

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners  
Sycamore Park District  
Tuesday, September 22, 2020**

The regular meeting of the Sycamore Park District Board of Commissioners, DeKalb County, Illinois, being held at our Maintenance Building, located at 435 Airport Road, Sycamore, Illinois is called to order at 6:01 p.m. on Tuesday, September 22, 2020.

Will the recording secretary please call the roll.

The following Sycamore Park District Commissioners are physically present and will be participating in the meeting in person: **Commissioners Graves, Strack and Kroeger.**

The following Sycamore Park District Commissioners are not physically present but will be participating in the meeting via video and/or audio conferencing: **None**

The following Sycamore Park District Commissioners are not physically present and will not be participating in the meeting: **Commissioners Doty and Schulz.**

Staff members present were Director Jonelle Bailey, Jeff Donahoe, Jeanette Freeman, Jackie Hienbuecher, Kirk Lundbeck, Sarah Rex, and Theresa Tevsh.

**Guests:** None

**Regular and Consent Agenda Approval –  
Motion**

Commissioner Strack moved to amend the agenda to move Agenda Item #75, Survey Findings Summary Report and Discussion to after Agenda Item #73, KSRA Report and then approve the Regular Agenda and the Consent Agenda as amended. Commissioner Graves seconded the Motion.

**Voice Vote**

President Kroeger called for a voice vote to approve the motion. All commissioners present voted Aye. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioners Doty and Schulz were absent

At this time, Supt. of Recreation Tevsh noted that there is one correction to her previous Board Report. Kiwanis Club was listed for the Pumpkin Carving contest and it should be the Lions Club.

**Approval of Minutes –  
Motion**

Commissioner Strack moved to approve the August 25, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Graves seconded the Motion.

**Voice Vote**

President Kroeger called for a voice vote to approve the motion. All commissioners present voted Aye. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioners Doty and Schulz were absent.

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### **Claims and Accounts Approval**

#### **Motion**

Commissioner Strack moved to approve and pay the bills in the amount of \$332,272.53.  
Commissioner Graves seconded the Motion.

#### **Roll Call**

President Kroeger called for a roll call to approve the motion. All commissioners present voted Aye. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioners Doty and Schulz were absent.

#### **Correspondence –**

- Wendy Swedberg Thank You – President Kroeger noted it was well set up and hats off to everyone that worked on it. It was nicely done.
- Bryan Henning – Splash Pad
- Stacie Graham – Splash Pad

#### **Public Input**

#### **Positive Feedback – None**

**Monthly Report –** Supt. of Recreation Tevsh introduced KSRA Director Dawn Shafer. Dawn gave a brief overview of what KSRA does for our community and she handed out their current brochure.

#### **New Business –**

**Survey Findings Summary Report and Discussion** – Sarah Rex noted she will run the power point and Ron Vine will be in the meeting via Zoom. She noted this is the second part of the two-part survey that wrapped up just as COVID was hitting. The information is very valuable as we move into planning of Sustaining the Legacy. She also noted there were two onsite meetings in Ron's original contract that did not happen. To adjust the contract, Ron is going to work with Jonelle and offer three to six months of additional consulting.

Ron Vine then went over the survey with the Board and staff. There was also discussion of the survey as Ron went over each slide. Sarah noted that once she receives the final version of the survey, she will put it on our transparency portal.

#### **Old Business**

**Park Naming -** President Kroeger noted he had sent out to the Board to get some feedback regarding this. He went through the list of areas for naming:

- North Grove Crossing** – he wants to keep on the agenda. Jonelle will start working with the homeowner's association on this.

