

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Sycamore Park District
Tuesday, July 28, 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 6:02 p.m. on Tuesday, July 28, 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: **Commissioners Doty**

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

Staff members present were Jeanette Freeman, Director Gibble, Jackie Hienbuecher, Jeff Donahoe, Theresa Tevsh, and Sarah Rex.

Guests: None

Regular and Consent Agenda Approval –

Motion

Commissioner Schulz moved to approve the Regular Agenda and the Consent Agenda.
Commissioner Strack 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 Schulz moved to approve the June 30, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes.
Commissioner Strack 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 \$301,033.78.
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.

Correspondence –

- Sarah Swinton Email

Public Input –

- Commissioner Strack asked when First Midwest Bank dropped our interest rate. Supt. of Finance Hienbuecher noted it has gradually lowered.
- Commissioner Schulz noted School Board is meeting tonight. One of the things they are struggling with is there are parents that need to send their kids back to school because their jobs are on the line. She has told people that Sycamore comes together as a community and she has heard nothing but rave reviews about the Sycamore Park District and how we are stepping up again and again to make this work. She noted that staff rocks.
- President Kroeger noted that he is hearing from the golf league great comments.

Positive Feedback – None

Monthly Report – Supt. of Finance Hienbuecher noted the Board had passed the Sick Leave Donation Policy back in 2015. This is our first time utilizing it and she went over the details of it. We had employees donate 248 hours of sick time.

Old Business

Consideration of Hiring New Executive Director – Director Gibble noted the Board has the recommendation and we now have in her personnel file all the documents Jonelle needed to sign.

Motion

Commissioner Strack moved to approve the terms and conditions of Jonelle Baileys employment. 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.

President Kroeger noted that he, Dan and Jonelle will be getting together to go over a transition details plan. He also thanked Commissioners Doty, Graves and Strack for all their work on this process. Director Gibble official last day will be November 6th.

Director Gibble noted that Sarah will be handling the thank you's to the citizen community members that served on the committee.

Resolution Recognizing the Retirement of Current Executive Director –

Motion

Commissioner Strack moved to approve the Retirement Resolution 03-2020.
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.

Discussion on Public Information Related to Executive Director – President Kroeger noted that as a board they need to figure out what and how this needs to get out to the public. Commissioner Strack suggested asking Jonelle what she would like shared. Sarah noted she will start the process and touch base with Jonelle and get to Bill and Dan to approve. There was more discussion on how to meet or introduce her to the community leaders.

Update Regarding the MMNH – Supt. of Recr. Tevsh noted she has had email correspondence from Josephine and that she Josephine shared with her the email from their attorney. The City is possibly making claims on the assets of the Museum and Josephine shared with Theresa what the attorney said on this matter.

Director Gible noted the Field Museum took back their collection. Burpee has previously indicated they want the rest of the collection but needs to commit to it in writing. Commissioner Strack asked what the City is wanting. Supt. Tevsh noted that the City is still claiming that the collection belongs to the City. Director Gible noted that for years, the City Manager has told him they want nothing to do with the collection.

New Business

Consider Award Bid for Installation of Dr. John Ovitz Park Playground- Director Gible noted that Terri is very confident in the low bidder as detailed in the staff recommendation. The equipment shipment was to be 8/14 and has now moved to 8/21 due to COVID cases in the plant. He noted it should be installed in the fall.

Motion

Commissioner Schulz moved to approve the recommendation as presented. 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.

Consider Awarding Bid for Replacement of Bridge #4 -

Motion

Commissioner Strack moved to approve the bridge recommendation as presented. 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.

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Recommendation for Future Study Sessions – Director Gibble felt this would be better addressed once he and Bill meet with Jonelle.

Public Input –

Commissioner Strack noted he would like to discuss is the trail connection from through Leon Larson to Sycamore Lake getting that trail connection up to Freed Rd. Director Gibble suggested this should be part of a study session.

Motion

The Board adjourned the Regular Session at 7:00 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