

**Park District of Franklin Park
Board of Park Commissioners
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, February 25, 2025; 7:00 p.m.
Community Center
9560 Franklin Avenue
Franklin Park, Illinois 60131
MINUTES**

Call to Order at 7:02 p.m.

President Vonesh called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Absent: Commissioner AnneMarie Casas.

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

Absent: Liz Visteen, Superintendent of Recreation.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Additions, Corrections and Deletions to the Agenda

No Additions, Corrections or Deletions were made to the Agenda.

Recess for Public Comment at 7:05 p.m.

President Vonesh recessed for Public Comment at 7:05 p.m.

Reconvene at 7:06 p.m.

President Vonesh reconvened at 7:06 p.m.

Presentation of 2023-24 Audit by Martha Trotter from Sikich

Martha Trotter from Sikich presented the 2023-2024 Audit to the Board. Martha thanked Superintendent Bersani and her staff for their assistance with the Audit preparations.

Presentation / Approval of the Special and Closed Board Meeting Minutes dated January 28, 2025

Motion #1 by Commissioner White, second by Commissioner Zinga to approve the Special and Closed Board Meeting Minutes dated January 28, 2025.

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

Presentation / Approval of Manual Bill Listing dated January, 2025 in the amount of \$233,361.26

Motion #2 by Commissioner White, second by Commissioner O'Connell to approve the January, 2025 Manual Bill Listing in the amount of \$233,361.26.

The Manual Bill Listing was reviewed.

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

Presentation / Approval of System Bill Listing dated February, 2025 in the amount of \$35,062.56

Motion #3 by Commissioner O'Connell, second by Commissioner Zinga to approve the February, 2025 System Bill Listing in the amount of \$35,062.56.

The System Bill Listing was reviewed.

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

Correspondence

No correspondence.

Reports of Officers and Commissioners

Commissioner O'Connell enjoyed seeing the picture by Kim Rocha on Facebook of the Daddy Daughter Night.

Staff Reports:

Director

Representative Hernandez's office contacted us regarding the use of the Sports Arena for a Fitness Fair on Sunday, March 16, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Superintendent of Recreation

Director LoCascio reviewed the PDRMA Loss Information Review for January 2020-December 2024.

Ice Arena Manager

Manager Deak reported on the transition into the spring season. The girls' hockey teams each secured second place in the tournament over the weekend. We are very proud of both the girls and the coaches.

We are also hosting playoff games that began last weekend, including the Shamrock Showdown.

Superintendent of Parks

Superintendent Wick reported that staff are currently out in the parks cleaning up as the warmer weather arrives, preparing for spring.

We are in the process of obtaining pricing for fencing to make the East School fields suitable for 8U teams and others to use for practice.

Assistant Costa noted that our bees did not survive the winter. The fluctuating temperatures, cold spells followed by warm weather, have not been favorable for them.

Departments will be competing with who brings in the most paper in Recycle Mania.

Marketing & Communication Manager

Manager Saponieri announced that "Spring into Summer" is going out this week. Year-to-date, we have surpassed the sponsorship dollars for 2024, totaling \$32,363.

Superintendent of Finance/Technology

Lakeside Bank aggressively bid on our Bond and we opened account with 3% interest rate.

WSSRA

Nothing to report.

Unfinished Business

Solar Project

Director LoCascio reviewed the scenario both with and without the \$580,000 federal rebate.

Motion #4 by Commissioner O’Connell, second by Commissioner Zinga to approve Payout #1 to General Energy Corporation, for Park District of Franklin Park Rooftop Solar PV Project in the amount of \$98,988.90, with a remaining balance of \$1,361,416.10.

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

Five-Year Capital Plan

The Five-Year Capital Plan was reviewed with the Board.

North Park Renovations

The North Park Master Plan Concept was presented to the Board.

Ice Arena / Bathroom Renovation Project

Last week, we conducted a project walk-through with many contractors present. The bid opening has been rescheduled to March 6.

We expect to receive a proposal from WB Olson next month.

New Business:

IAPD Events

Director LoCascio shared events with the Board; if they are interested in attending, they should let him know.

Suggested Motions

No Suggested Motions.

Required Signatures

Manager Laskowski received the required signatures.

Closed Session to discuss Personnel 2(c)1

Motion #5 by Commissioner O’Connell, second by Commissioner Zinga to enter into Closed Session at _____ p.m. to discuss Personnel 2(c)1.

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

Rise Out of Closed Session

Motion #6 by Commissioner White, second by Commissioner O’Connell to rise out of Closed Session at 9:40 p.m.

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

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

No action taken.

Adjourn at 9:41 p.m.

Motion #7 by Commissioner O’Connell, second by Commissioner White to adjourn at 9:41 p.m.

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

Joseph E. Zinga, Secretary