

**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 18th DAY OF JUNE, 2025**

The Board of Park Commissioners of the Decatur Park District, Macon County, Illinois, met in a regular session on Wednesday, the 18th of June, 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. 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.

PUBLIC HEARING President Dr. White declared the public hearing open for comments on Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance No. 2025-9 for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. Having been published for June 18, 2025, at 12:00 Noon at the Decatur Park District Administration Office, 620 E. Riverside Ave, Decatur, IL the public hearing was held accordingly. No one from the public presented questions or comments.

NO. 16419 With no comments from the public a motion was made by Commissioner Hansbro and seconded by Commissioner Harrison to close the public hearing. Upon call of the roll all voted aye.

NO. 16420 A motion to approve items 1-2 on the Consent Agenda was made by Commissioner Harrison and seconded by Commissioner Young. Upon call of the roll, all voted aye.

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

NO. 16421 Staff recommended approval of Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance No. 2025-9. Commissioner Harrison moved that Ordinance No. 2025-9 Annual Budget and Appropriation be adopted as presented, seconded by Commissioner Young. Motion carried unanimously upon call of the roll.

CFO Karin and Laura continue working on the fiscal year end closing and audit procedures. Audit field work is scheduled for the week of July 28th.

Staff recently received documents from Wipfli to finalize the solar tax credit with the IRS. The tax documents that are being submitted to the IRS for reimbursement are \$477K. This credit is better than staff were expecting.

RECREATION Scovill Zoo tours have been up for the month of May. At this time there have been 600 tours. Thank you to Aly with the success of the Judy Locke Memorial field trip donation from the Locke family.

The Illinois Professional Women's Tennis Tournament held over at the Fairview Tennis Complex was a huge success. Over 70 players competed in high level competition. Chuck Kuhle indicated this was one of the best tournaments held at Fairview.

Tuesday Night Park Runs in Fairview Park began Tuesday, June 17th and will continue through July 29th.

Splash Cove has picked up this last week with the few days of nicer weather.

The Devon will have a busy weekend kicking off with the Juneteenth Celebration on Thursday, June 19th. Then on Friday, June 20th Billy Currington, Saturday, June 21st Dogs of Society and completing the weekend June 22nd with Tesla.

Last weekend an individual at a Rotary Park tournament became unresponsive. Two Decatur Park District Rotary staff utilized the Automated External Defibrillator (AED) on this individual and were successful. Thanks to their quick actions and previous AED training this individual is going to be ok.

PROJECT MANAGER The Fairview Park ribbon cutting had a great turn out. The park seems to be full with at least 30 kids or more daily. At this time 10 additional park benches have been installed throughout the new playground area. Currently Entler construction is working on the subgrade rock base for the bicycle skills training course and Decatur Park District staff are installing a storm water draining system for the parking lot that runs through the bicycle course to help manage rain water.

Christy-Foltz, the site improvement contractors for the Garfield Park Revitalization project are working on submittals and construction schedules.

The Nelson cold storage building should be done by the end of this week.

Top Quality Roofing Company is scheduled to replace the roof on the Fairview Park bicycle rental building next week.

Park Crews have been painting and cleaning up the buildings throughout the Decatur Park District parks.

A concrete pad has been installed at Splash Cove and two cabanas were installed.

AIRPORT Enplanements for May are down just a bit from last year.

TSA's new screening equipment is working smoothly.

Airport crews have been busy mowing in between the rainy days.

FOUNDATION The proposed budget for FY25/26 was approved at the June 12th Foundation meeting. Thank you to Laura Cooper and Jim Neff for doing such a good job explaining it all.

The Foundation was excited to be contacted by a donor to invest \$20,000 in the new Scovill Zoo Endowment. The funds are the first to be donated through the Heart of Illinois Community Foundation. The donor will receive the Illinois State Tax Give Credit for their donation.

The Decatur Park District Scholarship Program gave 60 free swims lessons to individuals in the Webster Cantrell Hall Program. All 60 have been utilized! Thank you to Gabby Cliff for executing this program.

The Foundation hosted Music Bingo at the Devon on June 12th with 200 attendees.

MARKETING Press Releases continue for the Devon shows.

TikToks were posted for several Decatur Park District events.

Work has begun on the Fall/Winter Activity Guide.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Staff are working with IDNR and IDOT as Phase 2A of the bike trail project moves forward. This project is estimated to take 4 to 5 years. Keep in mind the first phase took approximately 9 years to complete.

The Decatur Park District staff have been working with Juanita Morris on a partnership pilot program to get kids back in the parks. This would be a sort of character camp project focusing on sports. At this time, they are hopeful to begin July 7th at Coates Park with a basketball camp.

Staff received a very nice email giving kudos to the Decatur Park District. It is always nice to get positive feedback from the public.

It is going to be a hot and very busy weekend for the Decatur Park District.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Brilley inquired about signs for the 911 Memorial in Nelson park and thanked staff for everything they do. He is proud of the Decatur Park District.

Commissioner Young Reminded the board of the Juneteenth local event hosted at the Devon on June 19th. This exciting event is free to the public and will run from 4-9 p.m. with local entertainment and food vendors. Thank you Clay and Katie for all of your assistance preparing for this event.

Good job Laura stepping into your new role.

Commissioner Harrison Summer lives here! The ribbon cutting at Fairview Destination Playground went great and the playground looks awesome.

President Dr. White Decatur Park District is so positive for the community, from the new Fairview Park playground, boat races, Scovill Zoo and all of the many facilities/events. Thank you staff for all you do!

There is a need for executive session.

At approximately 12:48 p.m., Commissioner Harrison made and Commissioner Brilley seconded a motion to move into executive session. Upon call of the roll, all voted aye.

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

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

/s/ Melanie Moore
Secretary, Board of Park Commissioners

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