

**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 18th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2024**

The Board of Park Commissioners of the Decatur Park District, Macon County, Illinois, met in a regular session on Wednesday, the 18th of December, 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:

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.

PUBLIC HEARING Having been published; a hearing was held to receive public comments. President Dr. White declared the public hearing open for public comment concerning the required Truth in Taxation hearing for Ordinance No 2024-108 levying the taxes for the Decatur Park District for the 2024 Tax Levy (Compliance with Truth in Taxation Law). Ayn Owens, founder of History of the Heartland attended the board meeting and expressed her concerns and urged the board to keep the Tax Levy as low as possible. No action was taken during the hearing.

NO.16375 A motion was made by Commissioner Brilley and seconded by Commissioner Young to close the public hearing. Upon call of the roll, all voted aye.

NO. 16376 A motion to approve items 1-2 on the Consent Agenda was made by Commissioner Brilley and seconded by Commissioner Young. Upon call of the roll, all voted aye.

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

PRESENTATION Kathy Mansur of MCK CPA's & Advisors presented the FY23-24 audited financial statements. Kathy expressed the audit to be a clean report. Both Major and Non-Major Governmental Funds reflected positive fund balances and a positive net change in fund balance for FY23-24. Kathy proceeded through the audit report reviewing various

elements of the report with the Board. After a thorough review Kathy thanked the Decatur Park District Board and staff.

NO. 16377 After the MCK presentation staff recommended the approval of the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Audited financial statements. A motion was made by Commissioner Brilley and seconded by Commissioner Young to approve the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Audited Financial Statements with MCK CPA's Advisors Upon call of roll, all voted aye.

NO. 16378 Staff recommended approval of Ordinance 2024-108 levying the taxes for the Decatur Park District for FY24-25. The total dollar amount being recommended for approval is \$12,337,361. This levy is based on the most recent Estimated Value Report received from the County of \$1,084,000,000. This denotes a 7.2% increase over the 2023 levy which was caused by the expiration of the Old Towne TIF, new industrial/commercial developments in town and Quad-Year reassessments in several townships. After a short discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Young and seconded by Commissioner Harrison to approve Ordinance 2024-108 levying the taxes for the Decatur Park District for FY24-25. Upon call of roll, all voted aye.

NO.16379 Staff recommended approval of the Professional Services Agreement with Hanson Professional Services Inc. for design services to reconstruct the north aircraft T-hangar pavement not to exceed \$78,571.00. A motion was made by Commissioner Young and seconded by Commissioner Harrison to approve the Professional Services Agreement with Hanson Professional Services Inc. for design services to reconstruct the north aircraft T-hangar pavement. Upon the call of the roll, all voted aye.

NO.16380 Staff recommended approval of the purchase of a new 2025 Ford F350 Dump Truck from Morrow Brothers Ford – Greenfield, IL at a purchase price of \$93,277.00. This purchase will be made through the Illinois State Bid process and is budgeted in the 2025 FY Capitals for replacement of the 1990 Ford F350. A motion was made by Commissioner Harrison and seconded by Commissioner Brilley to approve the purchase of a new 2025 Ford F350 Dump Truck from Morrow Brothers Ford – Greenfield, IL. Upon the call of the roll, all voted aye.

NO.16381 Staff recommended approval of the purchase of a new 2025 Ford F150 Upfitted Police Truck from Morrow Brothers Ford – Greenfield, IL at a purchase price of \$60,773.00. This purchase will be made through the Illinois State Bid process and is budgeted in the 2025 FY Capitals. A motion was made by Commissioner Harrison and seconded by Commissioner Brilley. Upon the call of the roll, all voted aye.

CFO Staff continue to work on facility fees and plan to schedule 2-2-1 meetings at the beginning of the year.

As a reminder Decatur Park District's Winter Break will be December 26th through 31st.

RECREATION The DISC WIFF (indoor wiffleball tournament) will be January 4th. Staff hope to have a good turnout. Pickle at the DISC (indoor pickleball tournament) will be the following weekend on January 11th.

Staff are planning another Hiring Fair for February 21, 2025.

Congratulations to Special Olympian James Briggs! James is a participant in the Decatur Park District Special Recreation program and earned a silver medal at the Special Olympics state bowling competition.

Scovill Zoo had a great season with 97,709 guests.

Lil Jon was announced as one of the shows for the 2025 Devon Amphitheater season and has currently sold 1,000 tickets. Tesla was announced today and tickets will go on sale Friday, December 20th.

Trees on the Tees once again was a huge success, 20,013 tickets sold. Huge thank you to Decatur Park District maintenance and all staff throughout the entire district.

AIRPORT SkyWest numbers have been good. Year to date 11,248 enplanements surpassing the 10,000-enplanement mark for 2024 in the month of November.

Maintenance crews have already used the highspeed runway snow sweepers for the snow event at the beginning of December.

Merry Christmas!

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS Fairview Park Destination Playground synthetic turf will be completed today.

The Puma Exhibit contractor has finished with their scope of work. Several custom item orders with long lead times have been released and should arrive throughout February.

Garfield Park parking lot lights are scheduled to be installed next week.

MARKETING Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

FOUNDATION The Foundation Holiday party went very well. Over 90 people were in attendance. There have been many messages and emails received from donors on how much they enjoyed the party.

FY2025 Annual Appeal donations are being received and are up compared to last year as well as new donors.

CHIEF ST. PIERRE is very proud of the Decatur Park District Police Officers as they have been short staffed and extremely busy. Thank you for all of your hard work.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Herald & Review notified the Decatur Park District that the district won News Maker of the Year award.

Staff was informed Monday, December 16th that the Decatur Park District received the OSLAD grant for Garfield Park.

Kudos to the entire staff at the Decatur Park District for all of their hard work and dedication to Trees on the Tees especially during the challenging weather. Staff will have a Trees wrap up meeting in January.

There is a need for executive session.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Brilley Enjoy your well-deserved time off.

Commissioner Young had a great time at the Foundation Holiday party. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Commissioner Harrison It is amazing to see how thought through the Tees on the Trees event is. The merchandise shop was a great addition this year. Staff and leadership have done an amazing job! Kudos to all Decatur Park District staff and thank you for all you do! Merry Christmas!

President Dr. White Thank you to everyone, board members and Decatur Park District staff. The 100th Anniversary events throughout the entire 2024 season have been phenomenal. From the 100th Anniversary Breakfast to the Airport event to Trees on Tees and events in between. It truly has been an amazing year. Enjoy the holiday!

At approximately 12:40 p.m., Commissioner Brilley made and Commissioner Harrison seconded a motion to move into executive session. Upon call of the roll, all voted aye.

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

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

/s/ Melanie Moore
Secretary, Board of Park Commissioners

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