

**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 20<sup>th</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 2025**

The Board of Park Commissioners of the Decatur Park District, Macon County, Illinois, met in a regular session on Wednesday, the 20<sup>th</sup> of August, 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  
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. 16424** A motion to approve items 1-6 on the Consent Agenda was made by Commissioner Brilley and seconded by Commissioner Young. 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. 2025-23 Annexing Territory to Decatur Park District
3. Approval of Ordinance No. 2025-24 Annexing Territory to Decatur Park District
4. Approval of Ordinance No. 2025-25 Annexing Territory to Decatur Park District
5. Approval of Ordinance No. 2025-26 Annexing Territory to Decatur Park District
6. Bills for Approval

**CFO** The auditors have completed their fieldwork for the FY24-25. Staff will continue to work with them on follow-up items prior to finalization.

The second installment of the 2024 property taxes have been received. At this time the Decatur Park District has received 58% of budgeted tax receipts. There will be 3 more installments.

Brei continues interviews for the Soccer Director position.

PDRMA recently visited Splash Cove, DISC, Nelson Maintenance, Airport, Scovill Zoo and Destination Playground at Fairview Park. The visit went well.

**RECREATION** Current dance enrollment is at 412. Last year at this time enrollment was 444.

DISC group fitness had 1,306 participants for the month of July, June had 1,126. These are great numbers especially for the summer season. The H.I.I.T. room has sold 98 passes and staff are pleased with the participation.

Hiring of the new Soccer Director is in its second phase of interviews with three top candidates. Colin continues to help with soccer during the hiring process prior to transitioning into his new role as DISC Manager.

Yesterday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> was the first Trees on the Tees meeting. The first initial meeting is to begin the process for the event and narrow down dates. The board of commissioners followed with suggestions and a short discussion regarding the work load of full time staff during the event. Clay added the goal is to not have full time employees work every night.

Grunge Fest with Hollow and Creep will perform at the Devon on August 23<sup>rd</sup>. The following weekend on August 28<sup>th</sup> Tyler Hubbard and August 29<sup>th</sup> Lee Rocker and the Stray Cats. The weekend will finish up with Made in America (Toby Keith Tribute).

**AIRPORT** The Farm Progress show begins August 26<sup>th</sup> through August 27<sup>th</sup>. The Decatur Airport will be busy during the show. Tim has secured the Blackhawk helicopter and Air tractor airplane for the show.

Ageless Aviation Dreams Foundation will conduct a Dream Flight on September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Currently 8 veterans are signed up to fly.

TSA baggage screening continues to go well.

Enplanements year to date are at 6,382.

**FOUNDATION** Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup> the Foundation will host Music Bingo at the Devon. This is always a good unrestricted fundraiser for the Foundation.

Save the date for Zoorific on September 20<sup>th</sup> at Scovill Zoo. It will be an exciting night "In Purradise".

The Foundation Holiday Party at Trees on the Tees has been booked for December 14<sup>th</sup>.

Grant reports were submitted and new funding requests to the Busey trustee department for the Whinery Trust and Ulrich Foundation grants. A total of over 28k has been given out for scholarships this year.

**MARKETING** Staff are working on upcoming events, Boo at the Zoo and Trees on the Tees.

Digital and Social Media ads continue to run for the Devon as well as new fall hours for Splash Cove, Overlook Adventure Park, Over The Top Ice Cream Shop and Scovill Zoo.

Road banners are currently being changed for fall events.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR** Hickory Point Golf Course received severe tree damage from the recent storm. Over 20 trees were down throughout the course. Greg and his staff are currently working on cleaning up the debris.

The Preliminary Bridge Hydraulic Report approval has now been received for Steven's Creek Bike Trail Phase 2A.

The Decatur Park District Airport staff play a big part in the Farm Progress show as does the Decatur Park District Fleet staff.

With the summer baseball/softball season coming to an end staff meetings have begun in efforts to improve the program.

Clay thanked the board of commissioners for attending the Senior Center study session.

### **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

**Commissioner Harrison** Thanked staff for the study session. The session had a great format and was very informative.

**President Dr. White** The study session was really good and much appreciated.

Congratulations to Clay on being nominated to serve as Vice-President for the Decatur and Macon County Economic Development Corporation (EDC).

**Commissioner Brilley** The study session was very professional and very well put together.

Proud of you all.

**Commissioner Hansbro** was appreciative of the study session and is looking forward to the future of the Senior Center.

Thank you all for all you do.

Commissioner Young made and Commissioner Harrison seconded a motion that the meeting adjourn. All voted aye and the meeting adjourned at approximately 12:39 p.m.

/s/ Melanie Moore  
Secretary, Board of Park Commissioners

/s/ Chris Harrison  
Vice President, Board of Park Commissioners