

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Sycamore Park District
Tuesday, June 25, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Sycamore Park District Board of Commissioners, DeKalb County, Illinois, being held at the Sycamore Golf Club, A Facility of the Sycamore Park District in the Riverview Room located at 940 E. State St, Sycamore, Illinois is called to order at 6:01 p.m. on Tuesday, June 25, 2024.

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 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: **Commissioners Ackmann and Graves.**

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

Guests at the Board meeting were:

None

Regular and Consent Agenda Approval –

Motion

Commissioner Strack moved to approve the Regular Agenda and the Consent Agenda pulling Supt. Hienbuecher report. Commissioner Doty seconded the Motion.

Voice Vote

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.

Approval of Minutes –

Motion

Commissioner Doty moved to approve the May 28, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Strack seconded the Motion.

Voice Vote

President Kroeger called for a voice vote to approve the motion. All commissioners present voted Aye. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioners Ackmann and Graves were absent.

Approval of Minutes –

Motion

Commissioner Doty moved to approve the May 28, 2024, Executive Session Meeting Minutes to remain confidential. Commissioner Strack seconded the Motion.

Voice Vote

President Kroeger called for a voice vote to approve the motion. All commissioners present voted Aye. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioners Ackmann and Graves were absent.

Claims and Accounts Approval

Motion

Commissioner Strack moved to approve and pay the bills in the amount of \$338,058.92.
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 3-0. Commissioners Ackmann and Graves were absent.

Correspondence –

- Donald Carlson
- Cary Park Foundation

Public Input – None

Positive Feedback:

- Commissioner Doty noted his son enjoyed SAY Golf. It was a good group and a good group of teachers. He noted he appreciated all they are doing.
- President Kroeger thanked all for their time in the planning meeting and there were great ideas.

Plan Commission: Commissioner Strack noted Brian Grainger had a workshop session.

Old Business:

Construction Updates:

- **GWT:** Director Bailey noted she received an email from John Mayer that he has left a message with all his contacts regarding the plan changes. He has had no response yet.
- **Reston Ponds:** Director Bailey noted it is now open and the gate has been replaced. Sarah is working on the signage for the court. They cleaned out the drain, fixed the concrete crack, fixed the slide, replaced all screws that were a hazard and power washed the slide bottom.
- **Solar Panels:** Director Bailey noted there are four more phases to complete this. No date yet on when we will be hooked up.
- **Memorial Park Fields:** Nothing at this time.
- **Ball Field Lights:** Supt. Donahoe noted these are all done, and they work great.
- **Pool Building:** Director Bailey noted we did receive a quote for the pool building. President Kroeger asked for more details on the process.

Construction Updates – cont’d:

- **North Grove:** Director Bailey noted she is trying to get a date when we can go to bid.
- **Riverside Soccer Complex:** Director Bailey noted we are also waiting to see when we can go to bid on this one. We are trying to see if we can reconfigure the parking lot to save money.
- **Community Gardens:** Director Bailey noted she updated the easement document.
- **WPA Shelter:** Director Bailey noted the roof is in bad condition. Supt. Donahoe noted after talking to roofers we are planning to do the entire roof. President Kroeger asked to get pricing on the different options. Director Bailey noted there are some coming out this week for pricing.

Director Bailey noted she talked to Ancel Glink on what is the best way to approach property owners on land.

New Business:

Quarterly Capital Funds Update: Supt. Hienbuecher noted this is just an update on where we are at this point.

Annual Review of Board By-Laws: Director Bailey noted there had been no changes, so she recommends maintaining what we currently have.

Motion

Commissioner Strack moved to approve as presented. 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 3-0. Commissioners Ackmann and Graves were absent.

Park Naming and Grand Opening: Director Bailey noted Reston Ponds Park seems to be the consensus for the name. The date of 7-11 at 4:00 PM was chosen for the grand opening.

Motion

Commissioner Strack moved to approve the name of Reston Ponds Park and the grand opening date of 7-11 at 4:00 PM. 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 3-0. Commissioners Ackmann and Graves were absent.

Commissioner Strack noted he knows people that fish in our ponds. They have told him that the residents with homes on the ponds tell them they cannot fish there. He thought we had sent out a letter in the past to the residents that we have ownership between their lot and the pond and people can fish there. He feels we should send out a letter to all homeowners that back up to the ponds that people have a right to fish in the ponds. Director Bailey noted we will look at signage to put out there.

Special Announcements – None

July Study Session: None was scheduled.

Public Input – None

Motion

The Board adjourned the Regular Session to go into Executive Session at 6:40 pm on a motion made by Commissioner Doty for the reasons listed below. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Strack.

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 6:45 pm. The roll was called with Commissioners Doty, Strack and Kroeger present along with Director Jonelle Bailey, Supt. Hienbuecher, Supt. Donahoe, Supt. Metcalf, Supt. Price, and Recording Secretary Freeman.

Motion

The Board adjourned the Executive Session at 7:00 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 3-0. Commissioners Ackmann and Graves were absent.

The Board reconvened to Regular Session at 7:00 pm. The roll was called with Commissioners Doty, Strack and Kroeger present. Commissioners Ackmann and Graves were absent.

Motion

The Board adjourned the Regular Session at 7:00 p.m. on a motion made by Commissioner Doty. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Strack.

Voice Vote

President Kroeger called for a voice vote to approve the motion. All commissioners present voted Aye. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioners Ackmann and Graves were absent.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeanette Freeman
Recording Secretary
Sycamore Park District