

**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 16th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2024**

The Board of Park Commissioners of the Decatur Park District, Macon County, Illinois, met in a regular session on Wednesday, the 16th of October, 2024 at the hour of 12:00 p.m. 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:

Dr. Kristin White, President
Chris Harrison, Vice President
Stacey Young, Commissioner
Bob Brilley, II, Commissioner
Absent: Shelith Hansbro, Commissioner

A quorum of the members of the Board of Park Commissioners being present, President Dr. White 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. 16363 A motion to approve items 1-15 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. Approval of Ordinance No. 2024-60 Annexing Territory of Decatur Park District
3. Approval of Ordinance No. 2024-61 Annexing Territory of Decatur Park District
4. Approval of Ordinance No. 2024-62 Annexing Territory of Decatur Park District
5. Approval of Ordinance No. 2024-63 Annexing Territory of Decatur Park District
6. Approval of Ordinance No. 2024-64 Annexing Territory of Decatur Park District
7. Approval of Ordinance No. 2024-65 Annexing Territory of Decatur Park District
8. Approval of Ordinance No. 2024-66 Annexing Territory of Decatur Park District
9. Approval of Ordinance No. 2024-67 Annexing Territory of Decatur Park District
10. Approval of Ordinance No. 2024-68 Annexing Territory of Decatur Park District
11. Approval of Ordinance No. 2024-69 Annexing Territory of Decatur Park District
12. Approval of Ordinance No. 2024-70 Annexing Territory of Decatur Park District
13. Approval of Ordinance No. 2024-71 Annexing Territory of Decatur Park District
14. Approval of Ordinance No. 2024-72 Annexing Territory of Decatur Park District
15. Bills for Approval

NO. 16364 Staff recommended the approval of a bid from Bodine Electric for infrastructure upgrades for Pier 36 Marina in the amount of \$361,450.00 to make the necessary electrical upgrades required for the installation of 120 new docks between the Lake Patrol building and

the Beach House. A motion was made by Commissioner Harrison and seconded by Commissioner Brilley to approve the bid from Bodine Electric for infrastructure upgrades for Pier 36 Marina in the amount of \$361,450.00. Commissioner Young abstained. All else voted aye.

NO. 16365 Staff recommended the approval of the lease agreement between the Decatur Park District and Archer Daniels Midland Company for the maintenance building located in Faries Park. A motion was made by Commissioner Harrison and seconded by Commissioner Brilley to approve the lease agreement between the Decatur Park District and Archer Daniels Midland Company for the maintenance building located in Faries Park. Upon call of the roll, all voted aye.

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS Fairview Park Destination Playground swing set area and fitness area are complete as well as the concrete curbing.

The masonry contractor for the new Puma Exhibit started work onsite last week and is scheduled to be completed by the end of October. The wooden deck and rope bridge are now complete. This project is estimated to be complete between the first and middle of December.

The DISC fitness area is complete. Staff are waiting on Millikin to install their lockers and putting greens.

Rotary Park parking lot is to be resurfaced Monday, October 21st.

All Weather Coating has completed Cresthaven and Coates Parks basketball court surfaces.

Garfield Park storm water detention basin and drainage pipe has been installed.

Decatur Park District Construction Crews have started working on the new Nelson Park cold storage building.

AIRPORT Staff are beginning the transition phase from mowers to snowplows. They are inspecting the snow equipment and preparing it for the winter months.

Staff had been waiting to hear from the state for the parking lot that was let in January. The state recently notified staff that the project will need to be relet. Two of the three contractors did not meet the requirements.

The annual Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) safety inspection is scheduled for the first week in November.

Commissioner Young congratulated Tim on receiving the Roger C. Marquardt award for Excellence in Aviation Leadership at the Illinois Public Airport Association (IPAA).

CFO Staff continue to receive the Estimated Taxable Value (EAV) reports weekly. At this time there has been little movement in the projected EAV.

Kristin and Brei are monitoring the Department of Labor's White-Collar Exemption Rule changes to minimum salaries and are preparing for implementation of changes if the ruling is upheld.

