Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Sycamore Park District
Tuesday, August 26, 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, August 26, 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, and Kroeger. Commissioner Jewett arrived at 6:02 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**: Commissioner Jewett – arrived at 6:02 pm**

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

Guests at the Board meeting were:

- John Owens
- Maria Blood – Upland Design
- Shawn – Progressive

Regular and Consent Agenda Approval –

Motion

Commissioner Graves moved to approve the Regular Agenda and the Consent Agenda. 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 Jewett was absent at this time.

Approval of Minutes –

Motion

Commissioner Doty moved to approve the July 8, 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 4-0. Commissioner Jewett was absent at this time.

Claims and Accounts Approval

Motion

Commissioner Doty moved to approve and pay the bills in the amount of $724,826.26. 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 4-0. Commissioner Jewett was absent at this time.

Correspondence –

- Say Golf Thank You
- DeKalb County Community Development Public Notice
- Kaneland School Rental – Thank You
- Sycamore Fire Buddies – Thank You
- Junk in the Trunk Sales – Thank You
- KSRA – Thank You

Solar Benefit Presentation: Supt. Hienbuecher noted she asked Shawn with Progressive to come give us an update on the solar system. Shawn gave a presentation on the solar system in place and more particulars about the billing, etc.

Public Input –

- Director Bailey noted a request has been brought up about the door going onto the track. They are very heavy, and some patrons have difficulty opening the doors. We are getting pricing on doing this and will bring back to the board at a later date.

Resolution #01-2025 Reston Ponds Phase II OSLAD: Director Bailey noted that Maria Blood with Upland Design is here to discuss the Reston Ponds Phase II. Maria gave an overview of the plan for Phase II and some of the grant information. Director Bailey noted she needed board approval of the resolution to proceed with the grant planning.

Motion

Commissioner Doty moved to approve Res. 01-2025 Reston Ponds Phase II OSLAD grant application. 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.

Positive Feedback:

- Commissioner Graves told Paul his staff golf outing was a big hit.
- Commissioner Graves mentioned how well the golf course is doing. Supt. Price noted he has never seen the course so busy. Supt. Donahoe noted it is a challenge every day for his staff to get done what they need to but they figure it out.
- Commissioner Graves noted the last foundation golf outing went well. He also asked that the staff be told he appreciates everything they are doing.

Plan Commission: Commissioner Graves noted there was no meeting.

Old Business:

Construction Updates:

- **GWT**: Director Bailey noted that American Survey has contacted both property owners.

- **North Grove:** Director Bailey noted that everything is in except the basketball hoop. Maria with Upland confirmed the hoop is on site. They still need to do the final seed and grading.

- **Pool Building:** Director Bailey noted we have the bid plans and various docs, but we still do not have numbers from CES yet. She has asked for an update with pricing.

- **Riverside Soccer Complex:** Director Bailey noted this project is complete. Supt. Donahoe noted it was open to use on the 14th. The city did an occupancy permit for it. The first day of soccer went really well with the lot finished.

- **Greenleaf Park:** Director Bailey noted we didn't expect to get this property for 3-4 more years. We have the deed for it and Supt. Donahoe set up with Cooling to do the final grading. We are looking at 2029 for construction in this area.

- **Drainage Project:** Supt. Donahoe noted this is set to start on 9-22, so we will see how it goes. He and Supt. Price went over the effects it will have on the course and moves they are making.

- **Skate Spot:** Director Bailey noted she sent the agreement over to Ariel for Phase I. Ariel wants to start construction in September. She also noted that Supt. Donahoe and his staff took down the basketball hoops. Ariel is trying to get this all coordinated.

Pool Demolition: Director Bailey noted this was covered under Construction Updates.

New Business:

Sycamore Chamber of Commerce Request: Director Bailey

Motion

Commissioner Graves moved to approve the Sycamore Chamber request for the Pumpkin Run. Commissioner Ackmann seconded the Motion**.**

Voice Vote

President Kroeger called for a voice vote to approve the motion. Commissioners Ackmann, Graves, Doty, Jewett, and Kroeger voted Aye. Motion carried 5-0.

KSRA Appointee: It was decided that Director Bailey would be the KSRA appointee.

Sycamore Parks Foundation Update: Director Bailey went over the figures for revenue, expenses, and some possibly future events.

Pollinator Garden: Director Bailey noted that Rotary wants to do this pollinator garden. This area can be used for Kiara and educational purposes. We received a quote from Pizzo on the cost of the plugs. The cost is $6200 with Rotary only having $2500.00. Sarah is applying for a grant through META to offset some of the costs. In order to get this installed in the fall, we need the $3700 now. Commissioner Doty asked if our Foundation might be able to help with this. Commissioner Ackmann suggested signage out there showing the foundation helped with it if they do help.

Motion

Commissioner Jewett moved to approve proceeding with the Pollinator Garden with the full amount but possibly being reimbursed. Commissioner Graves seconded the Motion**.**

Roll Call

President Kroeger called for a roll call to approve the motion. Commissioners Ackmann, Graves, Doty Jewett, and Kroeger voted Aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Golf Cart Pass Conversation: President Kroeger noted he has been asked again about the golf cart pass. Supt. Price noted he did a financial risk analysis. There was discussion on this.

Public Input – None

Special Announcements –

Study Session: September- None was scheduled.

Motion

The Board adjourned the Regular Session at 7:29 p.m. on a motion by Commissioner Graves. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Doty.

Roll Call

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

Jeanette Freeman

Recording Secretary
Sycamore Park District