Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Sycamore Park District
Tuesday, September 24, 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 6:03 p.m. on Tuesday, September 24, 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 Ackmann, Graves, and Doty.**

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 Kroeger and Strack.**

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

Guests at the Board meeting was:

- Aaron Hirthe – WT Group
- John McGovern – WT Group
- Nathan Weber
- Gretchen Weber

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 roll call vote to approve the motion. All commissioners present voted Aye. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioners Kroeger and Strack were absent.

Approval of Minutes –

Motion

Commissioner Ackmann moved to approve the August 27, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Graves seconded the Motion.

Voice Vote

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

Motion

Commissioner Ackmann moved to approve the August 27, 2024, Executive Session Meeting Minutes to remain confidential. Commissioner Graves seconded the Motion.

Voice Vote

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

Claims and Accounts Approval

Motion

Commissioner Ackmann moved to approve and pay the bills in the amount of $287,167.89. 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 3-0. Commissioners Kroeger and Strack were absent.

Correspondence – None

Public Input – None

New Business:

WT Group ADA Assessment: John McGovern and Aaron Hirthe gave an overview presentation and information on the ADA Assessment for the Park District.

Positive Feedback: Commissioner Ackmann noted she has heard from two different people about the prairie natural area between Merry Oaks and the area that was mowed down before. Now it is partially mowed down, so people are walking the area and enjoying it. Supt. Donahoe noted there is some bad stuff in there so Kiara will go in and get rid of the bad stuff to encourage the good things to grow.

Plan Commission: No report.

Old Business:

Construction Updates:

- **GWT**: Director Bailey noted we have the deed from FS Grain and Jackie is working on getting it taken off the tax rolls. We have received the ok from IDOT to proceed with the northern most property. She is trying to schedule a meeting with IDOT and the county administrator to see how we accelerate the process. The grant ends June of 2025, so it has to be let in January so we can start construction in April.

- **Reston Ponds:** Director Bailey noted the area where the dirt pile is located is owned by Shodeen. A different developer was trying to purchase that section, so they requested what it would take to turn that area over to the park. She wrote a letter to them with input from Derke with Ancel Glink stating what must happen before we take it on. The developer later responded they are not going to purchase the property.

Construction Updates – cont'd

- **Solar Panels:** Supt. Donahoe noted they are not functioning yet. There are a lot of processes to tie everything together. They are hoping to be done by November. Director Bailey noted the electrical savings are supposed to be around 55%.

- **Memorial Park Softball Fields:** Director Bailey noted the school did a renovation of their own fields, so our fields are not going to be on their docket any time soon.

- **Pool Building:** Director Bailey noted she will be speaking with Mark Bushnell with the city to find out what they know about the demolition of a pool. We have sent out requests to companies regarding this and no response.

- At this point, Supt. Donahoe noted he is meeting with the city on a project they have been talking about for years. They are fixing some drainage that comes into the west end of the golf course from Parkside Drive. This could possibly affect the golf course so they are meeting with them to see how this would affect us.

- **North Grove:** Director Bailey noted Upland submitted our OSLAD Grant. We are at 50% construction design with 95% construction design in October. Looking to bid it out on December 20th with a completion date of June of 2025.

- **Riverside Soccer Complex:** Director Bailey noted ERA is finalizing the construction documents for the parking lot. This will be put in between fall and spring soccer. This will be bid out in November for a spring early summer construction.

- **Community Gardens:** No update.

Strategic Plan/Quality of Service Update: Director Bailey noted this was in the board packet. We now have four goals instead of three. They will be meeting on Thursday to add the years in and present to the board in October.

Special Announcements – None

October Study Session: None was scheduled.

Public Input – Gretchen Weber noted they walk the trail and there is a section past Sycamore Speedway that is rough. Nathan Weber asked how far the responsibility of Sycamore Park goes. Director Bailey noted that area is not ours and that area would be the county. We handle from the Sycamore Forest Preserve to Paige and Pleasant currently west of the big bridge. Commissioner Donahoe noted past the speedway would be Kane County.

Motion

The Board adjourned the Regular Session at 7:05 p.m. on a motion made by Commissioner Graves. 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 3-0. Commissioners Kroeger and Strack were absent.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeanette Freeman
Recording Secretary
Sycamore Park District