

**Park District of Franklin Park
Board of Park Commissioners
Regular Monthly Board Meeting
Tuesday, June 24, 2025; 7:05 p.m.
Centre at North Park
10040 Addison Avenue
Franklin Park, Illinois 60131
MINUTES**

Call to Order at 7:05 p.m.

President White called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Roll Call

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

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

Absent: Catherine Saponieri, Marketing & Communications Manager.

Others Present: Jennifer Costa, Parks Services Assistant. Rocco Castellano, Williams Architects.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Additions, Corrections and Deletions to the Agenda

No additions, corrections and deletions to the Agenda.

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

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

There was no public comment.

Reconvene at 7:06 p.m.

President White reconvened at 7:06 p.m.

Public Hearing on the Annual Budget & Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

President White called to order the Public Hearing on the Annual Budget & Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

Secretary Casas called the Roll for the Public Hearing on the Annual Budget & Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Secretary Casas called the Roll for the Public Hearing on the Annual Budget & Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

Roll Call

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

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

Absent: Catherine Saponieri, Marketing & Communications Manager.

Others Present: Jennifer Costa, Parks Services Assistant.

President White stated that the Park Board will now hold a public hearing on the 2025-2026 Annual Budget & Appropriation Ordinance for the Park District of Franklin Park.

President White stated that all persons desiring to be heard will now have an opportunity to present written or oral testimony with respect to the 2025-2026 Annual Budget & Appropriation Ordinance.

President White asked if there were any written or oral comments from the Commissioners? There were none.

President White asked if there were any written or oral comments from the Public? There were none.

Adjourn Public Hearing on the Annual Budget & Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Motion #1 by Commissioner Vonesh, seconded by Commissioner O'Connell, to adjourn the Public Hearing for the combined Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for fiscal year 2025-2026.

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

Adoption of Ordinance #25-26-2/O - Annual Budget & Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Motion #2 by Commissioner O'Connell, seconded by Commissioner Zinga to adopt Ordinance #25-26-2/O, an ordinance making a combined annual budget and appropriation of funds for the Park District of Franklin Park, Cook County, Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning on the 1st day of May 2025 and ending on the 30th day of April 2026.

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

Presentation / Approval of the Regular/Closed Board Meeting Minutes dated May 27, 2025

Motion #3 by Commissioner Vonesh, seconded by Commissioner Zinga, to approve the Regular/Closed Board Meeting Minutes dated May 27, 2025.

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

Presentation / Approval of Manual Bill Listing dated May 2025 for \$292,166.58

Motion #4 by Commissioner O'Connell, seconded by Commissioner Vonesh, to approve the May 2025 Manual Bill Listing for \$292,166.58.

The Manual Bill Listing was reviewed.

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

Presentation / Approval of System Bill Listing dated June 2025 for \$179,276.89

Motion #5 by Commissioner Casas, seconded by Commissioner Zinga, to approve the June 2025 System Bill Listing for \$179,276.89.

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

Correspondence

Thank you card from the ice skaters to Manager Saponieri and Matthew Jakubowski for taking pictures at the Ice Show.

Reports of Officers and Commissioners

Commissioner O'Connell commented it's great to see everyone at the Pool. Thank you to everyone who helped get the Pool ready. The Sunset Cruise also looked fun.

Commissioner Casas has received positive feedback on the two new ice skating programs. Pool Party was a hit.

Commissioner Vonesh thanked everyone for the hard work.

President White attended the Park Party at Championship Park, which was well attended, and the staff did a great job.

Staff Reports:

Director

Nothing to add to his report.

Marketing & Communication Manager

Hanna Intern covering in Manager Saponieir's absence.

Superintendent of Finance/Technology

Finance Intern working with us on Tuesdays and Thursdays and picking up quickly.

Superintendent of Recreation

Superintendent Visteen reported that the first Sunset Swim on Friday was well attended. Tonight's the third concert. North Park is getting more calls and bookings. Day Camp and the Pool are going very well.