First requests of capitals for the 10 year capital plan have been received from staff. Finance staff will begin to review requests and make adjustments as needed. It is anticipated to have 2-2-1 meetings with Commissioners late October/early November.

The IAPD Efficiency Report template for the Local Government Efficiency Committee has been distributed to the committee. The next meeting is scheduled for November 6th.

The Decatur Park District insurance renewal process has begun. Staff have received the proposed premium from the district's current provider Health Alliance and there is a sizeable increase. At this time staff are inquiring with our previous provider Blue Cross/Blue Shield since the issue has now been resolved with Blue Cross/Blue Shield removing Springfield Clinic from their PPO list. Dansig is in the process of receiving a quote from Blue Cross/Blue Shield.

RECREATION Splash Cove daily admissions exceeded prior year by 450. Pass member admissions were less this year causing a decrease in total admissions. As a result the changes in attendance in the types of admissions has decreased the overall revenue by only 1%.

Elementary School Basketball begins October 22nd.

Homeschool P.E. currently has 75 participants. Last year had 28 participants.

Thank you to the Decatur Park District construction crews for all of their hard work completing the new DISC High Intensity Interval Training (H.I.I.T.) room and to the DISC staff as they found solutions to the disruption with the construction work and made accommodations for customers during this process.

Boo at the Zoo begins tomorrow night.

Staff will hold a Special Recreation Trick or Treat event at Scovill Park West Activity Center on October 22nd. Table stations will be set up for participants to get treats and there will be several rescue vehicles there from the Decatur Airport for participants to see.

Halloween Glow Golf at Overlook Adventure Park was a success with 260 in attendance.

The 50th Anniversary Turkey Trot will be November 23rd. This year a ½ Marathon has been added 13.1 miles!

FOUNDATION ADM is sponsoring the Turkey Trot as a part of their 100th Anniversary investment.

Zoorific had a great turnout and everything went well. The proceeds will go towards the Alligator campaign.

The Foundation Holiday Party at Trees on the Tees will be December 8th.

MARKETING Staff continue to work on sponsorships for Trees on the Tees. Tickets go on sale November 7th.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR congratulated Tim on receiving the Roger C. Marquardt award and Aly on her certification in Fund Raising Management both are great achievements.

Thank you to the Decatur Park District staff that assisted with the WSOY Community Food Drive. The event was a huge success.

The Decatur Park District held a press conference October 7th to recognize the \$200,000 grant Representative Sue Scherer secured for the new camel holding building at Scovill Zoo.

Thank you to Board President Dr. White and Commissioner Harrison for attending the Chamber Awards on behalf of the Decatur Park District.

Boo at the Zoo has received some new Halloween décor this season. It is fun to see the staff happy to receive it.

Meetings to discuss the implementation of the tree grant funds with representatives from the City of Decatur are ongoing. The awarded grant allows a considerable number of new trees to be planted in Decatur Park District Parks. Executive Director Gerhard, Horticultural staff Josh McGrath and Orson Bean went to a tree farm October 16th that was in the process of liquidating trees. They were able to secure a great deal on the trees and Josh is currently developing a plan as to where and how many trees can be planted in specific parks. One of the best parts of the day was seeing Josh and Orson get so excited about the trees. Great staff moment!

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Brilley requested the trees to be trimmed around the lights at Nelson Park pavilion.

Commissioner Young Thank you Clay and parks staff for helping stage the Ameren team tree planting event at Garfield Park. It was very much appreciated.

At approximately 12:51 p.m., Commissioner Harrison made and Commissioner Young seconded a motion to move into executive session. Upon call of the roll, all voted aye. At that time Commissioner Hansbro joined the executive session meeting via phone.

A motion to adjourn executive session return to open session was made by Commissioner Young and seconded by Commissioner Harrison and unanimously approved.

A motion to adjourn the open session was made by Commissioner Harrison and seconded by Commissioner Young and unanimously approved.

/s/ Melanie Moore
Secretary, Board of Park Commissioners

/s/ Dr. Kristin White
President, Board of Park Commissioners