

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Sycamore Park District
Tuesday, November 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, November 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, Strack and Kroeger. Commissioner Graves arrived at 6:33 pm.**

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 absent at this time. He arrived at 6:33 pm.**

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

Guests at the Board meeting were:

- Aaron Gold, Speer Financial

Regular and Consent Agenda Approval –

Motion

Commissioner Doty moved to amend the regular agenda to move agenda item #107 Award Bid to after to the Plan Commission Report and to pull the claims for discussion. 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.

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 Doty moved to approve the October 24, 2023, Regular 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 4-0. Commissioner Graves was absent.

Approval of Minutes – cont'd

Motion

Commissioner Doty moved to approve the October 24, 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 \$711,402.74. 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.

Commissioner Strack asked what the United Rentals line was for. Supt. Donahoe noted this was for repair of our boom lift.

Correspondence –

- Self Defense Class: Cindy

Public Input –

Positive Feedback – Everyone noted the fireworks were awesome.

Plan Commission: Commissioner Strack noted there were two action items. One was to modify the UDO Ordinance to allow for a possible wedding venue. The plan commission approved it. There was a workshop on the Pappas apartment development. This would require rezoning from commercial to residential multi family. The first time they presented they were at a density of 11.9 and the high-density threshold is 9. The city allowed them to bring in retention as additional acreage for their calculation. It then went to under 9. He shared with the plan commission that our board wanted it at the medium density. He is asking again what direction the board wants him to go on this. Pappas had pointed to three developments in the past twenty years that were approved that were over the high density of 9. Director Bailey noted she was called on this to see where the park stood on this. She was told these were not for families but geared toward young professionals. Commissioner Strack noted the property needs to be rezoned and they will be voting on this in the plan commission meeting. The board was going to check with Daryl and go from there.

Award bid for annual GO Bond:

Supt. Hienbuecher noted that Aaron Gold from Spears Financial is here to let us know the results of the bid. Aaron Gold presented the bid information. Aaron noted there were 5 bids with the lowest being 4.37% net interest from Time Bank. They anticipate closing on December 12th. He is recommending awarding to Time Bank at a price of \$607,685.00 being at a net interest cost of 4.37%.

Motion

Commissioner Strack moved to approve the bond 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 4-0. Commissioner Graves was absent.

Old Business:

Construction Updates:

- **GWT:** Director Bailey noted this will be discussed in executive session.
- **Reston Ponds:** Director Bailey noted construction has started. The parking lot is in, the pickleball base is in along with the footing pad is in for the playground and shelter.
- **North Grove:** Director Bailey noted we are waiting to hear on the OSLAD grant.
- **Solar Panels:** Director Bailey noted the permits are in to the city. She showed the layout of the panels on the buildings. The construction meeting will be scheduled once the permit has been officially approved.
- **Community Garden Area:** No update.
- **District Softball field:** Director Bailey noted the high school only received one bid and they did not accept it. They are going to rebid for construction to start in the fall.

Mobile Stage for Good Tymes Area: Director Bailey noted she talked to two civil engineer companies about a solid typical structure for the stage area. It is very costly just for the engineering. We have an opportunity to apply for a grant. If we get this, we would be able to buy the mobile stage. The board approved moving forward with the grant.

Open Positions:

Superintendent of Golf Updates: Director Bailey noted we have offered the position to Paul Price, and he has accepted. He will be starting December 11th. Kirk's last day will be December 29th.

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Budget Draft: Supt. Hienbuecher noted this is the first review of the operating budget.

New Business

Resolution #02-2023: A resolution determining the amounts of money exclusive of election costs estimated to be necessary to be raised by taxation pursuant to the proposed levy of the Sycamore Park District: Supt. Hienbuecher noted this is the resolution with an estimate of our levy. There was discussion on this. Supt. Hienbuecher noted she needs the resolution passed tonight and guidance as to what the board wants her to bring back on the tax levy at the December board meeting. The levy must be passed at the December meeting. The consensus on the board was Option 2.

Motion

Commissioner Strack moved to approve Res. #02-2023 as presented - A resolution determining the amounts of money exclusive of election costs estimated to be necessary to be raised by taxation pursuant to the proposed levy of the Sycamore Park District.
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.

Ordinance #05-2023: AN ORDINANCE providing for the issue of \$607,685 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds, Series 2023, for the payment of land for parks, for the building, maintaining, improving and protecting of the same and the existing land and facilities of the Park District, to provide the revenue source for the payment of certain outstanding bonds of the Park District, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof.

Motion

Commissioner Strack moved to approve Ordinance #05-2023, An Ordinance providing for the issue of \$607,685 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds, Series 2023, for the payment of land for parks, for the building, maintaining, improving and protecting of the same and the existing land and facilities of the Park District, to provide the revenue source for the payment of certain outstanding bonds of the Park District, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof. 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.

Golf Survey Results: Director Bailey noted we are doing well with a few things to work on and we are working on them or have already taken care of.

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Field Rates 2024:

Motion

Commissioner Doty moved to approve the staff recommendation as presented.
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 5-0.

Holiday Party:

Special Announcements – None

December Study Session: None was scheduled.

Public Input – None

Motion

The Board adjourned the Regular Session to go into Executive Session at 7:30 pm on a motion made by Commissioner Strack 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 5-0.

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 7:33 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 Executive Session at 7:47 p.m. on a motion made by Commissioner Graves. 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.

The Board reconvened to Regular Session at 7:47 pm. The roll was called with Commissioners Ackmann, Doty, Graves, Strack and Kroeger present.

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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