Commissioner Zinga has visited the Pool on Pacific several times. Two women asked him why there was no Adult Swim on Sundays and why the Pool closes earlier. Staff stated that Sunday mornings are reserved for staff in-service training. The Swim Team uses the Pool after 6:00 p.m. Commissioner Zinga commented that the lifeguards are incredible. Today, there was a drill, and the staff performed exceptionally. The only issue was that the employee's announcement over the PA was unclear. Commissioner Zinga suggested that the concession area be cleaned more frequently. The garbage overflowed, and the glass at the concession stand was filthy. They have a lot of downtime. Kudos to the staff.

Commissioner Casas thinks it's great that numbers have doubled for Swim Team.

Superintendent of Parks

Superintendent Wick reported that staff focused on weeding this week. Safety surface was installed in seven parks. All three new trucks arrived and the logo was put on. The older vehicles will be auctioned.

Staff have been making sure the Pool and AC units are up and running. He is seeking an Electric Contractor to install an overhead electrical line at the Ice Arena for the Studio Rooftop unit. The current line is underground and not working.

Ice Arena Manager

Manager Deak very business with Hockey and Skating Camp during the day. The kids are enjoying themselves.

Camps are off the week of July 4th. Other organizations and our Discovery Day Camp will use the ice.

Commissioner Zinga likes to see the skating and hockey registration numbers are steady.

Commissioner Casas attended the McFredridge Competition and it was nice to see more participants this year from Franklin Park.

WSSRA

Director LoCascio reported that the Finance Committee met last week. The audit will be done. Registration for Day Camp is going very well. The District share level is back to pre-COVID.

Unfinished Business

Service Center Renovations – Williams Architects Presentation

Rocco Castellano presented the proposed Service Center Renovations to the Board. The project will be bid in August and is expected to be completed between September and November. A discussion was held.

Solar Project

Motion #6 by Commissioner Vonesh, seconded by Commissioner Casas to accept the bid from T-Construction Consulting, LLC, as the lowest responsible bidder for the Solar Project AC in an amount not exceeding \$369,179.25.

Director LoCascio spoke with Jim Belden and feels confident that we qualify for rebates. The Ice Arena will be completed first during the shutdown.

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

Motion #7 by Commissioner Casas, seconded by Commissioner Zinga to accept Ecolectrics, LLC's bid as the lowest responsible bidder for the Solar Project DC in an amount not exceeding \$460,849.

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

Ice Arena / Interior Renovation Project

Motion #8 by Commissioner O'Connell, seconded by Commissioner Vonesh to approve Payout #3 to WB Olson, Inc., for \$9,161, leaving a balance, plus retainage of \$1,176,143 to finish the Ice Arena Interior Restoration project.

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

Dog Park

Director LoCascio reviewed the survey results. The final step is sending a letter of intent to the Village as part of the Lease Agreement. We hope to go out to bid in January 2026.

New Business:

Maple Property

Attorney Hoffman has been working with the seller's attorney. We are on schedule for the July closing.

Suggested Motions

There were no Suggested Motions.

Required Signatures

Manager Laskowski received the required signatures.

Closed Session

Motion #9 by Commissioner Casas, seconded by Commissioner Vonesh to enter Closed Session at 8:14 p.m. to discuss Personnel 2(c)1.

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

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

Motion #10 by Commissioner O'Connell, seconded by Commissioner Zinga to rise out of Closed Session at 8:52 p.m.

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

Motion #11 by Commissioner Zinga, seconded by Commissioner Casas to rescind Motion 7.

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

Motion #12 by Commissioner Zinga, seconded by Commissioner Casas to accept Ecolectrics, LLC's bid as the lowest responsible bidder for the Solar Project DC in an amount not exceeding \$588,769.

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

Motion #13 by Commissioner Casas, seconded by Commissioner Zinga to accept staff salary increases as presented by the Director.

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

Adjourn at 8:55 p.m.

Motion #14 by Commissioner O'Connell, seconded by Commissioner Zinga to continue/adjourn at 8:55 p.m.

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

AnneMarie Casas, Secretary