

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners  
Sycamore Park District  
Tuesday, July 27, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Sycamore Park District Board of Commissioners, DeKalb County, Illinois, being held at our Clubhouse, located at 940 E. State St., Sycamore, Illinois is called to order at 6:02 p.m. on Tuesday, July 27, 2021.

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: **Commissioner Ackmann.**

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

**Guests at the Board meeting were:**

Casey Hauck: Intern

**Regular and Consent Agenda Approval –**

**Motion**

Commissioner Doty moved to approve the Regular Agenda and the Consent 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 Ackmann was absent.

**Approval of Minutes –**

**Motion**

Commissioner Doty moved to approve the June 22, 2021, 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 4-0. Commissioner Ackmann was absent.

**Motion**

Commissioner Doty moved to approve the June 22, 2021, Executive Session 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 Ackmann was absent.

**Claims and Accounts Approval**

**Motion**

Commissioner Strack moved to approve and pay the bills in the amount of \$434,887.29.

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 Ackmann was absent.

**Correspondence –**

- School District ELL Camp Thank You
- Sycamore Girls Cross Country Coach Thank You
- OC Creative Thank You

**Public Input –** Supt. Tevsh introduced Casey Hauck, our summer intern. She noted he has a background in golf, so he helped Kirk in the Say Golf program. He also worked with the maintenance crews and worked with our camps.

**Positive Feedback –**

- Commissioner Graves noted everyone is doing an outstanding job and the course looks great. He also heard good things about the sheep herding demonstration.
- Commissioner Doty noted he played pickleball at the community center with a friend that was in town and said it was a fun morning.
- Commissioner Kroeger noted that people traveling the new bridge on the trail say it is great.

**Planning Commission Report:** Commissioner Strack noted they approved the revisions to the Comprehensive Plan.

**Old Business**

**Community Pool Update:** Supt. Tevsh handed out a spreadsheet with the numbers for June and she went over them. She noted there was 9 days the pool was closed due to weather or low attendance. Supt. Donahoe noted no major repairs and they have been doing the daily checks. Between Jeff, Conner and Jerry they have kept things running and under control.

**Construction Updates:**

- **Reston Ponds:** Director Bailey went over the results of the summary of the survey and noted there is a meeting with Upland Design on Wednesday.

**Construction Updates – cont’d:**

- **Founders Park:** Director Bailey they had the bid opening for the playground installation. The Board needs to approve or award the bid. The low bid was GLI Services - Georges Landscaping. Supt. Donahoe noted they did the install at Ovitz Park.

**Motion**

Commissioner Doty moved to approve and award the bid to GLI Services – Georges Landscaping. 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 Ackmann was absent.

- **Memorial Park:** Director Bailey noted there is no timeline yet since ERA does not have it from William Charles yet. Supt. Donahoe noted they had the kickoff meeting at the site already to go over what needs to stay open for the fall sports. Commissioner Graves suggested doing some sort of groundbreaking.
- **Great Western Trail:** Director Bailey noted the negotiations is ongoing. Roger has met with some of the residents and meeting with others next week. She then went over pictures of the bridge and trail that is completed.

**MMNH update:** Director Bailey noted this will be discussed in executive session. See Motion later in the meeting after coming out of Executive Session.

**Military/Veterans Rates:** Director Bailey went over the numbers. The proposal is 20% discount across the board.

**Motion**

Commissioner Doty moved to approve the 20% discount 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 4-0. Commissioner Ackmann was absent.

**Lightshow Update:** Director Bailey noted we can’t get pricing since no one has lights and can’t get lights. She is suggesting we wait until next year to do the lightshow. She should have a budget in September for next year. She is asking the board if she should continue with this process. There was a consensus to continue.

**New Business**

**Tennis Courts:** Supt. Donahoe noted US Tennis Courts did the work and people are very happy about it. It is now US Open colors. The tennis court is always busy.

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**School District Intergovernmental Agreement:** Director Bailey noted the agreement was updated and just needs board approval.

**Motion**

Commissioner Strack moved to approve the updated School Intergovernmental Agreement. Commissioner Doty 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 Ackmann was absent.

**Foundation Information:** Director Bailey noted she is still recruiting at this point.

**Staff Discussion** – In Executive Session

**Special Announcements** – None

**August Study Session:** None was scheduled.

**Public Input** – None

**Motion**

The Board adjourned the Regular Session to go into Executive Session at 7:00 pm on a motion made by Commissioner Graves for the reasons listed below. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Doty.

**Roll Call**

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

1. The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity.
5. The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired.

The Board convened to Executive Session at 7:04 pm. The roll was called with Commissioners Doty, Graves, Strack and Kroeger present along with Director Bailey, Recording Secretary Jeanette Freeman, Supt. Tevsh, Supt. Donahoe, and Supt. Hienbuecher.

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**Motion**

The Board adjourned the Executive Session at 7:30 p.m. on a motion made by Commissioner Doty. 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 Ackmann was absent.

The Board reconvened to Regular Session at 8:04 pm. The roll was called with Commissioners Doty, Graves, Strack and Kroeger present along with Director Bailey, Supt. Donahoe, Recording Secretary Jeanette Freeman, Supt Tevsh, and Supt. Hienbuecher.

**MMNH Update:**

**Motion**

Commissioner Strack moved to accept the bid of \$161,000 from State Street Ventures, LLC. Commissioner Doty 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 Ackmann was absent.

**Motion**

The Board adjourned the Regular Session at 7:30 p.m. on a motion made by Commissioner Strack. 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 Ackmann was absent.

Respectfully Submitted

Jeanette Freeman  
Recording Secretary  
Sycamore Park District