**Park Naming – Cont'd**

- **Renaming the current sports complex** – there have been discussions on this and there was some thought to renaming it Memorial Park. He noted it does not need to be decided on tonight. Commissioner Graves noted concern about removing Sports Complex from the name since it has been known as the Sports Complex for so long.
- **The New Soccer Complex** – President Kroeger noted we had a contest, and the results came back heavily for Ron Johnson Park. He then noted at one of our last meetings, it was brought up to possibly name the new baseball complex Ron Johnson since he was more involved with baseball. Commissioner Strack noted he is not sure about putting a personal name in the name of the sports complex or the soccer complex. President Kroeger asked that this be put on the next meeting agenda so the rest of the board can contribute. President Kroeger suggested talking to the Ron Johnson family that since Ron was involved with baseball, that we would like to reserve his name for the baseball complex. Director Bailey suggested Ron Johnson Memorial Sports Complex. This would include the memorial part of it, the sports complex so people know where it is and honoring someone that did baseball. We could possibly add a plaque honoring him at this location. She noted we call the new soccer area Riverside now. Then Supt. Donahoe suggested Riverside Soccer Complex. Director Bailey recommended calling the sports complex the Ron Johnson Memorial Sports Complex, and calling the soccer complex the Riverside Soccer Complex for now until we have someone we want to honor down the road. This will come back at the next meeting for final approval.
- **Entry Park** – President Kroeger noted this is the park at RT 64 that we did with the Forest Preserve. Supt. Donahoe noted staff now calls it the East Entry Park. It was decided to have more discussion on this later.

**Update Regarding the MMNH** – Supt. of Recr. Tevsh noted Blackhawk Movers and Weaver Construction are getting quotes together for the Burpee Museum in Rockford. This is all helping to move the majority of the stuff out of the Museum. Blackhawk and Weaver did the original work in getting the elephant and larger animals in the building. MMNH is constantly reminding Burpee the deadline to move the stuff is the end of the year.

**Update on Transition Planning** – President Kroeger asked Director Bailey to give the Board an update. Director Bailey noted it is going well. Dan and she have met a lot the first two weeks to get up to speed. There are more meetings scheduled and they will be going over the key people to meet list.

**GW Trail Segment 1 Construction Update** – Supt. of Parks Donahoe noted things are about to get going. He and Director Bailey met today with Chris from ERA, John from Civil, and Terry Hannon from the Forest Preserve to go over logistics, and timetables. They all walked the area today also. Supt. Donahoe then went over the approximate schedule and noted it is a great effort by all groups.

**Bridge #4 Construction Update** – Supt. of Golf Ops. Lundbeck noted everything is on track at this point. He also noted that according to Wheeler, the bridge should be delivered the week of October 5<sup>th</sup>. They are saying they will have it done before Halloween, barring weather issues.

### **New Business**

**Proposal to Honor the Passing of Robert “Bob” Swedberg** – Supt. of Parks Donahoe noted staff felt a sign over the door of the maintenance building would be best so everyone could see it. Supt. Donahoe noted we have advertised for the position now.

### **Motion**

Commissioner Strack moved to approve the signage at the maintenance building.  
Commissioner Graves seconded the Motion.

### **Voice Vote**

President Kroeger called for a voice vote to approve the motion. All commissioners present voted Aye. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioners Doty and Schulz were absent

**Quarterly Capital Funds Update** - Supt. of Finance Hienbuecher noted this is just a report letting the board know where we are at this point.

**ITEP Grant Resolution 04-2020** – Recr. Supervisor Sarah Rex noted the IDOT Enhancement Program Grant was used for the first Action 2020 Trail connection back in 2016. The Grant cycle opened up again the next year and we got the grant for the current segment that we are starting construction on now. The Grant cycle did not open up for a few years and we have been waiting to see what would happen this August. The Grant cycle did open, and we are getting ready to prepare the Grant application for the section of Paige Street to Old Mill Park. What is in front of the Board today is signatures needed, the Local Assurances, and the Resolution that is required for the application packet.

### **Motion**

Commissioner Strack moved to approve Resolution 04-2020. Commissioner Graves seconded the Motion.

### **Roll Call**

President Kroeger called for a roll call to approve the motion. All commissioners present voted Aye. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioners Doty and Schulz were absent.

### **Public Input –**

- Commissioner Strack noted he has someone interested in helping with a natural area at Old Mill Park in the future. Supt. of Parks Donahoe noted Brian Grainger had mentioned that to him also, and he will have our Naturalist Nicholas work with him on it.

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**Public Input – Cont'd**

- Commissioner Graves suggested the parcel that Commissioner Strack brought up at one of our last meetings be investigated a little more. He feels a dialogue needs to be opened up with the landowners.

**Motion**

The Board adjourned the Regular Session at 7:59 p.m. on a motion made by Commissioner Strack. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Graves.

**Roll Call Vote**

President Kroeger called for a roll call vote to approve the motion. All commissioners present voted Aye. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioners Doty and Schulz were absent.

Respectfully Submitted

Jeanette Freeman  
Recording Secretary  
Sycamore Park District