

**Park District of Franklin Park
Board of Park Commissioners
Regular Monthly Board Meeting
Tuesday, September 26, 2023; 7:00 p.m.
Community Center, 9560 Franklin Avenue
Franklin Park, Illinois 60131
MINUTES**

Call to Order at 7:01 p.m.

Secretary O'Connell called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Roll Call

Physically Present: Commissioners Joseph E. Zinga, AnneMarie Casas, Michael A. Vonesh, Mark K. White and Susan E. O'Connell.

Present: Daniel LoCascio, Director of Parks and Recreation; Maria Laskowski, Human Resources Manager; Nathan Wick, Superintendent of Parks; Catherine Saponieri, Marketing & Communications Manager; Stephanie Bersani, Superintendent of Finance & Technology; Liz Visteen, Superintendent of Recreation; Carla Deak, Ice Arena Manager; Attorney Thomas Hoffman.

Also Present: Jennifer Costa, Parks Services Assistant and Bart Halleman.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Additions, Corrections and Deletions to the Agenda

There were no additions, corrections and deletions to the Agenda.

Recess for Public Comment at 7:02 p.m.

President Casas recessed for Public Comment at 7:02 p.m.

There was no public comment.

Reconvene at 7:03 p.m.

President Casas reconvened at 7:03 p.m.

Presentation / Approval of the Regular Board Meeting Minutes and Closed Session Minutes dated August 22, 2023

Motion #1 by Commissioner White, second by Commissioner Vonesh to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes and Closed Session Minutes dated August 22, 2023.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioners Casas, yes; White, yes; Vonesh, yes; O'Connell, yes; Zinga, yes. Motion carried.

Presentation / Approval of Manual Bill Listing dated August, 2023 in the amount of \$282,011.21

Motion #2 by Commissioner Vonesh, second by Commissioner White to approve the July, 2023 Manual Bill Listing in the amount of \$282,011.21.

The Manual Bill Listing was reviewed.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioners White, yes; Vonesh, yes; O'Connell, yes; Zinga, yes; Casas, yes. Motion carried.

Presentation / Approval of System Bill Listing dated September, 2023 in the amount of \$146,789.31

Motion #3 by Commissioner Vonesh, second by Commissioner White to approve the September, 2023 System Bill Listing in the amount of \$146,789.31.

The System Bill Listing was reviewed.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioners Vonesh, yes; O'Connell, yes; Zinga, yes; White, yes; Casas, yes. Motion carried.

Closed Session Minutes Review

Motion #4 by Commissioner Zinga, second by Commissioner Vonesh that the Park District Board find that with respect to the closed session minutes that the need for confidentiality still exists as to the minutes of January 26, 2021, February 23, 2021, June 22, 2021, July 27, 2021, August 24, 2021, October 26, 2021, November 23, 2021, February 22, 2022, March 22, 2022, April 26, 2022, May 24, 2022, June 28, 2022, July 26, 2022, August 23, 2022, September 28, 2022, October 25, 2022, November 22, 2022, December 13, 2022, January 24, 2023, February 28, 2023, March 28, 2023, April 25, 2023, May 23, 2023, June 27, 2023, July 25, 2023 and August 22, 2023 which shall remain confidential to protect the privacy of an individual or the public interest.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioners O'Connell, yes; White, yes; Casas, yes; Vonesh, yes; Zinga, yes. Motion carried.

Correspondence

Thank you card from Mendoza Family.

Reports of Officers and Commissioners

President Casas has received positive feedback from Fusion parents on how the information is being shared. She loved the Marketing for the Pool with the videos. The Barbie event had a nice turnout. Ice Arena looking forward to be in the Parade.

Commissioner O'Connell also liked the videos and Barbie Party. The drone footage is really cool.

Commissioner Vonesh thanked Manager Deak and all staff, for outstanding job on the Benefit for Tim Monroe. It is appreciated by the Fire Department and the family.

Commissioner White also echoed Commissioner Vonesh's comments. He is looking forward to the parade.

Staff Reports:

Director

Items are later on the Agenda.

Marketing & Communication Manager

Manager Saponieri shared and reviewed the Sponsorship Package with the Board. She shared through Issue with businesses that participate in our bigger events.

An adult programming Focus Group was held on Saturday. They are interested in having more trips and overnight trips, more adult fitness programs.

Manager Saponieri finalized the new cover for the Winter / Spring Brochure. It will have a new exterior and interior.

Superintendent of Finance/Technology

Trying to finalize Audit schedules. Working on DCO Grant with Director LoCascio. Researching fiber lines with Comcast.

Director LoCascio and Superintendent Bersani met with Aaron Gold regarding 2-3 year rollover Bond, this year high interest, not good idea. Will revisit next year.

Finance Department is working on finalizing the Audit.

