

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Sycamore Park District
Tuesday, February 28, 2023**

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, February 28, 2023.

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, 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: **None.**

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

Guests at the Board meeting were:

- Shawn Asazi – Save With Progressive
- Dawn Schaefer - KSRA

**Regular and Consent Agenda Approval –
Motion**

Commissioner Doty moved to approve the Regular Agenda and the Consent Agenda with amending the agenda by moving KSRA to after Solar Discussion and adding #9 to Executive Session reasons. Commissioner Strack seconded the Motion.

Voice Vote

President Kroeger called for a roll call vote to approve the motion. All commissioners present voted Aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion

Commissioner Graves moved to approve the January 24, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Doty 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.

Motion

Commissioner Doty moved to approve the January 24, 2023, Executive Session Meeting Minutes to remain confidential. Commissioner Strack seconded the Motion.

Roll Call

President Kroeger called for a voice vote to approve the motion. All commissioners present voted Aye. Motion carried 5-0.

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Motion

Commissioner Doty moved to approve the January 24, 2023, Study Session Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Ackmann 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 Strack moved to approve and pay the bills in the amount of \$359,952.96. 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 5-0.

Correspondence –

- Tails

Students Suspensions Review – ES:

Motion

The Board adjourned the Regular Session to go into Executive Session at 6:03 pm on a motion made by Commissioner Graves for the reason 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 5-0.

9. Student disciplinary cases.

The Board convened to Executive Session at 6:05 pm. The roll was called with Commissioners Ackmann, Doty, Graves, Strack and Kroeger present along with Director Bailey and Recording Secretary Jeanette Freeman.

Motion

The Board adjourned the Executive Session at 6:16 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 5-0.

The Board reconvened to Regular Session at 6:18 pm. The roll was called with Commissioners Ackmann, Doty, Graves, Strack and Kroeger present.

Public Input –

Positive Feedback –

- President Kroeger asked Supt. Tevsh what she meant by social groups in her report. Supt. Tevsh noted these are the groups of people that started in the clubhouse and migrated to the community center when the clubhouse closes for season. We need to follow protocol and sign in so we can track people. We are going to make them official social groups that signs in so they are in the building calendar. President Kroeger noted he likes what we are doing and it's a great place to gather.
- President Kroeger noted we are adding pickleball classes and asked about them. Supt. Tevsh noted these are clinics on Saturdays.
- President Kroeger noted again great numbers for the building.
- Commissioner Graves noted he echoes President Kroeger on the numbers and being up from last year is outstanding.

Plan Commission: Commissioner Strack noted there were a number of parcels that were split. He abstained from discussion on the next item. Brian Grainger came to get approval to start building on the north side.

Old Business:

Solar Energy Information: Shawn Ajuzi with Progressive Business Solutions went over all the material the board was provided. There was discussion on this with questions and answers.

KSRA Report: Dawn Schaefer talked to the Board about all the things that are happening with KSRA. She also went over all the events they use Sycamore Park District for now and what they will be using our District for coming up.

Construction Updates:

- **Baseball Fields:** Director Bailey noted we are still waiting for permits because we must get the trees moved. We have to wait until dry enough to do this.
- **North Grove:** Director Bailey noted we are working with Upland Design for the survey for North Grove which is currently online. We will have an in person meeting for community input in April.
- **Reston Ponds:** Director Bailey noted we are waiting on the schedule to bid this.
- **Bridge:** Director Bailey noted we are waiting on the approaches to be completed in Spring.
- **Merry Oaks:** Director Bailey noted the sale was completed on February 6th.

Staff Update: Director Bailey noted that Supt. Tevsh official retirement date is April 21, 2023.

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There was discussion on moving the March meeting to March 21st due to so many of the board members being gone and staff doing offsite training.

Motion

Commissioner Doty moved to approve moving the board meeting to March 21, 2023.
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.

100th Anniversary Update: Director Bailey noted there will be a flyer sent out to residents on some of the events for our 100th anniversary.

New Business

Sports & Facility Lighting: Supt. Donahoe saw at conference the changes with Com Ed and other companies. Things have now changed with municipal markets. Lead Electric is a Com Ed company. They came out and looked at all our buildings, exterior lighting, etc. They will come and change all our lights to LED for no cost to us. Com Ed pays these companies to do this. Supt Donahoe checked all their references. He also talked to a company on the ball diamond lights. This is the same situation where Com Ed pays them. They will change all the lights with no cost to us. They will not be changing the poles or wires. If there are bad connections or wires, we would have to pay for that.

Motion

Commissioner Strack moved to approve as presented. 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 5-0.

RecStar Sound Check Data results: Director Bailey noted we have been doing staff surveys and it has been going well showing that staff is satisfied or very satisfied with their work.

Semi Annual Review Executive Session Minutes: Director Bailey noted she is recommending releasing five months of the executive sessions minutes that all pertain to property that we did not purchase.

Motion

Commissioner Strack moved to approve as presented. 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 5-0.

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Annual Report: Director Bailey noted that last year we changed the executive summary to an annual report. This can now be used for grants and it shows a more accurate status. This is a draft of the second-year annual report. If there are any recommendations or changes let her know. They are getting information from the staff so we can apply for the Gold Medal Award.

MOU Annual Report: Supt. Tevsh noted this is just information only at this point on the seven working MOU's and there will be no major changes.

IGA with DeKalb Park District: Director Bailey noted she and President Kroeger met with DeKalb Park District to see if there could be something done for Sycamore residents to utilize the DeKalb Aquatic facilities.

Motion

Commissioner Strack moved to approve the agreement. 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.

Special Announcements –

February Study Session: None was scheduled.

Public Input – None

Motion

The Board adjourned the Regular Session to go into Executive Session at 7:59 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 3-0. Commissioners Ackmann and Graves were 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.

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The Board convened to Executive Session at 8:02 pm. The roll was called with Commissioners Ackmann, Doty, Graves, Strack and Kroeger present along with Director Bailey and Recording Secretary Jeanette Freeman.

Motion

The Board adjourned the Executive Session at 8:50 p.m. on a motion made by Commissioner Doty. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ackmann.

Voice Vote

President Kroeger called for a voice vote to approve the motion. All commissioners present voted Aye. Motion carried 5-0.

The Board reconvened to Regular Session at 8:50 pm. The roll was called with Commissioners Ackmann, Doty, Graves, Strack and Kroeger present along with Director Bailey and Recording Secretary Freeman.

Motion

The Board adjourned the Regular Session at 8:50 p.m. on a motion made by Commissioner Ackmann. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Doty.

Voice Vote

President Kroeger called for a voice vote to approve the motion. All commissioners present voted Aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeanette Freeman
Recording Secretary
Sycamore Park District