

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Sycamore Park District
Tuesday, October 22, 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 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 22, 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, Doty, Strack and Kroeger.**
Commissioner Graves arrived at 6:15 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: **None.**

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

Guests at the Board meeting was: None.

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 voice vote to approve the motion. All commissioners present voted Aye. Motion carried 4-0. Commissioner Graves was absent at this time.

Approval of Minutes –

Motion

Commissioner Strack moved to approve the September 24, 2024, 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 at this time.

Claims and Accounts Approval

Motion

Commissioner Doty moved to approve and pay the bills in the amount of \$153,210.38.
Commissioner Ackmann 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 at this time.

Correspondence – None

Public Input – Commissioner Strack started a discussion regarding the trail by North School. Director Bailey asked him to get an estimate on the cost and she would also need to know the exact location and length.

Positive Feedback:

Plan Commission: No report.

Old Business:

Drainage Report: Supt. Donahoe noted that for a few years the City has talked about improving the drainage from the west of Parkside Drive to around 7 tee. To help the drainage they want to put in a 30” pipe next to the creek. President Kroeger asked if they would be increasing the culvert and Supt. Donahoe was not sure at this point. Supt. Donahoe showed the layout on the screen. Commissioner Strack asked if it would bottleneck when it goes back down to just the creek. Commissioner Strack and Kroeger were concerned it would flood our property. Commissioner Strack asked why they couldn’t put in a detention pond instead of the pipe along the creek. Director Bailey noted she is not sure about a detention pond since we don’t want any more ponds. Supt. Donahoe noted some of his concern is the timing on when this would be done and our irrigation line.

Construction Updates:

- **GWT:** Director Bailey noted we have received the ok from IDOT to move forward. We are in the process of getting the assessment, which could cost an additional amount. We will need to pass an ordinance stating our Director can sign off on the project.
- **Reston Ponds:** Director Bailey noted the wind screens are up and everyone is pleased with them. Working on tree planting grants.
- **Solar Panels:** Supt. Donahoe noted there will be 1 more Com Ed power shut off at the maintenance shop. There are 13 steps in the process and they are 90% done in step 10 so they are close. They are saying it should be done the end of November.
- **Pool Building:** Director Bailey noted we found out that Belvidere has demolished their pool building so she has a call into them. This will help us get some better pricing. The earliest this will be is 2026.
- **North Grove:** Director Bailey noted we have the final plans for construction. Permits were submitted and we are looking to open bids in December.
- **Riverside Soccer Complex:** Director Bailey noted the bid opening for this will be November 13th.
- **Community Gardens:** No update.

IDOT Approval for Great Western Trail Project:

Motion

Commissioner Strack moved to approve Resolution #05-2024 as presented. 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.

Efficiency Committee Document:

Motion

Commissioner Strack moved to approve the Efficiency Committee report as presented. Commissioner Ackmann 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.

ADA Transition Plan: Director Bailey noted we have updated the ADA Transition plan to include the current assessment for WT Group. The cost will be approximately \$622,000 per year for 14 years. Staff still has to go through the plan to prioritize things. There was more discussion on the plan.

Motion

Commissioner Strack moved to approve the ADA Transition Plan 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.

New Business:

BINA Public Hearing

President Kroeger stated: At this time, we will have the Public Hearing on the BINA Hearing – A Public Hearing concerning the intent of the Board of Park Commissioners to sell not to exceed \$2,300,000 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds for the payment of land condemned or purchased for parks, for the building, maintaining, improving, and protecting of the same and the existing land and facilities of the District, and for the payment of the expenses incident thereto.

President Kroeger asked for a motion to open the Hearing:

Motion

Commissioner Doty moved to open the Hearing. Commissioner Strack seconded the Motion.

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BINA Public Hearing – Cont’d:

President Kroeger asked if there were any public comments? There were none.

President Kroeger asked for a motion to adjourn the Hearing:

Motion

Commissioner Strack moved to close the Hearing. 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.

2025 Health Insurance: Supt. Hienbuecher noted that PDRMA is looking for ways to get costs down. Overall our increase is not bad at 6.7% for health.

Motion

Commissioner Strack moved to approve as presented. Commissioner Ackmann 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.

IAPD Business Meeting Delegate/Credentials Certificate: It was decided that Director Bailey will be the delegate, Commissioner Ackmann will be our 1st alternate, and Commissioner Graves will be our 2nd alternate.

Special Announcements – None

November Study Session: None was scheduled.

Public Input –

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Motion

The Board adjourned the Regular Session to go into Executive Session at 6:44 pm on a motion made by Commissioner Strack for the reasons listed below. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Graves.

Roll Call

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

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 6:45 pm. The roll was called with Commissioners Ackman, Doty, Gaves, 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 6:56 p.m. on a motion made by Commissioner Doty. 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 6:56 pm. The roll was called with Commissioners Ackmann, Doty, Graves, Strack and Kroeger present.

Motion

The Board adjourned the Regular Session at 6:56 p.m. on a motion made by Commissioner Ackmann. 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.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeanette Freeman
Recording Secretary
Sycamore Park District