

**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 FEBRUARY, 2025**

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

NO. 16385 A motion to approve items 1-2 on the Consent Agenda was made by Commissioner Young and seconded by Commissioner Hansbro. Upon call of the roll, all voted aye.

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

PRESENTATION Aaron Gold from Speer Financial presented the bid results for the \$5,671,700 General Obligation Park Bonds, Series 2025A and \$200,130 Taxable General Obligation Park Bonds, Series 2025B. Out of three bids received, First Secure Community Bank, Sugar Grove, Illinois provided the best bid for Series 2025A with the interest rate of 3.76%. Out of two bids received, Peoples National Bank of Kewanee, Kewanee, Illinois provided the best bid for Series 2025B with the interest rate of 5.23%. Mr. Gold recommended approval of both bids as stated. Both issues will close February 19, 2025.

NO. 16386 A motion was made by Commissioner Young and seconded by Commissioner Harrison to approve Ordinance No. 2025-1 providing for the issue of \$5,671,700 General Obligation Park Bonds, Series 2025A, and \$200,130 Taxable General Obligation Park Bonds, Series 2025B, of the Decatur Park District, Macon County, Illinois 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 said Park District, to provide the revenue source for the payment of certain outstanding bonds of said Park District, and for the payment of the expenses incident thereto, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay

the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the sale of the 2025A bonds to First Secure Community Bank, Sugar Grove, Illinois, and the 2025B bonds to Peoples National Bank of Kewanee, Kewanee, Illinois. Upon call of the roll, all voted aye.

NO. 16387 Staff recommended approval of the 2025 Facility Fees that were reviewed and discussed in detail with the Board members during the recent 2-2-1 meetings. Increases across the board were nominal and primarily offset the final increase of minimum wage which occurred January 1, 2025. A motion was made by Commissioner Hansbro and seconded by Commissioner Young to approve the 2025 Facility Fees. Upon call of the roll, all voted aye.

NO. 16388 Staff recommended approval of the Professional Services agreement with Hanson Professional Services Inc. for design services to reconstruct the South aircraft T-hangar pavement not to exceed \$128,797.00. 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 South aircraft T-hangar pavement not to exceed \$128,797.00. Upon call of the roll, all voted aye.

NO. 16389 Staff recommended approval of a 2025 Toro Multi Pro 1750 Sprayer from MTI Distribution, Inc. Berkely, MO in the amount of \$42,470.66. The sprayer will replace a 2009 sprayer at Hickory Point Golf Course. The FY25/26 Capital Budget has \$55,000 allocated for the purchase. The purchase will be made through Omnia Partners Cooperative Purchasing Agreement. A motion was made by Commissioner Young and seconded by Commissioner Harrison to approve the purchase of a 2025 Toro Multi Pro 1750 Sprayer from MTI Distribution, Inc. in the amount of \$42,470.66. Upon call of the roll, all voted aye.

NO. 16390 Staff recommended approval of a 2025 Toro GroundsMaster 5900 Wide Area Mower from MTI Distribution, Inc. Berkeley, MO in the amount of \$134,188.86. This mower will replace a 2016 mower utilized by the Westside Parks department. A motion was made by Commissioner Hansbro and seconded by Commissioner Harrison to approve the purchase of a 2025 Toro GroundsMaster 5900 Wide Area Mower from MTI Distribution, Inc. in the amount of \$134,188.86. Upon call of the roll, all voted aye.

NO. 16391 Staff recommended approval of the purchase of a 2025 F350 Pick-Up Truck from Morrow Brothers Ford – Greenfield, Illinois in the amount of \$81,120.00. This truck will replace a 1995 truck in the mechanic fleet that has been deferred for several years. The purchase will be made through the Illinois State Bid contract. A motion was made by Commissioner Brilley and seconded by Commissioner Harrison to approve the purchase of a 2025 F350 Pick-Up Truck from Morrow Brothers Ford – Greenfield, Illinois in the amount of \$81,120.00. Upon the call of the roll, all voted aye.

