

**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 APRIL, 2025**

The Board of Park Commissioners of the Decatur Park District, Macon County, Illinois, met in a regular session on Wednesday, the 16th of April, 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

Absent: 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. 16403 A motion to approve items 1-2 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 Minutes of the Previous Meeting
2. Bills for Approval

CFO The Decatur Park District received final EAV from the County and it came in slightly below estimates. There will be no need to abate.

Kristin and Laura are finalizing the FY25-26 budget. Tentative approval is scheduled for the May 7th Board meeting and the final budget approval at the June 18th Board meeting.

During annual reviews with tenants for lease renewals TLC Ice Cream LLC (Mimi's Frosty) indicated they will not be renewing their park lease for the 2025 season. They have stated that their business model has changed since COVID and the majority of their revenue comes from scheduled parties and not driving through the parks.

RECREATION Scovill Zoo Breakfast with the Easter Bunny and the Critter Egg Hunt will be Saturday, April 19th. The Special Needs Hunt will begin at 1:20 p.m. followed by Egg Hunt heats at 1:40 p.m., 1:55 p.m., and 2:10 p.m. Staff are aware of rain in the forecast for the weekend and will plan accordingly.

It has been a big week for the Scovill Park West Activity Center (SPWAC). The Senior Luncheon was held on April 8th and had 115 in attendance. Friday, April 11th staff held an Easter Party and had 86 seniors come out to enjoy the fun.

Dance is in the final weeks of classes and the dance recital will be May 9th and 10th.

There are 7 more shows yet to be announced for the 2025 Devon season. The most recently announced this week was Local Vibes Live.

MARKETING Working on press releases, social media, ads and sponsors for the Decatur Park District summer/spring season opening facilities and events.

Katie met with staff to discuss Lotus Drinks at the Devon in preparation for a new Soda Bar this season.

FOUNDATION Clay, Heather and Aly spoke on the Byer's show about the Judy Locke Memorial Scovill Zoo field trip. At this time there are 740 participants from Decatur Public Schools that will get to enjoy a day at the zoo.

Busey has selected the Foundation/Decatur Park District as their volunteer organization for April and have planned a volunteer event at Scovill Zoo on April 17th.

Save the dates for Scovill Zoo after hours Mountain Lion party, April 28th and Zoo Open on May 16th.

AIRPORT Staff are currently planning for Airport Fun Day to be held on June 21st.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Paw prints have now been painted on part of Country Club Road leading up and through Scovill Zoo. Staff thought this would be a fun way to welcome the new Mountain Lions during the opening of the exhibit. Horticultural Crews have been busy landscaping the exhibit.

Park Crews have been working over at Splash Cove to de-winterize. There is a lot of work to be done prior to filling the pools with water.

Construction crews are currently working on the batting cages to get them up and running for the summer season.

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources Garfield Park OSLAD Grant has been fully executed. The pavilion renovation and Phase 2 recreation area is scheduled to bid on April 22nd.

Fairview Park Destination Playground final grading and clean up are in progress and crews are waiting for accurate temperatures to have the poured in place surface installed. The target is for early May.

Majority of the underground conduit and wiring are installed for the Marina Electrical Upgrade project.

Decatur Park Districts Senior Recreation Specialist, Dana Floyd sent an email recently regarding the week of April 7th at Scovill Park West Activity Center (SPWAC). Clay read the email to the Board of Commissioners. Dana had shared the Senior Luncheon had 115 in attendance; the Spring Easter lunch had 86 seniors in attendance which in total was 201 seniors at the SPWAC within just two days! This does not include the number of seniors that use the facility daily. Dana had compliments from the seniors on what a success the Spring Easter Lunch was. She also noted facility staff Micky, Chuck and Dena are excellent team players that help whenever needed. Kudos to Dana and the SPWAC staff!

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

President Dr. White Great Job!

Commissioner Harrison made and Commissioner Hansbro seconded a motion that the meeting adjourn. All voted aye and the meeting adjourned at approximately 12:16 p.m.

/s/ Melanie Moore
Secretary, Board of Park Commissioners

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