

**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 JULY, 2025**

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

Absent: Shelith Hansbro, 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 COMMENTS John Highcock attended the meeting to express his concern regarding his property located on the perimeter of Red Tail Run Golf Course. John experiences golf balls hitting his deck and is concerned for his safety and the protection of his property.

Jessica Hill attended the meeting as a reminder of her concerns regarding her home located on the perimeter of Red Tail Run Golf Course and the hazards with wayward golf balls. She would like to continue the open line of communication with the Decatur Park District. In addition, Jessica appreciates how Executive Director Gerhard has handled the situation thus far.

Stuart Leo attended the meeting to thank the Decatur Park District and inquire about the future of the former Big Creek Riding Stable property.

NO. 16423 A motion to approve items 1-15 on the Consent Agenda was made by Commissioner Brilley and seconded by Commissioner Harrison. Upon call of the roll, all voted aye.

1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting and Executive Session Minutes of the Previous Meeting.
2. Approval of Ordinance No. 2025-10 Annexing Territory to Decatur Park District
3. Approval of Ordinance No. 2025-11 Annexing Territory to Decatur Park District

4. Approval of Ordinance No. 2025-12 Annexing Territory to Decatur Park District
5. Approval of Ordinance No. 2025-13 Annexing Territory to Decatur Park District
6. Approval of Ordinance No. 2025-14 Annexing Territory to Decatur Park District
7. Approval of Ordinance No. 2025-15 Annexing Territory to Decatur Park District
8. Approval of Ordinance No. 2025-16 Annexing Territory to Decatur Park District
9. Approval of Ordinance No. 2025-17 Annexing Territory to Decatur Park District
10. Approval of Ordinance No. 2025-18 Annexing Territory to Decatur Park District
11. Approval of Ordinance No. 2025-19 Annexing Territory to Decatur Park District
12. Approval of Ordinance No. 2025-20 Annexing Territory to Decatur Park District
13. Approval of Ordinance No. 2025-21 Annexing Territory to Decatur Park District
14. Approval of Ordinance No. 2025-22 Annexing Territory to Decatur Park District
15. Bills for Approval

RECREATION DISC group fitness numbers are doing good! The month of June had over 1,162 participants.

Scovill Zoo numbers are up 2,500 for the month of June.

Rotary staff are scheduled to host the USA Softball Men's Slowpitch State Tournament the weekend of July 19th. At this time 8 teams are registered.

Splash Cove attendance has picked up within the last month.

The Devon Lakeshore Amphitheater had a great 4th of July. Decade of Decadence was a fantastic show followed by fireworks. The weather turned out to be perfect. This weekend B.O.S.S. Kids, B.O.S.S. Jr, B.O.S.S. Sr. and Heart & Soul will perform at the Devon. Currently 1,300 tickets have been purchased. July 24th Blackhawk will perform followed by Lil Jon on July 25th. Saturday, July 26th will be Free Movie Night featuring Barbie. The weekend will end Sunday, July 27th with The Band Perry. Staff are hopeful the weather will be good as it has been very challenging this season for the Devon. Commissioner Young inquired about relaxing the non-stroller rule for family friendly events to accommodate families with infants.

CFO Even though the weather has been a challenge for the Devon with a few shows postponed and rescheduled, ticket sales continue to be strong. At this time the Devon is just 75,000 away from meeting budget. Staff are confident this will be met and surpassed.

Laura and Karin are performing final reviews of FY24-25 to prepare for audit fieldwork.

PROJECT MANAGER Fairview Park bicycle skills course is in a holding pattern due to the sewer work project. The completion date is still targeted for the end of July.

Phase 2 Garfield Park Revitalization site work is going well.

Park Crews continue to paint and clean up area parks. They finished painting Garman Park this week.

The concrete contractor has been on site at the Cheetah Exhibit and the flat work concrete is scheduled to be poured the end of next week. Once the concrete is complete Decatur Park District Crews will begin construction.

Site prep has been completed by Park Crews for the new East Mound Park Soccer Storage Building. The concrete contractor has been onsite and the flat work concrete is scheduled to be poured this week. This project should be complete by early September.

Park Crews are waiting on a new pavilion kit to arrive to install at Knights of Columbus park.

FOUNDATION Aly continues to work on 3 Busey trustee department grant applications that are due at the end of July.

Aly assisted Scovill Zoo staff with the new Sip and Stroll event. Over 200 adults attended this event and gave great feedback on it.

Save the date for Zoorific on September 20th.

Music Bingo is tonight, July 16th at the Devon Amphitheater.

The Foundation received a bench donation to pay for 20 benches to be installed at the new Fairview Park Playground and Scovill Park West Activity Center.

MARKETING Sponsors were secured prior to the new Sip and Stroll event.

Zoorific materials are being ordered.

Digital and Social Media ads have been running for Devon Lakeshore Amphitheater performers, Sip and Stroll and Scovill Zoo Ice Cream Safari.

Emails have gone out to Trees on the Tees sponsors.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR The pilot program led by Dr. Juanita Morris for at risk youth has started at Coates Park. Previously Decatur Park District staff met with Dr. Morris on what this camp would consist of and the goals of the camp. This program is built around sports and geared as a character-building camp. We hope to bring youth back to the parks and mentor them in positive ways.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Brilley would like to see some temporary lights placed over in the Beach House area. His goal is to make it safe and bright.

Bob inquired on the status of the 911 sign in Nelson Park.

Commissioner Harrison reminded staff how much they are appreciated. Kudos and thank you!

President Dr. White There is a need for executive session.

At approximately 12:35 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 Young seconded by Commissioner Harrison and unanimously approved at 12:49 p.m.

Directors Remarks Clay discussed concerns raised by members of the public during Public Comment regarding errant golf balls entering private property along Red Tail Run Golf Course. Ross discussed potential liability and the District's obligation to address these issues under Illinois law. Clay discussed various ways that the District can address the concerns raised by members of the public. Staff will work with legal counsel and risk management agency to place signage near tee boxes of problematic holes to remind golfers that errant shots resulting in damage to personal property is the responsibility of the golfer to report. Clay proposed drafting a letter to the members of the public detailing the steps that the Park District will take to address their concerns. The Board recommended Clay move forward with his letter.

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