

**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 JUNE, 2023**

The Board of Park Commissioners of the Decatur Park District, Macon County, Illinois, met in a regular session on Wednesday, the 21st of June, 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
Dr. Kristin White, Vice President
Chris Harrison, 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. 16257 A motion to approve items 1-2 on the Consent Agenda was made by Commissioner Harrison and seconded by Commissioner Young. Upon call of roll, all voted aye.

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

RECREATION The Senior Luncheon was Tuesday, June 13th. It was another great turnout.

DISC Day Camp has been averaging 175 participants per day.

Camp I Can started June 5th and has 12 participants. On June 9th the participants attended Special Needs swim day at Splash Cove and loved it! They will continue to visit every Friday in June.

Splash Cove continues to have good attendance. A new program has opened up for Special Needs children. Every Friday from 9:30 a.m.-11:15 a.m. children with special needs can attend Toddler Time with a discounted rate. This gives them the opportunity to swim in a quieter and less crowded environment. As with any program patrons wishing to stay for open swim must re-enter and pay for daily admission at 12 Noon when open swim begins. Commissioners discussed ways for staff to educate the public prior to these designated programs on the process of re-entry.

BOSS Jr has a capped number of 72 participants this season and BOSS Sr has 58. In the past BOSS has capped at 50 participants. BOSS Jr will perform Honk Jr and BOSS Sr will perform Doctor Dolittle Jr. In addition, Heart and Soul on Stage will perform Summer Camp the musical.

Over The Top Ice Cream Shop has been consistently busy.

Staff are preparing for the July 4th festivities. Scovill Zoo, Splash Cove and Overlook Adventure Park will all be open. Off the Wall will perform at the Devon Amphitheater that night prior to the fireworks.

Friday, June 23rd Summer of Love will perform at the Devon. There will be a rental on Saturday, June 24th and Sunday, June 25th the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band will perform.

At this time the Devon has had 2 sold out shows. On June 1st Whiskey Myers and June 8th T-Pain.

The Juneteenth event held on June 18th at the Devon was a success.

CFO Finance staff continue to prepare for the annual audit. Auditors will be on site starting the week of July 10th.

AIRPORT Adams Aerial Solutions that resides at the Decatur Airport hangar has eight yellow planes. These planes will be seen flying heavily starting the month of July aiding the local farmers with their aerial application needs.

The new maintenance/firehouse is waiting for final inspections upon completion.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Park staff continue to put in the work throughout the parks and are rocking it!

Decatur Park District crews and staff are very busy with the preparation of July 4th and the lake festival to be held on July 8th-9th.

The Herpaquarium ribbon cutting has been rescheduled for June 30th. This is due to moving the reptiles in and allowing the zoo keepers ample time to make sure conditions are 100% correct as well as adjust to their new home.

Commissioner Brilley and Larry Livergood joined Executive Director Gerhard for a trip to the Activity & Recreation Center (ARC) in Normal, IL to explore improvements and programming opportunities that can be made to the Scovill Activity Center.

Golf is doing really well!

MARKETING DIRECTOR The new website continues to make progress and is looking great. Staff are excited with what they have seen so far.

FOUNDATION DIRECTOR The Foundation board meeting has been rescheduled for June 30th to coincide with the Herpaquarium ribbon cutting.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Young Juneteenth was Sunday, June 18th fortunately it was a beautiful day! This event was brought together by many community volunteers. The turn out was diverse and so well attended that they ran out of vouchers. Thank you to Mike Wilcott, Katie Myers and Devon staff for the work they put in. Extended thanks to Herald & Review and WAND for the media exposure. The feedback that has been received is all positive!

Commissioner Harrison Appreciates all of the staff. The Over The Top Ice Cream Shop is the glue that brings Splash Cove and Overlook Adventure Park together. It couldn't have a better leader for it than Megan. It is a perfect example of what we do here at the Decatur Park District. Executive Director Gerhard added Katie, Chloe and Megan took some amazing photos to showcase in the ice cream shop.

Vice-President Dr. White Echoed what Commissioner Young and Commissioner Harrison said and thanked staff for all of their work. The growth throughout the Decatur Park District is phenomenal.

President Brilley It is amazing to watch. The Decatur Park District has a heck of a staff!

Commissioner Dr. White made and Commissioner Harrison seconded a motion that the meeting adjourn. All voted aye and the meeting adjourned at approximately 12:48 p.m.

/s/ Melanie Moore
Secretary, Board of Park Commissioners

/s/ Bob Brilley
President, Board of Park Commissioners