Superintendent of Recreation

Superintendent Visteen reported that the Parade will be held this Sunday with 44 participants registered. Pumpkin Fest will follow at North Park at 2:00 p.m.

Enrollment is up in our Fall Programs. Sports are doing very well. Playschool is up to 10 students. Afterschool program growing with 29 signed up this month.

Working on possibly having Pickle Ball in the evening. A discussion was held.

North Park is doing well. New tables were ordered that are lighter, and looking at new carpeting.

Ice Arena Manager

Manager Deak reported the Ice Arena is in full swing. Very excited for our Fusion Team and the Barbie theme Ice Show. Three star blades this year also very exciting. Looking forward to being in the Parade this weekend.

NWHL games were scheduled this weekend. Girl's teams had opening weekend and won all their games both days.

New full-time Joe Schulz started and will be in charge of Hockey Development and Supervisor.

Manager Deak thanked you for those attending Tim Monroe Benefit. Family had an awesome day and were smiling.

A discussion was held regarding concessions and variety of food.

Superintendent of Parks

Superintendent Wick reported that staff is focusing on grass cutting this week and dealing with rain but staff is handling. Supervisor Menolascina is wrapping up LED lights installation at the Ice Arena. Sunflower Nature Center washrooms were damaged last night. Were able to repair, but keeping closed after 3:00 p.m. until Sunday so they are useable on Pumpkinfest. Working with the Police to resolve.

WSSRA

Director LoCascio reported that he sits on the Policy and Finance Committees. Last Finance Committee meeting a recommendation for a 4% share increase that will go before the Boards. Wrapping up some changes with the policy from PDRMA recommendations. Pausing on building on property that they purchased. Possibly looking at a school that has been closed for years.

Unfinished Business

Ice Arena & North Park Window/Door Replacement Project

Director LoCascio reported that the first payment was submitted for WB Olson. Looking at two-week period to do complete work. Carpeting will be installed once the new doors are completed. The DCO application was resubmitted this week.

Motion #5 by Commissioner White, second by Commissioner Vonesh to approve Payout #1 to WB Olson, Inc., in the amount of \$20,066; leaving a balance to finish project, plus retainage of \$718,885.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioners Zinga, yes; Casas, yes; White, yes; Vonesh, yes; O'Connell, yes. Motion carried.

Efficiency Committee

Next Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center. Will post an Agenda.

Field Use

Director LoCascio met with Thunder Soccer as a follow-up letting them know we want to work with them. Let them know about Pietrini. He shared our continued support. A discussion was held.

New Business:

2024 / 2025 Capital Projects / Master Plan

Director LoCascio met with Rocco Castellano and Eric Horning from Hitchcock Design to start identifying big projects for the next 3-5 years. A discussion was held.

North Park Sidewalks

Motion #6 by Commissioner White, second by Commissioner Vonesh to approve the quote from Maul Paving, Inc. for the removal and replacement of 1,910 square feet of concrete sidewalk at North Park, in an amount not to exceed \$29, 979, as presented by the Superintendent of Parks.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioners Casas, yes; White, yes; Vonesh, yes; O'Connell, yes; Zinga, yes. Motion carried.

IAPD/IPRA Soaring to New Heights State Conference / January 25-28, 2024

Director LoCascio asked the Board to let us know if you are able to attend. IPRA Survey trying to see if hosted in Rosemont.

Ordinance #23-24-2/O – Authorizing and Directing the Sale of Certain Used Property

Motion #7 by Commissioner Vonesh, second by Commissioner White to adopt an Ordinance Authorizing and Directing the Sale of Certain Used Property.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioners White, yes; Vonesh, yes; O'Connell, yes; Zinga, yes; Casas, yes. Motion carried.

Suggested Motions

No suggested motions.

Required Signatures

Manager Laskowski received required signatures.

Closed Session to discuss Pending Litigation 2(c)11 and Land Acquisition 2(c)5

Motion #8 by Commissioner Zinga, second by Commissioner O’Connell to enter into Closed Session at 8:20 p.m. to discuss Pending Litigation 2(c)11 and Land Acquisition 2(c)5.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioners Vonesh, yes; O’Connell, yes; Zinga, yes; White, yes; Casas, yes. Motion carried.

Rise Out of Closed Session

Motion #9 by Commissioner White, second by Commissioner Zinga to rise out of Closed Session at 9:16 p.m.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioners Vonesh, yes; O’Connell, yes; Zinga, yes; White, yes; Casas, yes. Motion carried.

Adjourn at 9:17 p.m.

Motion #10 by Commissioner Vonesh, second by Commissioner Zinga to adjourn at 9:17 p.m.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioners O’Connell, yes; White, yes; Casas, yes; Vonesh, yes; Zinga, yes. Motion carried.

Susan E. O’Connell, Secretary