

**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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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  
Shelith Hansbro, Commissioner  
Stacey Young, Commissioner

Absent: Chris Harrison, 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.

**PUBLIC HEARING** President Brilley declared the public hearing open for comments on Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance No. 2023-8 for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. Having been published for June 7, 2023, at 12:00 Noon at the Decatur Park District Administration Office, 620 E. Riverside Ave, Decatur, IL the public hearing was held accordingly. No one from the public presented questions or comments.

**NO. 16251** With no comments from the public a motion was made by Commissioner Hansbro and seconded by Commissioner Young to close the public hearing. Upon call of the roll all voted aye.

**NO. 16252** Commissioner Young moved that Ordinance No. 2023-8 Annual Budget and Appropriation be adopted as presented, seconded by Commissioner Dr. White. Motion carried unanimously upon call of the roll.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** President Brilley opened the meeting to public comment. Kenny Ray a resident of Decatur attended the meeting to express his concern regarding handicap accessibility at the Fisherman's Warf and Nelson docks.

**NO. 16253** A motion to approve items 1-2 on the Consent Agenda was made by Commissioner Young and seconded by Commissioner Hansbro. Upon call of roll, all voted aye.

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

**NO.16254** Staff recommended approval of Resolution No. 2023-7 a Resolution Forming a Committee on Local Government Efficiency. After a short discussion Commissioner Young stated she would like to make sure in the future when making decisions that diversity is also given consideration. President Brilley, Commissioner Dr. White and Commissioner Hansbro all agreed with Commissioner Young. In addition, Dr. White noted a name spelling error in the Resolution. It was corrected prior to signature. A motion was made by Commissioner Young and seconded by Commissioner Dr. White for approval of Resolution No. 2023-7. Upon call of roll all voted aye.

**NO.16255** Staff recommended approval of a lease for Sista Girls and Friends for the 500 E. Lakeshore Drive property. All lease terms remain the same and monthly rent was increased by 3%. A motion was made by Commissioner Dr. White and seconded by Commissioner Hansbro for the Sista Girls and Friends lease. Upon call of roll all voted aye.

**NO.16256** Staff recommend approval of new office furniture for the new SRE/ARFF building. Two bids were received and the lowest bid was from Illini Office Supply. A motion was made by Commissioner Hansbro and seconded by Commissioner Young to approve new office furniture through Illini Office Supply for the new SRE/ARFF building. Upon call of roll all voted aye.

**RECREATION** Memorial Day weekend was busy, the Devon had 3 shows, Splash Cove opened with an estimated 2,600 guests and the new Over The Top Ice Cream Shop was packed.

The MidState Cup Soccer Tournament held this past weekend June 2<sup>nd</sup> was top notch with 97 teams and all went smoothly.

The Summer Lunch Program started June 5<sup>th</sup>. Mary Jane Hayes and Melanie Moore are leading the program. Two new community organizations have been approved to receive lunches, Sista Girls & Friends and the Shemilah Outreach Center. Staff are excited to serve more children. Lunch numbers at this time are more than last year. The Overlook Adventure Park site has been moved closer to the playground and has seen an increase numbers.

Scovill Zoo had 10,000 guests in the month of April and 21,000 in May!

DISC Day Camp is averaging 180 kids daily.

Splash Cove has had a great start! An estimated 2,600 guests came through between May 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> 1,400 guests came through. Staff continue to stay in compliance with capacity by letting guests in as guests leave.

Special Recreation participants will get to enjoy Splash Cove this Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup> during Toddler Time.

The Devon Amphitheater's first sold out show for the 2023 season was June 1<sup>st</sup> with Whiskey Myers.

**CFO** Staff have stayed in contact with City personnel regarding the Near North TIF. City staff have now verified that the assessed value dispute was resolved and they completed the calculation to determine how much TIF funds were due to the Decatur Park District from 2018-2022.

Golf rounds for May are up 18% and Pro Shops are up 113%. Golf is going great and firing on all cylinders.

**AIRPORT** Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> was Airport Fund Day. It had a great turn out with an estimated 1,000 attendees. The kids loved the equipment and trucks on display.

Air service enplanements continue to be strong and are currently up 29%.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR** With Whiskey Myers having a sold out show the Decatur Hampton Inn also had sold out rooms with visitors from all over that came to attend the show.

G&H Marine now have all 100 boat slips occupied and they currently have a waiting list.

The Decatur Park District received a grant from Game Time for playground equipment for the Garfield Park Project. The goal will be to start the project early fall.

Splash Cove had a visitor that creates YouTube videos all around the world. They came to video their water slide experience as they went down the slides.

The Decatur Park District received a grant from the Illinois Department of Resources (IDNR) for the Fairview Park play ground!

The Herpaquarium ribbon cutting is tentatively scheduled for Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup>. The Foundation meeting was rescheduled from June 8<sup>th</sup> to June 16<sup>th</sup> to coincide with the ribbon cutting.

Staff is recommending that the District proceed with the demolition of Nelson Pavilion #1. Bids will be solicited over the next few months. It is anticipated to bring a demolition bid for approval to the Board in late July or early August. Until then staff has continued to keep areas of the site closed off and safe for the public to use the bathrooms.

**MARKETING DIRECTOR** Marketing put a final push out there for T-Pain to hopefully have a sold out show.

Work continues with the new web designer Juicebox. Staff are excited to see the fresh look and easy navigation.

**FOUNDATION DIRECTOR** Juneteenth will be June 18<sup>th</sup> at the Devon Amphitheater from 2:00p.m. – 6p.m.

Aly has been working with the artist for the permanent sculpture installment.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

**Commissioner Hansbro** Will be out of town for the next board meeting on June 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Vice-President Dr. White** Thank you to all Decatur Park District staff with the workload that they are putting in. The numbers of guest attendance at all Park District facilities speak for themselves. Congratulations to staff!

**Commissioner Young** Thank you Commissioner Hansbro for your help with Juneteenth. Come join us for the celebration on June 18, 2023.

Kudos to all staff for their hard work. Thank you, it is much appreciated.

**President Brilley** Is proud to be a part of the Decatur Park District.

There is a need for executive session.

At approximately 12:47 p.m., Vice-President Dr. White made and Commissioner Young 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 Commissioner Dr. White, 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