

**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 5th DAY OF JULY, 2023**

The Board of Park Commissioners of the Decatur Park District, Macon County, Illinois, met in a regular session on Wednesday, the 5th of July, 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.

NO. 16258 A motion to approve items 1-2 on the Consent Agenda was made by Commissioner Dr. White and seconded by Commissioner Hansbro. Upon call of roll, all voted aye.

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

NO.16259 Staff recommended approval of a new license agreement with Warrensburg Boys Travel Baseball to utilize Boiling Springs Park for their summer baseball practices. This is a one year agreement. A motion was made by Commissioner Young and seconded by Commissioner Dr. White for approval of a new license agreement with Warrensburg Boys Travel Baseball to utilize Boiling Springs Park for their summer baseball practices. Upon call of roll all voted aye.

GARFIELD PARK PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION Executive Director Gerhard presented a slideshow to the Board featuring the footprint of the revitalization of Garfield Park. In March of 2023, 40 Decatur residents attended a meeting for the Garfield Park revitalization efforts. Gerhard had also visited several community organizations for children and teens to obtain ideas and thoughts from them. During both meetings the public gave valuable input. Based on the input received staff met and finalized the scope of the project. Design Firm, Fehr Graham is now working to complete the schematic design to solidify the final layout. Gerhard went on to point out and discuss new amenities and features the park

will receive as well as the potential for the Decatur Park District to obtain the property that a former barbershop building stands on at the corner of Van Dyke and Grand. The City is purchasing the property and demolishing the building and then would like to exchange the property with the other Garfield Park property as part of their \$250,000 contribution to the project. Park Board Commissioners proceeded with questions, ideas and concerns. After a short discussion Gerhard concluded the presentation and added he would keep the Commissioners updated as the project progresses.

RECREATION Everclear had a great turnout at the Devon on June 30th followed by Killer Queen on July 3rd with over 2000 in attendance that night. Moonlight Yoga is scheduled for tonight, July 5th at 8 p.m. Free movie night will be July 7th featuring Top Gun Maverick. July 8th Elle King will perform and has currently sold 3000 tickets.

July 4th went good for the Decatur Park District. Splash Cove was open 12 p.m. – 6 p.m., Overlook Adventure Park was open 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. and Scovill Zoo was open from 9:30 a.m. – 6 p.m. with free carousel rides. The night ended with Off the Wall playing at the Devon and fireworks at dusk.

The Senior Independence Day lunch will be held on July 11th at the Scovill Activity Center.

AIRPORT Friday, July 7th Ageless Aviation Dream Flights will provide free flights in a World War 2 vintage plane for veterans.

Enplanements for June were 999. The uptick continues although there were a few weather related cancellations.

The new maintenance/firehouse continues to wait for final inspections. Staff will plan a ribbon cutting when everything is completed.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Kristin is out on vacation today.

The recent storm hit the Decatur Park District parks hard. Park Crews worked quickly and efficiently to remove debris and ensure the safety of the public. Kudos to them!

Lake Fest will be hopping in Nelson Park on July 8th and 9th. A mural is going to be painted by a local artist during the festival located on the lake side of the former Snack Shack building. The side facing Nelson is intended to be painted in the future at the Decatur Park Districts 100th Anniversary. Over 30 arts and crafts vendors will set up at the Lake Fest. Friday, July 7th there will be a sail boat regatta and a lighted boat parade. Sunday, July 9th a Black Hawk helicopter will fly down and be present for the “Touch a Truck” area.

Decatur Park District staff continue to meet to begin brainstorming what the 100th Anniversary of the Decatur Park District might look like. Moving forward staff will continue to meet biweekly until plans are solidified. Staff will share with the Board as meetings progress.

President Brilley stated he would like to see signage to direct the public on the location of the 911 Memorial at Nelson.

MARKETING DIRECTOR Work continues on the new website.

ACCOUNTING MANAGER Auditors are scheduled to be on site for their audit work the next two weeks. Finance staff are finishing up on year end processes.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

President Brilley Another great job! Thank you staff!

Commissioner Young made and Commissioner Hansbro seconded a motion that the meeting adjourn. All voted aye and the meeting adjourned at approximately 12:43 p.m.

/s/ Melanie Moore
Secretary, Board of Park Commissioners

/s/ Bob Brilley
President, Board of Park Commissioners