Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Sycamore Park District
Tuesday, July 28, 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, July 28, 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, Graves, Jewett, 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:

- Kreg Wesley, 1394 Sandcastle Dr. Sycamore

Regular and Consent Agenda Approval –

Motion

Commissioner Doty moved to approve the Regular Agenda and the Consent Agenda. 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.

Approval of Minutes –

Motion

Commissioner Jewett moved to approve the June 23, 2026, 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.

Approval of Executive Session Minutes –

Motion

Commissioner Graves moved to approve the June 23, 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 5-0.

Claims and Accounts Approval –

Motion

Commissioner Doty moved to approve and pay the bills in the amount of $319,900.10 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 –

Public Input – None

Positive Feedback –

- Director Bailey noted that Sip-N-Savor went well and the golf course has been doing really well. She also noted that Jeff's crew has done an amazing job on the course with all the weather we have had.
- Commissioner Doty noted he was at Old Mill Park and it truly looks amazing.
- President Kroeger noted he has been in two outings and receive positive feed back from everyone on how quick the course is.

Plan Commission: Commissioner Graves noted there was no meeting. The commission decided they will not meet unless something to vote on.

Old Business:

Construction Updates:

Parkside Trail Connection: Director Bailey noted the grants have not been offered so this is on hold.

Shelter in Pool area: Director Bailey noted they met on the pool today. Supt. Donahoe noted that we are waiting for Com Ed to do their disconnections. The water, sewer and gas are already disconnected. Now Com Ed is saying the current transformer is changed since it is too old. Com Ed is set to come out on August 17th to change out the transformer. Then the rest can be done. President Kroeger noted it was great the fire department did some exercises at the pool.

Construction Updates- cont'd:

Shelter in Pool area – cont'd: Director Bailey noted they had a meeting and doing cost projections to build a shelter. They are looking at holding up to 200 people with an outdoor kitchen, and regular bathrooms.

Playground Replacement- Kiddieland: Supt. Donahoe noted this was completed and it looks really good. It has been visited well.

Community Center Expansion: Director Bailey noted this was discussed last month.

GWT – Director Bailey noted that we have the schedule and it will start next week. The bridge should be in by September and project finished next spring.

BINA HEARING

President Kroeger stated: The next agenda item for the Board of Park Commissioners is a public hearing to receive public comments on the proposal to sell bonds in the amount of $2,950,000 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 Jewett moved to open the Hearing. Commissioner Ackmann seconded the Motion**.**

Are there additional comments from the Park Commissioners? There were none.

Is there written testimony concerning the proposed issuance of the Park Bonds? There were none.

Is there any public comments concerning the issuance? There were none.

All persons desiring to be heard have been given an opportunity.

President Kroeger asked for a motion to adjourn the Hearing:

Motion

Commissioner Jewett moved to close the Hearing. 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.

New Business:

Speer Financial: Aaron from Speer Financial gave information to the board on the purpose of this issuance.

Bi-Annual Review of Executive Session Minutes: Director Bailey noted that she is not recommending any be released at this time.

EV Charger options: Director Bailey went over the different options again. There was discussion and questions on the different options. President Kroeger noted it sounds like we are between option 1 and 2B. Supt. Hienbuecher noted no vote is needed on this today, but it can be put in the 2027 budget. Commissioner Doty did ask about more information on the life expectancy.

KSRA Update (Executive Session)

Dog Park Update (Executive Session)

Study Session: - None was scheduled.

Final Public Input – None

Motion

The Board adjourned the Regular Session to go into Executive Session at 6:41 pm on a motion made by Commissioner Doty for the reasons listed below. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Graves.

Roll Call

President Kroeger called for a roll call 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.

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The Board convened to Executive Session at 6:40 pm. The roll was called with Commissioners Ackmann, Doty, Jewett, and Kroeger present along with Director Jonelle Bailey, Recording Secretary Jeanette Freeman, Supt. Donahoe, Supt. Hienbuecher, Supt. Metcalf and Supt. Price.

Motion

The Board adjourned the Executive Session at 7:19 p.m. on a motion made by Commissioner Graves. 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 7:20 pm. The roll was called with Commissioners Ackmann, Doty, Graves, Jewett, and Kroeger present.

Motion

The Board adjourned the Regular Session at 7:20 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.

Jeanette Freeman

Recording Secretary
Sycamore Park District