

**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 21ST DAY OF MAY, 2025**

The Board of Park Commissioners of the Decatur Park District, Macon County, Illinois, met in a regular session on Wednesday, the 21st of May, 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
Shelith Hansbro, Commissioner Via Zoom
Stacey Young, Commissioner
Bob Brilley, Commissioner
Absent: Chris Harrison, Vice President

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. 16412 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

NO. 16413 Staff recommended approval of a Proposal Services Proposal from Architectural Expressions – Forsyth, IL in the amount of \$468,750.00 to design, bid and oversee the construction of a new Senior Activity Center at Scovill Park West. This proposal includes the design of the new Center and the assistance with bidding the project as well as providing construction administration services. The services will be paid for utilizing funds received from a PARC grant from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. Architectural Expressions, Managing Senior Partner, Larry Livergood attended the meeting to explain the process. After an extensive discussion and questions from each Board Commissioner a motion was made by Commissioner Brilley and seconded by Commissioner Young to approve a Proposal Services Proposal from Architectural Expressions – Forsyth, IL in the amount of \$468,750.00 to design, bid and oversee the construction of a new Senior Activity Center at Scovill Park West. Upon call of the roll, all voted aye.

NO. 16414 Staff recommended approval of the purchase of a Yalp Sutu Interactive Ball Wall from Cunningham Recreation – Charlotte, NC in the amount of \$73,093.00. The interactive ball wall was identified during community input sessions for the design of Garfield Park as a

highly desired amenity for the park. This purchase is being made through the Omnia National Collaborative Purchasing Program and is one of the final items needed to complete the Garfield Park Revitalization Project. A motion was made by Commissioner Young and seconded by Commissioner Brilley to approve the purchase of a Yalp Sutu Interactive Ball Wall from Cunningham Recreation – Charlotte, NC in the amount of \$73,093.00. Upon call of the roll, all voted aye.

NO. 16415 Staff recommended approval of the purchase of a manufactured pavilion kit from American Parks Company – Plano, Texas which is a parent company of Game Time/Playcore in the amount of \$74,480.00. The plans for Garfield Park included a second pavilion which will allow multiple families to utilize the park at the same time. A motion was made by Commissioner Young and seconded by Commissioner Brilley to approve the purchase of a manufactured pavilion kit from American Parks Company – Plano, Texas parent company of Game Time/Playcore in the amount of \$74,480.00. Upon call of the roll, all voted aye.

NO. 16416 Staff recommended approval to auction Decatur Park District surplus equipment utilizing an online auction service. A motion was made by Commissioner Young and seconded by Commissioner Brilley to approve to auction Decatur Park District surplus equipment utilizing an online auction service. Upon call of the roll, all voted aye.

NO. 16417 Staff recommended approval of a lease agreement with SkyWest for counterspace and the security area. This agreement has an annual increase of 2% over the next four years. A motion was made by Commissioner Brilley and seconded by Commissioner Young to approve a lease agreement with SkyWest for counterspace and security area. Upon call of the roll, all voted aye.

AIRPORT Recently the airport and Air Evac hosted two sessions of students from Heartland Technical Academy. Students had the opportunity to visit the control tower, Air Evac base and the airport fire/maintenance shop.

Maintenance crews continue to mow and clean up the airport grounds.

CFO Golf rounds are up 20% for the month of May and down 1% for the Fiscal Year.

At the last board meeting the tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal Year 25/26 was approved. It is now on display for 30 days and the notice for public hearing was published in the Herald & Review on May 20th. Staff will seek final approval for the Budget and Appropriation Ordinance at the June 18th board meeting.

Kristin welcomed and introduced the new Accounting Manager, Karin Travis. Karin started on May 13th and staff are very excited to have her on board.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Fairview Park Destination Playground final grading and clean-up are in progress. The ribbon cutting is tentatively scheduled for June 2nd. Work will still need to be done for the new bicycle training course site. The site has been prepared for the work to start.

Splash Cove opening has been postponed to next Thursday, May 29th due to the weather.

RECREATION Opening weekend is here for the Devon. Staff have been working hard getting the venue cleaned, stocked and ready to go. The first performance of the season will be Bret Michaels on Thursday, May 22nd followed by Alex Miller Friday, May 23rd, The Fray Saturday, May 24th and finishing the weekend with Morris Day and The Time.

FOUNDATION Scovill Zoo staff have been phenomenal to work with.

Gabby Cliff has been able to fill 60 swim lesson spots for Webster Cantrell funded by the Foundation Scholarship program.

The Foundation assisted in the 5-9 event at Overlook Adventure Park on May 15th. It was a great turnout!

Zoo Open was May 16th. More than 30 teams participated and roughly \$25,000 to \$35,000 was raised.

MARKETING Assisted with the 5-9 event at Overlook Adventure Park and Zoo Open.

Press Releases were sent out for Over the Top Ice Cream Shop opening day, Zippy Zoo Day and Juneteenth Event.

Staff are finalizing graphics at the Devon.

Zoo Facebook Page has added over 24,000 new followers!

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Brilley We got another year, make it fantastic!

Commissioner Young Ready set go! Good job staff!

President Dr. White Great job!

Commissioner Harrison made and Commissioner Young seconded a motion that the meeting adjourn. All voted aye and the meeting adjourned at approximately 12:50 p.m.

/s/ Melanie Moore
Secretary, Board of Park Commissioners

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