation of the playground surfacing for the new Fairview Park Destination Playground in the amount of \$395,459.37. Commissioner Dr. White made and Commissioner Harrison seconded a motion to approve the proposal from Gametime c/o Cunningham Recreation for the purchase and installation of the playground surfacing at Fairview Park Destination Playground in the amount of \$395,459.37. All voted aye upon the call of roll.

**NO. 16300** Staff recommended approval of an agreement with Fehr Graham Engineering Services for the Fairview Park bridge replacement project in the amount of \$91,938.00. This project is fully funded through an ITEP grant. Commissioner Young made and Commissioner Dr. White second a motion to approve the agreement with Fehr Graham Engineering Services for the Fairview Park bridge replacement project in the amount of \$91,938.00. All voted aye upon the call of roll.

**RECREATION** The DISC hosted a basketball Turkey Tournament over Thanksgiving weekend. The tournament had a great turn out.

At this time the Devon Amphitheater has approximately 85% of season 2024 confirmed. Staff hope to start selling 2024 season tickets in February and single tickets in March.

Maintenance staff have spent a large amount of their time helping with the set up at Hickory Point Golf Course for Trees on the Tees. It looks awesome out there. As of today, December 7<sup>th</sup> 16,887 tickets have been sold. Kickoff is tonight at 5:00 p.m.

**CFO** As the 2024 bond date gets closer the Decatur Park Districts municipal bond advisor Speer Financial has analyzed the market and believes it would be best to move forward with private placement of the 2024 GO Bonds.

Open enrollment for Decatur Park District employees started Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup> and will run through December 15<sup>th</sup>.

MCK has completed the Decatur Park District audit. MCK CPA's & Advisors will attend the December 20, 2023 board meeting to present the audit report. Thank you to staff for all of their hard work.

**AIRPORT** The FAA has concluded their annual inspection at the Decatur Airport. Staff are pleased to share there were zero discrepancies.

The Chamber ribbon cutting for Air EVAC was held this week and had a good turn out.

As of November, there were over 10,000 enplanements and the current total is 10,131.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR** G&H Marine continues to move forward with installation of the 40 new boat slips. They plan to make modifications to the gas dock area and start construction to the Lake Patrol space before the end of the year to start working on the convenience store.

Staff have been receiving emails on a daily basis with positive feedback from the community regarding the Senior Center. The number of congregate meals has doubled from the first day of service after combining both centers.

Thank you to all Decatur Park District staff for their hard work and continued help with Trees on the Tees.

**PROJECT MANAGER** The Devon concession footings have been poured and the retaining wall built. The masonry should begin next week. At this time this project is moving along and right on target.

Preliminary site clearing has begun for the new Scovill Zoo Exhibit.

The preconstruction meeting for the Hickory Point Golf Course bridge repairs is scheduled for next Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>.

**MARKETING** The Decatur Park District new website should be up the first week in January.

#### **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

**Commissioner Young** Thank you to Kristin, Laura and staff on the 2-2-1 Commissioner meetings. The meeting was very efficient and informative covering the 10-Year Capital Plan, 2023 Tax Levy and Facility Fees in one meeting. It was much appreciated.

**Commissioner Dr. White** Thank you to staff and good luck with Trees on the Tees!

**Commissioner Harrison** is very proud of the Decatur Park District. It is truly amazing everything the Park District offers to the community. Thank you to the staff and the board for these community opportunities and experiences.

Commissioner Harrison made and Commissioner Dr. White seconded a motion that the meeting adjourn. All voted aye and the meeting adjourned at approximately 12:50 p.m.

s/s Melanie Moore  
Secretary, Board of Park Commissioners

/s/ Bob Brilley  
President, Board of Park Commissioners