

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Sycamore Park District
Tuesday, July 25, 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, July 25, 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, 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 Graves was absent.**

Staff members present were Director Bailey, Jeff Donahoe, Jeanette Freeman, Jackie Hienbuecher, and Lisa Metcalf.

Guests at the Board meeting were:

- Becky Metcalf – Park Foundation
- Ed Valdez – Park Foundation
- Karen Schmitt – Park Foundation

Regular and Consent Agenda Approval –
Motion

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

Voice Vote

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

Approval of Minutes –
Motion

Commissioner Strack moved to approve the June 27, 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 4-0. Commissioner Graves was absent.

Motion

Commissioner Doty moved to approve the June 27, 2023, Executive Session Meeting Minutes to remain confidential. 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 4-0. Commissioner Graves was absent.

Claims and Accounts Approval

Motion

Commissioner Doty moved to approve and pay the bills in the amount of \$251,983.54.
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 4-0. Commissioner Graves was absent.

Correspondence –

- None

Public Input –

Positive Feedback –

- Director Bailey noted the Foundation golf outing went well. They had a lot of positive responses. They brought in approximately \$7000.00 and netted approximately \$3000.00.
- President Kroeger noted both Foundation events have been really good. He felt big improvements were made from last year on the outing.
- President Kroeger noted the cleaning and painting of the 19th hole shelter really looks nice. Director Bailey noted the Foundation would like to possibly put some tables and chairs in the area.
- President Kroeger asked about the Doty & Sons outdoor event. Supt. Metcalf noted we have some people signed up but will make the decision this weekend if we should cancel it.

Plan Commission: Commissioner Strack noted the meeting was cancelled.

Old Business:

Solar Energy Update: Director Bailey noted we have received the purchase and lease agreement from the company. Our rep Sean reviewed it, and we then sent it to Ancel to review it. Ancel sent it back with some changes that are needed. The agreement will be at the August meeting.

Construction Updates:

- **GWT:** Director Bailey noted in speaking with Roger, he said everyone at F & G said yes, we can do this. It now must go in front of their board. Roger spoke to the owner Ibarra's of the other area again. Waiting to hear on this one.
- **Reston Ponds:** Director Bailey noted we are still waiting on Elliott & Woods to turn in their bond. Supt. Donahoe noted the playground will be delivered next week.

Construction Updates- cont'd:

- **Riverside-vandalism:** Supt. Donahoe noted that the Friday after the 4th he received a call the port-o-pots were burnt down. The fence was ruined and the cement underneath also. Director Bailey noted they are going to watch a webinar with the police department on cameras of some sort. Supt. Donahoe noted the same weekend Wetzel and Old Mill parks had issues.

Supt. Donahoe noted it will be the end of October for estimates for resurfacing the pickleball courts at West School.

Director Bailey noted the stage at the Good Tymes shelter engineering cost would be approximately \$96,000 with the actual cost approximately \$905,000. Karen Schmidt suggested meeting with Upstaging for their advice on this. There was more discussion on this.

New Business

North Grove Park: Director Bailey we will be submitting the OSLAD grant the end of August. She went over the design chosen and noted most of the construction will be done in 2025.

Motion

Commissioner Strack moved to approve the project overall, resolution and overall cost of the project, subject to the award of the OSLAD grant. 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 Graves was absent.

Karen Schmidt with the Foundation noted it has been a pleasure working on the foundation. It has been on their agenda for a while to come to a park board meeting. They want to make sure they are going in the right direction. She also thanked Jeff and his staff for their help on the 19th hole project.

President Kroeger thanked the Foundation board for all their work and what they are doing. The foundation has great momentum. We really appreciate it.

Special Announcements –

August Study Session: None was scheduled.

Public Input – None

Motion

The Board adjourned the Regular Session to go into Executive Session at 6:50 pm on a motion made by Commissioner Doty for the reasons listed below. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ackmann.

Roll Call

President Kroeger called for a roll call vote to approve the motion. All commissioners present voted Aye. Motion carried 4-0. Commissioner Graves 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 6:50 pm. The roll was called with Commissioners Ackmann, Doty, Strack and Kroeger present along with Director Bailey and Recording Secretary Freeman.

Motion

The Board adjourned the Executive Session at 7:05 p.m. on a motion made by Commissioner Strack. 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 4-0. Commissioner Graves was absent.

The Board reconvened to Regular Session at 7:05 pm. The roll was called with Commissioners Ackmann, Doty, Strack and Kroeger present. Commissioner Graves was absent.

Motion

The Board adjourned the Regular Session at 7:05 p.m. on a motion made by Commissioner Strack. 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 4-0. Commissioner Graves was absent.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeanette Freeman
Recording Secretary
Sycamore Park District