

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Sycamore Park District
Tuesday, February 25, 2025**

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, February 25, 2025.

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, Graves, 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: **None**

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 with pulling Supt. Hienbuecher and the Marketing Reports. 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 5-0.

Commissioner Strack asked about the new tax thing on tangible property. Supt. Hienbuecher noted any tangible property like golf carts, pull carts where we get revenue from we need to now charge tax effective January 1st. There was some discussion on this.

Approval of Minutes –

Motion

Commissioner Doty moved to approve the January 28, 2025, 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 5-0.

Motion

Commissioner Doty moved to approve the January 28, 2025, 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 5-0.

Claims and Accounts Approval

Motion

Commissioner Strack moved to approve and pay the bills in the amount of \$80,399.40.
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.

Correspondence –

- IPRF Letter

Public Input – None

Positive Feedback:

- Commissioner Graves noted it was awesome there was 180 people at the valentines dance. Supt. Metcalf noted it was 180 couples.
- President Kroeger noted the number of daily users for January is great.
- Director Bailey noted the Self Care Fair did well and there was a good variety. The vendors were very happy. Supt. Metcalf also noted the vendors were happy and they sold a lot.

Plan Commission: Commissioner Graves noted he emailed the board on the meeting. It was discussed about Stonegate Heron Creek townhomes with 22 units. Commissioner Strack asked about the density and what it was. Commissioner Graves was not sure but will find out.

Old Business:

Construction Updates:

- **GWT:** Director Bailey noted we are working on getting the property surveyed. She got the approval from IDOT that everything is good to go. President Kroeger asked about the dates for this. Director Bailey noted it needs to be let soon. We must have everything set by June. Commissioner Strack noted he is concerned about the time frame. Director Bailey noted we have the final assessment, but we are waiting for the numbers. There was more discussion on this.
- **North Grove:** Director Bailey noted we are planning our construction meeting in the next few weeks.
- **Pool Building:** Director Bailey noted we still have not heard any updates as of yet.
- **Riverside Soccer Complex:** Director Bailey noted we are waiting on the construction meeting to get the start time. We are still looking at starting after Spring soccer and being finished before fall soccer.
- **Community Center:** Director Bailey noted the Rotary Club wants to put in a butterfly garden in the front. They are working with our Naturalist to choose the appropriate plants.
- **Reston Ponds:** Director Bailey noted fall and winter plantings have been completed.

Construction Updates- continued:

- **Solar Panels:** Director Bailey noted there will be a cost savings review for the end of Quarter 1.
- **Community Gardens:** Commissioner Strack noted this is in process.
- **Parkside property:** Director Bailey noted currently we own a certain section and Shodeen owns the other part. They are grading their area now. She received a call from Shodeen about them grading the entire area with us seeding the area. President Kroeger noted the grading must be done per the original plan that was approved by the city. Supt. Donahoe will get the cost for the seeding.

Open Positions: This will be discussed in executive session.

New Business:

Foundation Report: Director Bailey noted there is a lot coming up and this is just an overview of what they did last year. She went over some of the upcoming events.

Budget & Appropriation Draft: Supt. Hienbuecher noted this is just a draft that must be published 30 days prior to passing.

Diversity Statement: Director Bailey noted we had this to be added to the Efficiency Committee but we didn't get it in there. So, we are adding it now.

Motion

Commissioner Strack moved to approve the diversity statement 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.

Direct Fairways – (ES): This will be discussed in executive session.

Public Input – None

Special Announcements – None

February Study Session: None was scheduled.

Motion

The Board adjourned the Regular Session to go into Executive Session at 6:43 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 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, Graves, Strack, and Kroeger present along with Director Jonelle Bailey, Recording Secretary Freeman, Supt. Hienbuecher, Supt. Donahoe, Supt. Metcalf and Supt. Price.

Motion

The Board adjourned the Executive Session at 7:16 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 5-0.

The Board reconvened to Regular Session at 7:17 pm. The roll was called with Commissioners Ackmann, Doty, Graves, Strack and Kroeger present.

Motion

Commissioner Strack moved to approve moving forward with the necessary steps to cancel the contract with Direct Fairways. 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.

Motion

The Board adjourned the Regular Session at 7:20 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 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeanette Freeman
Recording Secretary
Sycamore Park District