

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Sycamore Park District
Tuesday, April 22, 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, April 22, 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, Grave, 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:

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

Guests at the Board meeting were:

- Michelle Schulz

Regular and Consent Agenda Approval –

Motion

Commissioner Doty moved to approve the Regular Agenda and the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Strack asked to pull Supt. Hienbuecher's report, budget report, Supt. Metcalf, and Supt. Donahoe's reports. 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 5-0.

Approval of Minutes –

Motion

Commissioner Strack moved to approve the March 25, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Graves 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 Graves moved to approve the March 25, 2025, Executive Session Meeting Minutes to remain confidential. 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.

Claims and Accounts Approval

Motion

Commissioner Doty moved to approve and pay the bills in the amount of \$243,392.37.
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.

Correspondence –

- Metcalf Family Thank You
- Jim Winters Thank You

Public Input – None

Positive Feedback:

- Commissioner Graves noted when he was around town he ran into John McBride. He was involved on the committee for Reston Pond Park. He would like to add dedication for the people who helped put that together. He will be sending the board a letter regarding this and he may come to the next board meeting.
- Commissioner Graves was at a coffee shop and there was a table of people having coffee. He wants to let the board know that it makes his heart feel good that when people talk about the park district in a positive way and especially on Jonelle's behalf – they really love her.
- Commissioner Ackmann noted it is exciting about the playground going up at North Grove Park.
- Commissioner Kroeger noted he has heard from a few season pass holders about not having passes for carts. He told them he would bring it up again, but it was discussed at the end of the year when rates were discussed. They wondered, if it was possible to have a discount for carts on season pass holders.
- Commissioner Kroeger noted this is Ted Strack's last meeting and he said the park district would not be where we are today if not for Ted.
- Commissioner Strack noted he is amazed at the golf course financial situation.
- Commissioner Strack then said a few words about his history with the park district.
- Director Bailey gave thanks to Ted for everything he has done for the park district.

Plan Commission: Commissioner Graves noted there was discussion on a new development off Plank Road behind the medical building. It would be thirteen single family units and thirteen multifamily units. It is zoned commercial at this time, so they came to ask for it to be rezoned too residential. The county said there needs to be more turn lanes, etc. so the company will come back next month with the changes. There are also going to be some executive suites near Hobknobbers by Pappas and Steve Glasgow.

Old Business:

Construction Updates:

- **GWT:** Director Bailey noted that John Mayer has been out and just got back. We just got an email this afternoon, saying things are approved. So, we should be able to move forward with the appraisals.
- **North Grove:** Director Bailey noted this is going really well. Jim with Upland was out there today and a lot of things are in water now. They have done some of the basic work already.
- **Pool Building:** Director Bailey noted we have received the bill but no updated status yet. The bill was for flood plain assessment, topographical maps, etc. Supt. Donahoe noted they did extensive underground mapping.
- **Riverside Soccer Complex:** Director Bailey noted there will be an initial construction meeting the week of the 15th.
- **Community Gardens:** Commissioner Strack noted he is still working on.
- **Parkside:** Director Bailey noted it should be turned over this week. They will let her know when they are done with their grading.
- **Storm Update:** Supt. Donahoe noted we have received approval from PDRMA for everything. The lights repairs are approximately \$86,000 for three poles and all that goes with it. The fence and gate at maintenance and other fencing is approximately \$45,000. The backstops have to be fixed. He does not have the amount for the dugout repair yet, so he doesn't have a complete total yet.

Staffing Updates – will be discussed in executive session:

New Business:

Election Results: Director Bailey noted that Denise Ackmann was reelected, and Chad Jewett won Ted's seat.

Quarterly Capital Funds Update: Supt. Hienbuecher noted this is just to let the board know where we are on the capital projects.

WPA Bid Results and decision: Director Bailey noted we had the bid opening on the 14th and there were five bidders. The lowest bid was CPR Roofing, but they did not meet our RPF requirements. She asked the board to decide what they want to approve based on the information she gave them.

Motion

Commissioner Doty moved to approve Filato Roofing in the amount of \$40,400.00.
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.

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 6:53 pm on a motion made by Commissioner Graves 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 6:53 pm. The roll was called with Commissioners Ackmann, 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 6:59 p.m. on a motion made by Commissioner Strack. 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 6:59 pm. The roll was called with Commissioners Ackmann, Doty, Graves, Strack and Kroeger present.

Motion

The Board adjourned the Regular Session at 6:59 p.m. on a motion made by Commissioner Strack. 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