Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Sycamore Park District
Tuesday, June 23, 2026

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, June 23, 2026.

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, Jewett, and Kroeger. Commissioner Graves was absent.**

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 Graves.**

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

Guests at the Board meeting were:

- Dolores Davis – Leadership Academy with the Sycamore Chamber
- Xena Nelms-Bennett - " "
- Riley Herrmann - " "
- Courtney Boltz - " "
- Sj Bulmer - " "
- Jenny Hall - " "
- Frank Parisi – Williams Architects

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.

Approval of Minutes –

Motion

Commissioner Jewett moved to approve the May 26, 2026, 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.

Approval of Executive Session Minutes –

Motion

Commissioner Ackmann moved to approve the May 26, 2026, Executive Session Regular 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 4-0.

Claims and Accounts Approval –

Motion

Commissioner Doty moved to approve and pay the bills in the amount of $171,072.31. Commissioner Jewett 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.

Correspondence –

- Bryan Heidemann – Tournament
- The CASA Team – Thank You

Public Input –

Community Center Expansion Update: Frank Parisi with Williams Architects gave a presentation on the possible proposed plan. There were some questions from the board and the audience. President Kroeger asked staff to really think about what space is really needed to take us through many years. There was discussion on if the public wants a field house and that land would have to be acquired for this. President Kroeger noted this is a good start. Director Bailey noted this is just for information and she feels the board wants staff to continue to look at this to determine what direction to go.

Positive Feedback -

- Supt. Price gave a massive shout out to Supt. Donahoe and his crew. With the storms that have come through. We lost 3 trees on 9 during it. Supt. Donahoe's crew did an amazing job cleaning up.
- President Kroeger noted anytime he is on the course or in the parks, the crew is rocking it, and everything looks phenomenal.

Plan Commission: No Report

Old Business:

Construction Updates:

Playground Replacement- Kiddieland: Supt. Donahoe noted that it is in mid-construction right now. Everything has been torn out and part of it has been installed. The storms have hindered some things.

Community Pool: Supt. Donahoe noted the gas lines have been disconnected at the pump house and took the meter out at the pool. Com Ed is next and then the city to disconnect the water pipe. They are hoping this will be done in the next few weeks.

Reston Ponds Phase II: Director Bailey noted had a meeting with Upland on the Reston Ponds addition. She wants to get the bid approved by the board in August and start demo site in September. It would be done next year.

Parkside Trail Connection: Director Bailey noted we will apply for the trail grant this year for the parkside trail to the softball fields.

Shelter in Pool area: Director Bailey noted waiting on things for this.

GWT – Director Bailey noted we are still waiting on the construction schedule for July.

New Business:

Quarterly Capital Funds Update: Director Bailey noted Supt. Hienbuecher does this quarterly to update the board on the capital items.

Annual Review of Board By-Laws: Director Bailey noted there were no changes in the by-laws.

Motion

Commissioner Doty moved to approve the Board By-Laws as presented. 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.

CAPRA Application: Director Bailey noted CAPRA is currently waiving their fee to apply. She would like the board to ok moving forward with this accreditation. There will be an approximate $1500 fee when CAPRA comes out to evaluate us.

Motion

Commissioner Doty moved to approve moving forward with this accreditation. Commissioner Jewett 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.

KSRA Update (Executive Session)

Dog Park Update (Executive Session)

EV Charger Options (Executive Session)

Study Session: - None was scheduled.

Final Public Input – None

Motion

The Board adjourned the Regular Session to go into Executive Session at 7:15 pm on a motion made by Commissioner Doty for the reasons listed below. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jewett.

Roll Call

President Kroeger called for a roll call to approve the motion. All commissioners present voted Aye. Motion carried 4-0.

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.

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The Board convened to Executive Session at 7:16 pm. The roll was called with Commissioners Ackmann, Doty, Jewett, and Kroeger present along with Director Jonelle Bailey, Recording Secretary Jeanette Freeman, Supt. Donahoe, and Supt. Metcalf.

Motion

The Board adjourned the Executive Session at 7:40 p.m. on a motion made by Commissioner Jewett. 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 4-0.

The Board reconvened to Regular Session at 7:40 pm. The roll was called with Commissioners Ackmann, Doty, Jewett, and Kroeger present.

Motion

The Board adjourned the Regular Session at 7:40 p.m. on a motion made by Commissioner Doty. 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 4-0.

Jeanette Freeman

Recording Secretary
Sycamore Park District