

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Sycamore Park District
Tuesday, August 23, 2022**

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 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 23, 2022.

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 Ackmann, Doty, Graves, and Strack.**

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 Kroeger.**

Staff members present were Director Bailey, Jeanette Freeman, Jackie Hienbuecher, and Theresa Tevsh.

Guests at the Board meeting were:

None

Regular and Consent Agenda Approval –

Motion

Commissioner Graves moved to approve the Regular Agenda and the Consent Agenda.
Commissioner Ackmann seconded the Motion.

Voice Vote

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

Approval of Minutes –

Motion

Commissioner Strack moved to approve the July 26, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes.
Commissioner Ackmann seconded the Motion.

Voice Vote

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

Claims and Accounts Approval

Motion

Commissioner Strack moved to approve and pay the bills in the amount of \$759,659.45.
Commissioner Ackmann seconded the Motion.

Roll Call

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

Correspondence –

- KSRA – Nicholas
- NGSA Thank You
- Tails Humane Society Thank You
- Sycamore Library Thank You
- DeKalb County Sheriff's Canine Program Thank You
- IAPD/IPRA Legislative Survey

Public Input –

- Commissioner Graves noted staff does things well and does it right and thanked them.
- Commissioner Doty noted Commissioner Graves did a nice job leading the Johnson Family. Director Bailey noted the family appreciated it.

Plan Commission: Commissioner Strack noted there were a few items discussed. The first was the rezoning of the old MMNH to standard zoning. They recommended for approval to the council. The other was Menards wants to put self-storage on their property. Currently the zoning does not allow and would be an exception to the zoning. The last thing was between F & F and Walgreens there is a 5-acre area. There was a proposal at one time that was denied for high density. Now there is another plan being proposed that would be townhomes. The challenge again is they are high density for that area.

Old Business:

Construction Updates:

- **Founders Park and GWT:** Per Director Bailey there is no update on these properties.
- **Memorial Park:** Director Bailey noted there are several permits open. She has sent emails to the engineers and the contractor noting it was their roles. We now have a temporary permit for all except the fields. They want to check the depth of the electrical. We now have a closing date of November 1st and then will get the official permit.
- John Sauder with the City has contacted her regarding the overflow and over usage at Riverside with what was approved and what we have. We probably will have to put in more ADA spots, some limestone screenings and possibly pave the lot.

Reston Ponds: Director Bailey noted the survey costs have gone up. We got the OSLAD grant, so we then contacted Upland. We need an approval on the \$49,600.00 cost. Construction timeframe starting next summer and finishing in 2024.

Motion

Commissioner Strack moved to approve. Commissioner Graves seconded the Motion.

Roll Call

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

North Grove: Director Bailey noted this was officially approved last year but it is up \$1000 due to transportation costs. She needs an approval of the increase.

Motion

Commissioner Graves approved the increase in cost of \$1000.00.

Commissioner Ackmann seconded the Motion.

Roll Call

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

Bridge #1/Hole 10 Status: Director Bailey noted this is just information only. We have received the IDNR permit so now the whole package has been sent to the city. We should be getting our permit in the next week or so.

100 Anniversary Update: Director Bailey noted we are working on the testimonials now, so she needs times from the board.

Cancellation of September Board Meeting:

Motion

Commissioner Ackmann moved to approve cancelling the September Board Meeting.

Commissioner Graves seconded the Motion.

Roll Call

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

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Merry Oaks Property – This was discussed in Executive Session.

Annexation of East Turner Property: Director Bailey noted the City annexed this property, so the Park needs to annex it in also.

Ordinance 05-2022 – An Ordinance Annexing Certain Territory to the Sycamore Park District:

Motion

Commissioner Strack moved to approve Ordinance 05-2022 – An Ordinance Annexing Certain Territory to the Sycamore Park District. Commissioner Ackmann seconded the Motion.

Roll Call

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

Good Tymes Shelter Stage: Director Bailey noted there is a grant available from the State for festivals. The band stage fits well within the parameters. This must be submitted by 9-23-22. This will require engineering information from ERA. They will have the architect's schematic by that date.

Motion

Commissioner Strack moved to approve this request. Commissioner Ackmann seconded the Motion.

Roll Call

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

Community Gardens South of Anaconda: This was discussed in Executive Session.

Special Announcements –

October Study Session: None was scheduled.

Public Input –

Motion

The Board adjourned the Regular Session to go into Executive Session at 6:38 pm on a motion made by Commissioner Strack for the reasons listed below. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Graves.

Roll Call

Vice President Doty called for a roll call vote to approve the motion. All commissioners present voted Aye. Motion carried 4-0. Commissioner Kroeger 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 6:38 pm. The roll was called with Commissioners Ackmann, Doty, Graves and Strack, present along with Director Bailey, Supt. Tevsh, Supt. Hienbuecher, and Recording Secretary Jeanette Freeman.

Motion

The Board adjourned the Executive Session at 6:58 p.m. on a motion made by Commissioner Graves. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ackmann.

Voice Vote

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

The Board reconvened to Regular Session at 6:58 pm. The roll was called with Commissioners Ackmann, Doty, Graves and Strack present along with Director Bailey, Recording Secretary Jeanette Freeman, and Supt. Hienbuecher.

Merry Oaks Property:

Motion

Commissioner Strack moved to approve moving forward with the sale of this property. Commissioner Ackmann seconded the Motion.

Roll Call

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

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Community Gardens:

Motion

Commissioner Strack moved to approve moving forward with acquiring easements.
Commissioner Graves seconded the Motion.

Roll Call

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

Motion

The Board adjourned the Regular Session at 6:59 p.m. on a motion made by Commissioner Graves. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Strack.

Voice Vote

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeanette Freeman
Recording Secretary
Sycamore Park District