

**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 21ST DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2024**

The Board of Park Commissioners of the Decatur Park District, Macon County, Illinois, met in a regular session on Wednesday, the 21st of February, 2024 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
Chris Harrison, Commissioner
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. 16317 A motion to approve items 1-2 on the Consent Agenda was made by Commissioner Young and seconded by Commissioner Harrison. Upon call of the roll, all voted aye.

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

NO.16318 Staff recommended approval of Ordinance No. 2024-2 2017B. This is an ordinance the Decatur Park District approves annually. This abatement of taxes is in relation to the debt payments on the District's outstanding alternate revenue bond issues 2017B. Debt payments on the alternate bond issues do not come from separate taxes levied, rather a portion of general obligation bond issue proceeds are used to make the required payments. The separate levy for annual debt payments must be abated and filed with the County. A motion was made by Commissioner Dr. White and seconded by Commissioner Hansbro to approve Ordinance No. 2024-2 2017B. Upon call of roll, all voted aye.

NO.16319 Staff recommended approval of Ordinance No. 2024-3 2021C Bonds abating the tax levied for the year 2023 to pay the principal of and interest of General Obligation Bonds alternate revenue source series 2021C. A motion was made by Commissioner Dr. White and seconded by Commissioner Hansbro to approve Ordinance No. 2024-3 2021C. Upon call of roll, all voted aye.

NO.16320 Staff recommended approval of a Toro Reelmaster 5510-D reel mower from MTI Distributing in the amount of \$86,471.58. This fairway mower will replace a unit at Red Tail Run Golf Course that has outlived its useful life. This was budgeted for in the 2025 Capital budget. The purchase will be made from the Omnia Partners Cooperative Purchasing agreement. After a brief discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Young and seconded by Commissioner Harrison to approve the purchase of a Toro Reelmaster 5510-D reel mower. Upon call of roll, all voted aye.

NO.16321 Staff recommended approval of a Toro Z Master 7500-D Mower with sunshade kit from MTI Distributing in the amount of \$68,400.26. This unit will supplement the mowing fleet at East Side Parks and was budgeted in the 2024 Capitals. This purchase will be made from the Omnia Partners Cooperative Purchasing agreement. A motion was made by Commissioner Harrison and seconded by Commissioner Young. Upon call of roll, all voted aye.

PRESENTATION Executive Director Gerhard introduced City Manager Scot Wrighton who attended the meeting to discuss the proposed Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District along with current initiatives the City and Decatur Park District are already partnering on and new initiatives the City would like to partner on. Mr. Wrighton explained the TIF District and the real estate tax revenue derived from the increased Equalized Assessed Valuation (EAV) that can be used for project costs, how the TIF generates money and types of TIF eligible costs. He further explained the effect of economic development and stimulation of economic growth. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe attended the meeting and provided additional commentary on the subject. In addition, she appreciates the Decatur Park District for working together with the City. Executive Director Gerhard thanked both for attending the meeting and acknowledged Mr. Wrighton's recent announcement on retiring. He wished him the best and expressed it had been a pleasure to work with him.

RECREATION The Decatur Park District Hiring Fair was rescheduled from Friday, February 16th to Friday, February 23rd due to inclement weather.

Scovill Zoo 2024 opening day will be Saturday, March 30th. Breakfast with the Easter Bunny and Critter Egg Hunt will be that same day.

Youth Baseball and Softball registrations are going well.

Midstate Cup currently has 14 teams.

The Senior Valentine luncheon had 131 participants.

Staff have completed the first ropes inspection for the season at Overlook Adventure Park. Outside inspectors will complete 2 more prior to opening day.

Love Stinks Trivia had 12 teams participate.

Here Come the Mummies will perform at the DISC on March 2nd.

Devon shows are just a few contracts from being complete for Season 2024.

CFO General Obligation Bonds have been facilitated and are now closed.

Staff continue to work on the budget process.

AIRPORT With the recent snow event last Friday and Saturday Airport staff were busy clearing the runways. Staff are very appreciative of the Board for approving the runway blower equipment. It has made this season much more efficient.

PROJECT MANAGER The Devon Service Building viewing deck concrete has been poured. The roof is scheduled to be installed next week.

DISC Solar System solar panels are complete and the ground mount panel area is being prepared for installation.

The Hickory Point Golf Course bridge repairs continue to move along. The base bid bridge deck has been removed and the new concrete deck has been poured.

Garfield Park site demolition is in progress and the new playground equipment poles are surveyed and staked out.

Route 36 shared path through Nelson Park bid documents were received February 20th.

The new Puma Exhibit at Scovill Zoo design drawings are finished.

Demolition of Nelson Pavilion #1 has been completed.

MARKETING DIRECTOR Working on promoting of the Here Come the Mummies concert at the DISC and met with Pepsi to discuss digital advertising for 2024.

FOUNDATION DIRECTOR The Decatur Park District has been selected to be Co-Grand Marshals in the St. Patrick Day parade March 16th.

Foundation will send out an invite for a Pre-show Wizard of Oz Reception at the Decatur Civic Center. Save the date for March 16th at 5 p.m.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Staff continue to move full speed preparing for Spring/Summer facility openings.

G&H Marine have been making good progress with their additional installation of new boat slips and convenience store.

On Thursday, February 15th the District all staff meeting was held at Hickory Point Golf Course. Staff were provided lunch and speaker Ian Hill held a workshop in effort to energize and provide tools for employees with helpful resources. Ian was well received by all.

As Co-Grand Marshals for the St. Patrick's Day parade Decatur Park District employees and their families have been invited to participate.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Young Thank you staff for all the work you do.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Harrison and seconded by Commissioner Young at approximately 12:54 p.m. Upon call of the roll, all voted aye.

/s/ Melanie Moore
Secretary, Board of Park Commissioners

/s/ Bob Brilley
President, Board of Park Commissioners