

**Park District of Franklin Park  
Decennial Committee on Local Government Efficiency Meeting  
Community Center  
9560 Franklin Avenue  
Franklin Park, Illinois 60131  
Tuesday, October 3, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.  
MINUTES**

**Call to Order at 7:07 p.m.**

Chairman LoCascio called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

**Roll Call**

Physically Present: Joe Zinga, Sue O'Connell, AnneMarie Casas, Mike Vonesh, Mark White, Dan LoCascio, Patricia Tragarz, and Joe Reyes.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

**Additions, Corrections and Deletions to the Agenda.**

No additions, corrections, or deletions to the Agenda.

**Recess for Public Comment at 7:09 p.m.**

**Reconvene at 7:10 p.m.**

**Approval of Minutes**

No minutes were presented.

**Old Business**

No old business was presented.

**New Business**

*Review of Jurisdiction and Powers*

LoCascio explained what the committee is and the reasons as to why it was formed. All Park Districts were required by law to put together a committee that includes the current Board and at least two community members to discuss the efficiency of the Park District.

LoCascio shared a report that highlights the purpose of the committee, members, meetings dates, and an overview of the Park District.

LoCascio shared the Emergency Response Plan and Control Ordinance with the committee.

*Review of Shared Services through Partnerships*

We are member of SRA (West Suburban Special Recreation Association). WSSRA allows specialists to cater to the needs of individuals with special needs that participate in recreation programs. WSSRA has access to all of our facilities for programs and events.

Tragarz questioned the funding of WSSRA. LoCascio explained how a percentage of the Park District funds are allocated to them. LoCascio explained more in-depth about the WSSRA board and partners.

We have an IGA with Norridge Park District, Rosemont Park District, Leyden Township, Village of River Grove, and the Village of Schiller Park. We work with these entities to create a youth volleyball and basketball league.

We have intergovernmental agreements with School Districts 84 and 81.

We have partnerships with local sports affiliates (Thunder Soccer & Vipers Baseball/Softball).

We have agreements with non-profit foundations (St. Baldrick's Foundation & Susan G. Komen Foundation).

Volunteer opportunities are open for Leyden High School students. This includes assisting in specials events and teen nights.

### **Other Business**

Discussion was held about the purpose of the committee and its requirement by the state.

White recommended to keep the Public Comment to the same length as at Board Meetings.

### **Survey of Residents in Attendance**

No residents were in attendance.

### **Motion to Adjournment**

Motion by White, second by Zinga to adjourn at 8:03 p.m.

Roll Call: Zinga, yes; O'Connell, yes; Casas, yes; Vonesh, yes; White, yes; LoCascio, yes; Tragarz, yes; and Reyes, yes.