

**Minutes of the Special Study Session Meeting
Of the Board of Commissioners
Sycamore Park District
Tuesday, November 10, 2020**

The special study session meeting of the Sycamore Park District Board of Commissioners, DeKalb County, Illinois, held at the Sycamore Park District Clubhouse, 940 E. State St. in Sycamore, Illinois is called to order at 6:01 p.m. on Tuesday, November 10, 2020.

President Kroeger read off the Zoom information from the agenda.

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 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 Strack.**

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

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

Motion

Commissioner Schulz made a motion to permit Commissioner Strack 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 4-0. Commissioner Doty was absent.

Regular Study Session Agenda Approval –

Motion

Commissioner Schulz moved to approve the Regular Study Session Agenda. 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 4-0. Commissioner Doty was absent.

Approval of Minutes –

Motion

Commissioner Schulz moved to approve the October 13, 2020, 2020 Study Session Special 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 4-0. Commissioner Doty absent.

IAPD Appointment of Delegates and Alternates: Director Bailey noted that we need people to attend the board meeting during the conference which will be on January 30, 2021. It was decided that Director Bailey and Commissioner Doty be the delegates.

Sustaining the Legacy: Director Bailey noted she has highlighted the areas that we currently are focusing on based on the Community Survey. She would like to make sure what the Board is wanting to focus on now for Sustaining Legacy 2025. There was some discussion on if we can open the pool in 2021 due to COVID and if it can be ready. Supt. Donahoe noted we can open as is and get it going with just minor things that would need to be done. Supt. Tevsh noted that there are modifications that would need to be put in place with staffing to open with the restrictions as they are now in Phase 4. She noted we can do it but would not be bringing in any money. Supt. Donahoe noted that we can wait until February to decide and Director Bailey agreed that February would be the drop-dead date to decide if opening in 2021. Supt. Tevsh noted she would need to know by the January board meeting to get the information in the mailer. Director Bailey noted that other pools opened and did ok with extra steps to clean. We could put steps in place and use a fogger to clean. We probably wouldn't make any money, but we can still offer to the public. At this point, there was a consensus on the board to open for 2021 as long as not putting more than \$50,000 into the pool providing the government does not shut everyone down.

Trails – There was some discussion on the status of the land needed and grants. Director Bailey will be setting up a meeting in the next few weeks to move forward on this.

Soccer Fields – Per Supt. Donahoe noted possibly the fields would be ready in 2022. We had bad weather which affected the seeding and growing.

Director Bailey asked the board to take some time to review dates and the components to get to 2025 and get to her. Commissioner Schulz noted that we should look at rewriting our vision and mission statements as suggested previously by Commissioner Doty. Also, we need to keep the service clubs aware of what the Sycamore Park is doing and look at the fundraising through the Foundation again. Commissioner Strack suggested working with local attorneys to let their clients know about leaving a legacy and doing that through us. Director Bailey suggested starting the work on the vision/mission and the other things at a January study session. This would give time to get the feedback from staff as we go into this process.

Midwest Museum of Natural History: Supt. Tevsh noted that this week Burpee is moving out the rest of their items and then next week Central Illinois college will be moving things out. There will still be a lot of stuff left. The Museum has asked what condition they need to leave the building and would like something from the Sycamore Park in writing. They have no money left for a dumpster or anything. The board agreed to provide a dumpster and figure out later who we can get to help clean out the building. Director Bailey then asked the Board what they want to do with the building. We do not have to offer back to the City even though we did earlier, but they are not interested in it now. Since the animals are no longer in the building they can't use it as a visitor center. Supt. Hienbuecher noted we just need to do a disposal ordinance to be able to sell the building. Director Bailey noted the City knows we may be selling the building and she will follow up with Derke to see if he had touched base with the City lawyer. President Kroeger noted we should dispose of all in the building and they get it appraised to get ready to put on the market. Director Bailey noted she will work on the appraiser and come back with the numbers in December or January.

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Next Study Session: This will be determined at a later date.

Motion

The Board adjourned the Regular Session of the Special Study Session Meeting at 7:30 p.m. on a motion made by Commissioner Schulz. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Graves.

Voice Vote

President Kroeger called for a voice vote to approve the motion. All commissioners present voted Aye. Motion carried 4-0. Commissioner Doty was absent.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeanette Freeman
Recording Secretary
Sycamore Park District