

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Sycamore Park District
Tuesday, October 27, 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 6:07 p.m. on Tuesday, October 27, 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, Schulz, 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: **Commissioner Doty.**

The following Sycamore Park District Commissioners are not physically present and will not be participating in the meeting: None

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

Guests:

David and Betty Polak

Motion

Commissioner Schulz made a motion to permit Commissioner Doty to participate remotely. 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 5-0.

Regular and Consent Agenda Approval –

Motion

Commissioner Schulz moved to amend the agenda to move Agenda Item #65 to the top 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 5-0.

Approval of Minutes –

Motion

Commissioner Strack moved to approve the September 22, 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 5-0.

Claims and Accounts Approval

Motion

Commissioner Schulz moved to approve and pay the bills in the amount of \$254,236.02.
Commissioner Strack seconded the Motion.

Roll Call

President Kroeger called for a roll call to approve the motion. All commissioners present voted Aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Correspondence – None

Public Input –

Recognition of Instructors for 20 years of Service: Dave and Betty Polak – Supt. of Recreation Tevsh noted she would like to recognize two of our instructors from the Recreation side. They have been with us for 20 years doing the martial arts. They have stuck with us through all the different community centers we have been in. Even through COVID they still have 2 classes going. Over the years, they have touched the lives of several youth. We want to present them with a plaque for their service. Dave Polak noted they have had fun and they get a lot of satisfaction doing the classes. Betty Polak noted they have been doing this for 30 years.

Positive Feedback – None

Monthly Report – Supt. of Parks Donahoe gave an update on the following:

- **Playground at Ovitz Park** - He noted most of the equipment is in, but they need to do the sidewalk, and finish grading/mulch.
- **New Trail** – Trees have been cleared down the trail, they have put in the pilings for the bridge. They are trying to get the mail bridge in. Next spring, they should start on the trail part on both sides.
- **Golf Course Bridge 15 Tee** – The bridge is in place as of today. The logistics is amazing and impressive how they got in the tight area. The concrete is coming tomorrow for them to finish the approach areas.

At this time, Commissioner Graves noted there have been a lot of positive comments from the community on the trails and they are excited about it.

Old Business

Park Naming – President Kroeger noted there are a few different items here.

Soccer complex – Originally this was going to be Ron Johnson Soccer complex. Director Bailey noted that at one of the previous meetings it was suggested to go with Ron Johnson Memorial Sports Complex for the sports complex and we were keeping the soccer complex as the Riverside Soccer Complex. She noted there was no name chosen for the Entry Park. It was noted from the previous meeting that the maintenance department calls it the Entry Park. President Kroeger suggested checking with the family to approve moving the Ron Johnson name to the sports complex. Director Bailey suggested making a plaque with the names of people that have put a lot of time into sports to honor them.

Update Regarding the MMNH – Supt. of Recr. Tevsh noted the Museum had a zoom board meeting this past Friday, but she wasn't able to attend. She noted the Museum is still working with the movers and getting the certificate of insurance. Supt. of Parks Donahoe noted that Weaver Construction was able to open up the back of the building to allow for the removal larger animals to get out.

GW Trail Segment 1 Construction Update – Supt. of Parks Donahoe covered this in his monthly report.

Bridge #4 Construction Update – Supt. of Parks Donahoe covered this in his monthly report.

New Business

Health Insurance Recommendation– Supt. of Finance Hienbuecher noted the information is in her staff recommendation.

Motion

Commissioner Strack moved to approve the Health Insurance as presented.
Commissioner Schulz seconded the Motion.

Roll Call

President Kroeger called for a roll call to approve the motion. All commissioners present voted Aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Golf Fees – 2021 – Supt. of Golf Ops Lundbeck noted he gave an updated comparison through today to the board. He is recommending going back to what was originally scheduled for this year before COVID.

Motion

Commissioner Strack moved to approve the Golf rates as presented.
Commissioner Schulz seconded the Motion.

Roll Call

President Kroeger called for a roll call to approve the motion. All commissioners present voted Aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Facilities Fees – 2021 – Supt. of Recreation Tevsh noted they are proposing a 10% increase on memberships and passes to cover the minimum wage increase for recreation staff of \$18,000. They will still have to find creative ways to cut back to meet budget. President Kroeger voiced his concern bumping up 10% and that we might lose people. Supt. of Recreation Tevsh noted she also has the option of 5%, we are still on the lower side compared to neighbors. Supt. Lundbeck noted that the value is being increased also. Supt. Tevsh noted the 24/7 memberships will have 50% off fitness programs and get a monthly class free. The passholders will get 20% off their fitness programs. Supt. Lundbeck suggested increasing the 10%, but if you buy in the first month you get a 5% discount. Supt Tevsh noted they have been doing a 20% discount in October if paid in full. Director Bailey noted that with the 20% discount now, it could be challenging to redo the discount. There was more discussion on this, and it was decided to leave the 20% discount in place for now.

Facilities Fees – 2021- cont'd -

Motion

Commissioner Schulz moved to increase the Pathway Fitness Memberships, all pass types, and aquatic passes by 10% in 2021 as presented. Commissioner Strack seconded the Motion.

Roll Call Vote

President Kroeger called for a roll call vote to approve the motion. All commissioners present voted Aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Resolution 04-2020 – IDOT Trail Grant – Director Bailey noted at the September meeting the Resolution 04-2020 was approved. Since then they have received an updated cost estimate which reflects an additional \$25,230 for required wetlands mitigation. We need the updated resolution approved and signed for the submission of the grant application.

Motion

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

Roll Call Vote

President Kroeger called for a roll call vote to approve the motion. All commissioners present voted Aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Ordinance 06-2020 – Surplus Property – Supt. of Parks Donahoe wants the ability to sell the old irrigation heads and other things listed in his staff recommendation. This allows us to do a legal public sale.

Motion

Commissioner Strack moved to approve Ordinance 06-2020. Commissioner Graves seconded the Motion.

Roll Call Vote

President Kroeger called for a roll call vote to approve the motion. All commissioners present voted Aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Public Input – President Kroeger asked Supt. Lundbeck what we have lost in not having outings. Supt. of Golf Ops noted very little because he was able to fill with tee times. Commissioner Graves then thanked everyone for their hard work and efforts during this time and it seems like the transition is going smoothly.

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Motion

The Board adjourned the Regular Session at 7:15 p.m. on a motion made by Commissioner Schulz. 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 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted

Jeanette Freeman
Recording Secretary
Sycamore Park District