

**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 NOVEMBER, 2025**

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

A quorum of the members of the Board of Park Commissioners being present, President Dr. Kristin 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. 16437 A motion to approve items 1-5 on the Consent Agenda was made by Commissioner Hansbro and seconded by Commissioner Harrison. Upon call of the roll, all voted aye.

1. Minutes and Executive Minutes of the Previous Meeting
2. Approval of the Fifth Addendum to the Adams Aerial Solutions, LLC (South Hangar Lease Renewal)
3. Approval of the Sixth Addendum to the Adams Aerial Solutions, LLC (1/2 Cargo Building Lease Renewal)
4. Approval of the Fifth Addendum to the Decatur Executive Center, LLC (North Hangar Lease Renewal)
5. Bills for Approval

NO. 16438 Staff recommended approval of the 10-Year Capital Plan. Laura gave a brief summarization regarding the final version of the 10-Year Plan. A motion was made by Commissioner Harrison and seconded by Commissioner Hansbro to approve the 10-Year Capital Plan. Upon call of the roll, all voted aye.

NO. 16439 Staff recommended preliminary approval of Estimated 2025 Tax Levy in accordance with the required Truth in Taxation Law (not to exceed \$13,350,452). This will be the fourth year in a row the district has been able to hold the tax rate flat at \$1.12. Commissioner Harrison appreciates that the district works to keep this rate consistent. A

motion was made by Commissioner Harrison and seconded by Commissioner Young for preliminary approval of the Estimated 2025 Tax Levy. Upon the call of the roll, all voted aye.

NO. 16440 Staff recommended approval of the 2026 Facility Fees that were reviewed and discussed in detail with the Board of Commissioners during the recent 2-2-1 meetings. Increases were nominal and some facilities required no increase in rates. Commissioner Harrison stated this is a prime example of staff's efficiency and how they run operations. Commissioner Young added it is always good to stay mindful of the economy and our community. A motion was made by Commissioner Harrison and seconded by Commissioner Young for approval of the 2026 Facility Fees. Upon the call of the roll, all voted aye.

NO. 16441 Staff recommended approval of a lease with Lindsey Adult Day Services, Inc. (LADS) for use of a portion of 1689 S. Franklin Street Frontage Road. This new partnership with LADS will bring adult daycare services back to Decatur. The organization intends to utilize the "bank" side of the building for one year with the option to go month to month thereafter and then move to the new Scovill Activity Center once it is constructed. Following a short discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Young and seconded by Commissioner Harrison. Upon the call of the roll, all voted aye.

CFO thanked the Commissioners for their time and input during the recent 2-2-1 meetings.

Open enrollment insurance meetings were held on November 17th for fulltime employees. The Decatur Park District's current provider Health Alliance is leaving the market as of December 31, 2025. After a thorough search Blue Cross Blue Shield came in with the best coverage rate and allowed the district to give employees a slight discount on their monthly premiums. Kudos to Brei.

Trees on the Tees ticket sales began on November 6th. Kudos to Zach for working through past issues to streamline the process and implement changes to improve customer experience.

Finance staff continue to get caught up from the audit and hope to have a budget summary report for the next meeting.

President Dr. White thanked Laura for her diligent work.

RECREATION The Turkey Trot race will be November 22nd. At this time 383 participants have registered. This year will included a 5K, 10K, half marathon and half mile Tot Trot.

The Thanksgiving Senior Luncheon went well and had 85 in attendance.

Elementary School Volleyball will concluded with a tournament on Saturday, November 22nd.

Numbers continue to thrive for the Arts Department. Currently BOSS numbers are at 167 compared to 156 in 2024, BOWS 113 compared to 115 in 2024 and Dance classes are at an all-time high 468 compared to 425 in 2024.

As of yesterday Trees on the Tees ticket sales were at 14,500 not including sponsor sales.

Devon announcements have begun for the 2026 season. Sara Evans was announced and currently 1,300 tickets have been sold. Stryper has been announced and tickets went on sale today.

AIRPORT SkyWest enplanements for October were 850 and are at 9,014 year to date.

Snow removal trucks are in operation and being tested to prepare for the winter season.

The FAA recently conducted their annual inspection of the Decatur Airport. Staff are happy to report the FAA inspector found no discrepancies and had no recommendations. The airport received a 100% safety inspection. Thank you to George for being the heart of the airport and keeping it up and running as well as all of the airport staff.

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS Garfield Park renovation is basically done, apart from the interactive ball wall. Staff recently received notification that it is currently in Chicago and should arrive in Decatur shortly. Staff are hopeful to have it installed by the second week of December.

The Knights of Columbus Park pavilion has been received and is being stored until staff are available to install it.

Meetings continue with final planning of the new Scovill Park West Senior Center.

Decatur Park District crews recently removed 100 feet of rotten wood decking from the Nelson Park lake front water pavilion area for safety purposes. In addition, they have been busy taking off rotten soffits and replacing them with new at the Scovill Ed Center building.

Winterization is complete throughout the Decatur Park District parks.

MARKETING Trees on the Tees signage is being finalized. Staff are excited to have a ADA accessible golf cart for this seasons event.

A Scovill Zoo Gift Shop flyer was designed for opening 2 days in December for Christmas shopping needs.

A video was created for Decatur Park District Gift Card Holiday Promotion.

Marketing continues to work on press releases for Devon announcements and are working closely with Devon staff on new marketing concepts.

FOUNDATION has been working with Scovill Zoo donors to sponsor the 3 remaining mature penguins and 2 newborn penguins as well as carousel animal sponsorships.

Invitations will go out by mail this week for the Foundation Holiday Party at Trees on the Tees.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR reminded the Commissioners of the Decatur Regional Chamber of Commerce Annual Thanksgiving Luncheon.

Hickory Point golf course re-opened the weekend of November 14th through November 16th due to the warm weather and had a great turn out of golfers.

Kudos to all Decatur Park District staff as they seamlessly adjust from one busy season straight into the next busy season.

Kudos to Tim Wright for the 100% accurate FAA inspection for the Decatur Airport.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Harrison Happy Thanksgiving!

President Dr. White Happy Thanksgiving!

There is a need for executive session.

At approximately 12:34 p.m., Commissioner Harrison made and Commissioner Young 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 Hansbro and seconded by Commissioner Young and unanimously approved.

After the meeting returned to open session Clay updated the Board on the status of the racino development project on Wykles Road.

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

/s/ Melanie Moore
Secretary, Board of Park Commissioners

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