NO. 16392 Staff recommended approval of the purchase of sixty (60) new 2025 Club Car Tempo Golf Carts from Battery Specialist + Golf Cars – Taylorville, IL in the amount of \$212,451.80. These golf carts will replace the aging 2018 fleet at Hickory Point Golf Course and match the carts that were recently purchased at Red Tail Run Golf Course last year. The purchase price includes trading in the existing fleet of golf carts with a trade in value of \$134,700. A motion was made by Commissioner Young and seconded by Commissioner Harrison to approve the purchase of sixty (60) new 2025 Club Car Tempo Golf Carts from

Battery Specialist + Golf Cars – Taylorville, IL in the amount of \$212,451.80. Upon call of the roll, all voted aye.

CFO Shout out to Laura, Jamie and staff on all of their facility fee work.

Kristin and Laura have been working with Wipfli LLP to complete IRS registrations and tax forms to finalize the direct pay credits that the Decatur Park District will receive from the DISC solar project.

A change went in effect January 1, 2025 in Illinois regarding sales tax laws. This law does not impact the Decatur Park District budgets as we are tax exempt and not required to pay sales tax, however the District will be required to collect a new sales tax on items customers rent through the District. Items such as golf carts, zoo strollers, banquet dance floors etc. This requirement will change how the District prices these various items.

RECREATION DISC daily usage continues to be busy. On January 25th staff introduced Myzone to DISC members with an Open House launch party. Over 30 members and guests were in attendance. It was a great turnout!

Registrations continue for all Summer and Spring programs throughout the District.

Midstate Cup tourney meetings have begun and indoor soccer continues.

Reminder the Decatur Park District hiring fair will be February 21st from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Staff are preparing for the Rolling Back Time skating event in Fairview Park that will take place February 7th – 9th and 14th – 16th.

The Scovill Park West Activity Center (SPAWC) has been busy with appointments for AARP TaxAide Free income tax services. Customers do not need to be an AARP member to receive this service.

On Saturday, January 25th Decatur Park District ARTS staff hosted the annual Princess Ball. They had a good turnout with 80 in attendance.

Devon season ticket holder meetings will be held Thursday, February 13th and Sunday, February 16th. Shows continue to be announced.

AIRPORT SkyWest enplanements are up 17% with only 2 weather cancellations for the month of January.

Beginning the first week in March TSA will replace their baggage scanning equipment in the check point area of the Airport. The new scanner will scan checked bags and eliminate the need for TSA officers to hand search each checked bag.

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS Weather pending staff will continue with the remainder of the flatwork concrete for Fairview Park Destination Playground as well as installing the final pieces.

The new Scovill Zoo Puma Exhibit rope bridge is now complete and looks great. The viewing windows should be installed next week and the netting and caging by the end of the month.

The DISC golf area is almost complete.

Decatur Park District construction crews continue to work on installing drywall at the Beach House. Next week they will begin work on the ceilings. The estimated completion date is February 28th.

Garfield park light pole bases have been poured and are ready for the parking lights. Phase II will be out for bid by the end of the month. This will include the two full size basketball courts, youth basketball court, interactive ball wall, shade structure, corn hole game area, new pavilion and walking paths.

Park Maintenance staff have successfully removed and disposed approximately 50 dead trees throughout Decatur Park District properties.

Westside Park Maintenance staff are currently setting up and moving the huts for the Rolling Back Time event in Fairview Park.

MARKETING Staff continue to send out press releases for Devon Lakeshore Amphitheater concerts.

Katie and Chloe met with Scovill Zoo staff to video animal footprint art for their Valentine Sale Promotion.

The Spring Activity Guide is in its final stages prior to release.

Hiring fair flyers were made and sent out.

FOUNDATION The next Foundation meeting is Thursday, February 13th.

Several new events are in the works for donor engagement.

Aly will attend a Lilly Fundraising 3-day course by the Community Foundation February 18th – 20th.

Save the date for Zoo Open on May 16th.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Staff have been working with O'Shea to identify when the Zoo will be able to accept new mountain lions for the new PUMA Exhibit. Two Zoo keepers were sent to the St. Louis Zoo to learn more about the cats.

Staff have moved on from Trees on the Tees straight into preparation for spring and summer. Kudos to all staff on the work they put in over this last year with the 100th Anniversary events. It was an exciting year!

There is a need for Executive Session.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Harrison Kudos to all staff! It was a great year celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Decatur Park District.

At approximately 12:48 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 Young and unanimously approved.

A motion to adjourn the open session was made by Commissioner Harrison 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