

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Sycamore Park District
Tuesday, December 22, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Sycamore Park District Board of Commissioners, DeKalb County, Illinois, held at the Sycamore Park District Maintenance Building located at 435 Airport Road in Sycamore, Illinois is called to order at 6:05 p.m. on Tuesday, December 22, 2015.

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 Kroeger, Schulz, and Strack.**
Commissioner Graves and Tucker are absent.

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: **Commissioner Graves and Tucker.**

Staff members present were Director Dan Gible, Jeff Donahoe, Jackie Hienbuecher, Kirk Lundbeck, Lisa Metcalf, Sarah Rex, and Recording Secretary Jeanette Freeman.

Guests at the Board meeting were:

Julie Eggleston, KSRA
Katie Smith, Shaw Media

**Regular and Consent Agenda Approval –
Motion**

Commissioner Schulz moved to approve the Regular Agenda and Consent Agenda.
Commissioner Tucker seconded the Motion.

Voice Vote

President Strack called for a voice vote to approve the motion. All commissioners present voted Aye. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Graves and Tucker were absent.

Approval of Minutes –

Motion

Commissioner Schulz moved to approve the November 24, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes and December 8, Special Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Kroeger seconded the Motion.

Voice Vote

President Strack called for a voice vote to approve the motion. All commissioners present voted Aye. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Graves and Tucker were absent.

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Claims and Accounts Approval

Motion

Commissioner Schulz moved to approve and pay the bills in the amount of \$174,998.47.
Commissioner Kroeger seconded the Motion.

Roll Call

President Strack called for a roll call to approve the motion. All commissioners present voted Aye. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Graves and Tucker were absent.

Correspondence –

Encap Christmas Card
Ancel Glink – Derek Christmas Card
Sundog IT Christmas Card
IPRA Christmas Card
Midwest Orthopaedic Institute Christmas Card
NuToys Christmas Card
Sycamore Pumpkin Festival Inc. Request
NB & T Christmas Card
Speer Financial Christmas Card

Campus Update on Design – Farnsworth Group – Farnsworth came to go over the concepts with the Board to field any questions or take suggestions on the plans. They noted these plans had already been looked at by the staff and they narrowed it down to two plans. They would like the Board to give their opinion on the plans as of now. They will be going over the plans again with the committee and will back the next stage of plans to the Board again.

Annual Report of KSRA – Julie Eggleston of KSRA gave her annual presentation of how they have done in the current year. She went over the new things they are trying and the successes they have had.

Old Business –

Report on Action 2020 Committees –

Trails - President Strack noted they had a good meeting and he handed out a map with the suggested lines for Trails. He noted that at the next meeting they will focus on Road/Trail issues.

Leaf a Legacy – Director Gible noted that Supt. of Finance has received numerous donations since the mailing went out. Supt. of Finance noted we have received donations from our vendors and businesses in the area.

Joint Meeting with City Council – Director Gible confirmed the joint meeting is on February 1, 2016 at 6:00 pm. He also noted that he will not be able to attend the meeting and we can change the meeting date if needed. The consensus of the Board was to leave on the current date of February 1, 2016 at 6:00 pm.

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Records Retention Update –Nothing at this time.

Discussion of “Annual Awards” – Program Supervisor Sarah Rex handed out the names that staff suggested for the Board to discuss. There was a consensus on the Board to go with Robert Dobberstein and Mary Stevens Concert Fund.

Final Review & Approval of 2016 Operating Budget – Supt. of Finance Hienbuecher Fielded questions on the Operating Budget. She noted her staff recommendation should have all the information needed.

Motion

Commissioner Schulz moved to approve the 2016 Operating Budget. Commissioner Kroeger seconded the Motion.

Roll Call

President Strack called for a roll call to approve the motion. All commissioners present voted Aye. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Graves and Tucker were absent.

New Business -

Consideration of Cleaning Contract for 2016 – Supt of Golf Operations Kirk Lundbeck noted his staff recommendation gave all the information. He also noted he has an open line of communication with the current company and all the details were worked out.

Motion

Commissioner Schulz moved to approve the 2016 Cleaning Contract as presented. Commissioner Kroeger seconded the Motion.

Roll Call

President Strack called for a roll call to approve the motion. All commissioners present voted Aye. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Graves and Tucker were absent.

Consider Nest Year’s Meeting Dates/ Times – Director Gibble noted the dates can be changed if needed.

Motion

Commissioner Schulz moved to approve the 2016 Meeting Dates. Commissioner Kroeger seconded the Motion.

There was discussion on a few dates that need to be changed.

Motion

Commissioner Strack moved to amend the original motion and now would like the January meeting date to change to January 19th from January 26th. Commissioner Schulz seconded the Motion.

Voice Vote

President Strack called for a voice vote to approve the motion. All commissioners present voted Aye. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Graves and Tucker were absent.

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Consider Next Year's Meeting Dates/ Times- Cont'd

Motion

Commissioner Schulz moved to amend the original motion and second motion to read that the January 26th, 2016 meeting be changed to January 19th and the December 27th, 2016 meeting be changed to December 20th. Commissioner Kroeger seconded the Motion.

Voice Vote

President Strack called for a Voice Vote to approve the motion. All commissioners present voted Aye. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Graves and Tucker were absent.

Ordinance 08-2015 Tax Levy -

Motion

Commissioner Schulz moved to approve Ordinance 08-2015 Tax Levy as presented. Commissioner Kroeger seconded the Motion.

Roll Call

President Strack called for a roll call to approve the motion. All commissioners present voted Aye. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Graves and Tucker were absent.

Setting of Date for Next Study Session – Nothing at this time.

Public Input

Dan Gible as a citizen – He noted he is frustrated with the discussion in Springfield regarding local property taxes and the effort to cap taxes when the problem with the budgets don't lie within our local communities. They lie with our elected officials and our state budget. He feels his property taxes are best spent locally and have nothing to do with Springfield. The problem is the state budget and has nothing to do with property taxes. He hopes that our elected officials at the Park District and other units of local government make it clear to our elected officials in Springfield that the shell game is not with property taxes at the local level, but how the state is managing the budget.

President Strack went over information on the ongoing impact fee discussions he has had with the different groups.

President Strack noted he wanted to put this out for consideration. He would like the Board to think about the Board stepping back slightly to take some stress off the Board and have staff run more. Originally when some got on the Board they had to be involved in everything. Now with the change in leadership, that is not the case. Director Gible noted he will make a list of the things he feels the Board should be involved in and making decisions on. This will make it clear to everyone in defining when the Board needs or wants to be notified of things.

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Commissioner Kroeger noted he feels the staff is already doing these things, but look to the Board for final approval.

Commissioner Kroeger commented to staff another great job and another successful year. He hears more and more comments on how great the direction is that we are going.

Motion

The Board adjourned the Regular Session at 8:43 p.m. on a motion made by Commissioner Schulz. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kroeger.

Voice Vote

President Strack called for a voice vote to approve the motion. All commissioners present voted Aye. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Graves and Tucker were absent.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeanette Freeman
Recording Secretary
Sycamore Park District