

**Park District of Franklin Park
Board of Park Commissioners
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, September 24, 2024; 7:00 p.m.
Community Center
9560 Franklin Avenue
Franklin Park, Illinois 60131
MINUTES**

Call to Order at 7:00 p.m.

President Vonesh called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call

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

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; and Thomas Hoffman, Attorney.

Also Present: Jennifer Costa, Parks Services Assistant.

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 7:01 p.m.

President Vonesh recessed for Public Comment at 7:01 p.m.

Reconvene at 7:02 p.m.

President Vonesh reconvened at 7:02 p.m.

Presentation / Approval of the Special and Closed Board Meeting Minutes dated August 27, 2024

Motion #1 by Commissioner O'Connell, second by Commissioner White to approve the Special and Closed Board Meeting Minutes dated August 27, 2024.

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

Presentation / Approval of Manual Bill Listing dated August, 2024 in the amount of \$327,726.93

Motion #2 by Commissioner White, second by Commissioner Casas to approve the August, 2024 Manual Bill Listing in the amount of \$327,726.93.

The Manual Bill Listing was reviewed. A discussion was held regarding polishing of terrazzo floor.

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

Presentation / Approval of System Bill Listing dated September, 2024 in the amount of \$61,541.46

Motion #3 by Commissioner Casas, second by Commissioner White to approve the September, 2024 System Bill Listing in the amount of \$61,541.46.

The System Bill Listing was reviewed.

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

Correspondence

No correspondence.

Reports of Officers and Commissioners

Commissioner O'Connell thanked everyone involved with the planning of the 50th Anniversary of the Ice Arena.

Commissioner Casas was nice to see the history of the Ice Arena; great job by staff. A discussion was held regarding Rosemont Ice Arena being built.

Commissioner White commented Ice Arena event was very nice, a lot of history.

Commissioner Zinga echoed comments about the 50th Anniversary event.

President Vonesh thanked Manager Deak for the great job on the 50th Anniversary event. He also thanked Superintendent Visteen and Jill Tran for their help with baby shower.

Staff Reports:

Director

Nothing to add to his report.

Ice Arena Manager

Manager Deak thanked everyone for attending the 50th Anniversary event. It was a lot of fun talking to everyone and learning things. Ted Galuska's son came to the Ice Arena and went through all the pictures.

All programs are starting for another season.

Superintendent of Parks

Assistant Costa has been working with School District 84 regarding educating the students on bees. Tomorrow she will be doing a demonstration and a craft at the Sunflower Nature Center with Preschool.

Supervisor Menolascina is working with pump companies for the Pool.

Marketing & Communication Manager

Manager Saponieri reported that she is working on the Fall Newsletter and promoting Fall Events. Pumpkinfest Sponsors \$3,800. Ice Arena four sponsors she will send thank you letters.

She will be working with Matt for video of the Ice Arena event to share on social media and to submit for IPRA Showcase.

Superintendent of Finance/Technology

Superintendent Bersani thanked the Board for their help with the docusign for bank accounts.

The auditors will be on site this week Thursday and Friday.

Superintendent of Recreation

Superintendent Visteen reported staff is getting ready for Fall events. As of today we have 58 groups for the Parade. Assistant Costa explained the Pumpkin Smash event on November 2.

WSSRA

Director LoCascio informed the Board that River Grove voted to join WSSRA. The recommendation will be made to the Finance Committee, then it will be voted on by members.

Unfinished Business

Ice Arena/Pool Roof Replacement

Motion #4 by Commissioner O’Connell, second by Commissioner Casas to approve Payout #4 to WB Olson, Inc., in the amount of \$550,954; for Ice Arena Roof Replacement.

Director LoCascio reported that the project is completed. Final payment will be presented at the next meeting.

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

Service Center Renovation

Director LoCascio reported we will begin meeting in December with architects for a target date of next Fall for first Phase.

Personnel Policy Updates – Section 7 and 8

Director LoCascio reviewed the changes with the Board.

Solar Panels

Director LoCascio reported that we are working with GEC to get a contract in place. The Pool will not be a viable option.

Maple Property

Director LoCascio reported that the OSLAD Grant application was submitted.

New Business:

IAPD/IPRA State Conference January 23-26, 2025

Let Manager Laskowski know if you will be attending.

Suggested Motions

No Suggested Motion.

Required Signatures

Manager Laskowski received the required signatures.

Closed Session to discuss Probable/Imminent Litigation 2(c)2, Personnel 2(c)1, Lease of Real Property 2(c)5 and Closed Session Minutes Review 2(c)21.

Motion #5 by Commissioner Zinga, second by Commissioner Casas to enter into Closed Session at 7:43 p.m. to discuss Probable/Imminent Litigation 2(c)2, Personnel 2(c)1, Lease of Real Property 2(c)5 and Closed Session Minutes Review 2(c)21.

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

Rise Out of Closed Session

Motion #6 by Commissioner White, second by Commissioner Casas to rise out of Closed Session at 8:28 p.m.

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

Take action, if any, on matters discussed in Closed Session

Motion #7 by Commissioner Casas, second by Commissioner Zinga that the Park District Board find that with respect to the closed session minutes August 23, 2022, June 5, 2023, March 19, 2024 and May 28, 2024 it is no longer necessary to protect the public interest or the privacy of an individual by keeping them confidential and they shall be available for public inspection but 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, 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, August 22, 2023, September 26, 2023, October 24, 2023, November 28, 2023 and February 27, 2024, April 23, 2024, June 25, 2024, July 23, 2024 and August 24, 2024 which shall remain confidential to protect the privacy of an individual or the public interest.

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

Adjourn at 8:29 p.m.

Motion #8 by Commissioner Casas, second by Commissioner O’Connell to adjourn at 8:29 p.m.

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

Joseph E. Zinga, Secretary