

**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 15<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JANUARY, 2025**

The Board of Park Commissioners of the Decatur Park District, Macon County, Illinois, met in a regular session on Wednesday, the 15<sup>th</sup> of January, 2025 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  
Shelith Hansbro, Commissioner via zoom  
Stacey Young, Commissioner via zoom  
Bob Brilley, II, 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** President Dr. White declared the public hearing open for public comment. As published in the Herald & Review, Notice of Public Hearing was given for the Park Board of Commissioners to sell not to exceed \$6,000,000 General Obligation Park Bonds for the payment of land condemned or purchased for parks, for the building, maintaining, improving and protecting of the same and the existing land and facilities of the District and for the payment of the expenses incident thereto. There were no comments from the public.

**NO.16382** A motion was made by Commissioner Harrison and seconded by Commissioner Brilley to close the public hearing. Upon call of the roll, all voted aye.

**NO. 16383** A motion to approve items 1-2 on the Consent Agenda was made by Commissioner Harrison and seconded by Commissioner Brilley. Upon call of the roll, all voted aye.

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

**NO. 16384** Staff recommended approval of the lease with Decatur Beach House LLC. A motion was made by Commissioner Brilley and seconded by Commissioner Harrison to approve the lease with Decatur Beach House LLC. Upon call of the roll, all voted aye.

**CFO** Laura continues to work with staff on facility fees and is putting the final touches on the summary sheets. Kristin will begin scheduling 2-2-1's with the Board next week.

Finance staff have been monitoring assessment appeals. At this time no significant property assessment requests have been received.

**RECREATION** Pickle Ball at the DISC tournament went well. Athletes came from Peoria, Pekin and Champaign.

The Senior Luncheon was held January 14<sup>th</sup> and had a nice turnout.

Staff are bringing back the Rolling Back Time event at Fairview Park. This event will run from February 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> and February 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>.

On January 25<sup>th</sup> the ARTS staff will host a Princess Ball at the Scovill Park West Banquet facility. Tickets are still available.

All Decatur Park District staff are currently preparing for the Spring 2025 season.

The Decatur Park District will host a job fair at the DISC coming up in February. Preparations are being made for this event.

Scovill Zoo volunteer meet and greet session will begin January 22<sup>nd</sup>. Adult 10-week volunteer classes will follow beginning February 5<sup>th</sup>.

**AIRPORT** Maintenance has been dealing with a lot of snow recently and have done an outstanding job keeping the runways clear. The new snow blower had an issue, fortunately it is still under warranty. Staff are working with the company to get it repaired quickly.

SkyWest numbers were good for 2024 with a 13.7% increase over 2023 and a 45% increase over 2022.

**DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS** Project work has slowed down a bit due to the inclement weather. Crews continue to install final pieces to the Fairview Destination Playground. The synthetic turf contractor has finished their work and it looks good.

HVAC, plumbing and electrical systems are complete on the PUMA Exhibit. The viewing glass, caging and netting are to be delivered in February.

The installation portion of the Nelson park horse shoe/marina electrical upgrade has begun. Bodine is currently working with Ameren to coordinate.

Decatur Park District crews are working on tree placement and planting trees received from the City of Decatur tree grant.

Maintenance crews continue with snow removal and dead tree removal.

**MARKETING** Staff continue to keep ads running for the upcoming winter events throughout the Decatur Park District as well as preparing for spring/summer facility openings.

A new marketing intern will begin Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup> and work until May.

**FOUNDATION** Annual giving donations are up this year. The Foundation Holiday party attendance numbers exceeded last years.

The final push for the Alligator campaign will begin in February.

Zoo Open will be May 16<sup>th</sup>.

Foundation staff have been planning special events for the 2025 season.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR** Kudos to the entire Decatur Park District staff for their work throughout the 2024 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events.

Kudos to Tim Wright for his diligent work and persistence with the DOT and Senator's office for SkyWest's approval on continued operation at the Decatur Airport.

No need for executive session.

Commissioner Harrison made and Commissioner Brilley seconded a motion that the meeting adjourn. All voted aye and the meeting adjourned at approximately 12:24 p.m.

/s/ Melanie Moore  
Secretary, Board of Park Commissioners

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