

**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 19th DAY OF MARCH, 2025**

The Board of Park Commissioners of the Decatur Park District, Macon County, Illinois, met in a regular session on Wednesday, the 19th of March, 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
Stacey Young, Commissioner

Absent: Shelith Hansbro, Commissioner
Bob Brilley, 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. 16396 A motion to approve items 1-2 on the Consent Agenda was made by Commissioner Hansbro and seconded by Commissioner Young. Upon call of the roll, all voted aye.

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

NO. 16400 Staff recommended approval of a lease between the Decatur Park District and David H. Hardin, Sr. and Shirley A. Harden to operate Tandemonium bicycle rental concession in Fairview and Nelson Parks. Fairview Park will operate as a reservation-based rental and Nelson Park will have their fleet of bicycles on site to rent to park patrons. Terms of the lease are consistent with previous leases with Tandemonium, 10% of gross bicycle rental revenue. A motion was made by Commissioner Young and seconded by Commissioner Harrison to approve the lease between Decatur Park District and David H. Hardin, Sr. and Shirley A. Harden to operate Tandemonium bicycle rental concession in Fairview and Nelson Parks. Upon call of roll, all voted aye.

NO. 16401 Staff recommended approval of the renewal lease with Del Carmen's Pizza, LLC at Overlook Adventure Park. They have requested a seasonal lease ending in November of 2025. All previous rental terms will remain the same. Commissioner Young made and Commissioner Harrison seconded a motion to approve the renewal lease with Del Carmen's Pizza, LLC at Overlook Adventure Park. Upon call of roll, all voted aye.

CFO The budget process continues. Laura is working directly with all supervisors and directors to address any questions they may have. Commissioner 2-2-1 meetings are intended to be scheduled the beginning of April.

Melanie has sent out the 2025 boat dock rental agreements. Executed agreements and payments continue to be received. Melanie continues working with G&H to determine boat dock availability. G&H has added an additional 120 slips and have been able to accommodate most everyone on their wait list. At this time both Decatur Park District slips and G&H slips have availability.

RECREATION DISC group fitness numbers are at 1210. New classes and new members are helping to increase these numbers. On March 20th the DISC will host a Women's Wellness Panel. At this time 80 women are signed up.

April 5th will be opening day for Scovill Zoo and Overlook Adventure Park.

Alice in Wonderland Jr. will be held at the Kirkland Fine Arts Center. Shows are Friday, March 21st 7:30 p.m., Saturday, March 22nd 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., with the last day on Sunday, March 23rd at 2:00 p.m.

Congratulations to Hellen Perkins on winning gold and Felicia Dick coming in fourth at the Special Olympics State Basketball Skills event.

AIRPORT SkyWest numbers were down a bit for the month of February. Year to date there has been 1699 enplanements which are up from this time last year.

REAL ID's will go in effect May 7, 2025. Passengers will need a REAL ID if they do not have a passport to fly.

PROJECT MANAGER Weather has improved and park crews have been working on installing the remainder of playground equipment at Fairview Park Destination playground. It is hopeful to be finished in the next two to three weeks and the bicycle training course open by mid-July.

The new Scovill Zoo PUMA exhibit is basically completed with just a few landscape and finishing touches by staff. The cats are due to be picked up on March 31st. At this time a ribbon cutting is planned for April 28th. Zoo staff are very excited!

Garfield Park Revitalization bid for Phase 2 is scheduled for April 15th.

The Nelson Park marina Beach House area resurfacing bid will take place on March 27th.

Park crews have begun putting up the pickle ball nets throughout the parks and should have them done by the end of this week.

MARKETING The Spring/Summer Activity Guide has been completed and sent to the printers. It should be here the first week in April.

Digital and Social Media ads have been running for Alice in Wonderland Jr. performances, Devon announcements, Daddy Daughter Play Night and a final push for Youth Baseball/Softball.

Staff have been meeting to discuss Playing 5-9 and Backstage Bash events.

FOUNDATION Currently 35 people have responded yes to the Alice in Wonderland Jr. Tea Party event following the show.

Backstage Bash will be held at the Hickory Point Pavilion on April 26, 2025. This will be an 80's themed event.

Save the date for Zoo Open on May 16, 2025.

Aly educated employees at the All Employee meeting on her role as the Foundation Director and what the Foundation does for the Decatur Park District. She provided information on how staff can contribute to the Foundation and the impact their support has on the Park District. At the end of the meeting 25 employees donated to the Foundation.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR It is go time for the spring/summer season.

No need for executive session.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

President Dr. White would like to schedule an executive session possibly April 2nd and April 16th to review the Executive Director goals.

Commissioner Harrison made and Commissioner Young seconded a motion that the meeting adjourn. All voted aye and the meeting adjourned at approximately 12:56 p.m.

Melanie Moore
Secretary, Board of Park Commissioners

Dr. Kristin White
President, Board of Park Commissioners