

**Park District of Franklin Park
Board of Park Commissioners
Regular Monthly Board Meeting
Tuesday, July 22, 2025; 7:00 p.m.
Community Center
9560 Franklin Avenue
Franklin Park, Illinois 60131
MINUTES**

Call to Order at 7:00 p.m.

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

Roll Call

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

Absent: Commissioners Joseph E. Zinga and Michael Vonesh.

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; Catherine Saponieri, Marketing & Communications Manager; Carla Deak, Ice Arena Manager and Thomas Hoffman, Attorney.

Others Present: Jennifer Costa, Parks Services Assistant and Hannah Rey, Marketing Intern.

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 7:01 p.m.

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

There was no public comment.

Reconvene at 7:02 p.m.

President White reconvened at 7:02 p.m.

Presentation / Approval of the Regular/Closed Board Meeting Minutes dated June 24, 2025

Motion #1 by Commissioner O'Connell, seconded by Commissioner Casas, to approve the Regular/Closed Board Meeting Minutes dated June 24, 2025.

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

Presentation / Approval of Manual Bill Listing dated June 2025 for \$304,706.66

Motion #2 by Commissioner O'Connell, seconded by Commissioner Casas, to approve the June 2025 Manual Bill Listing for \$304,706.66.

The Manual Bill Listing was reviewed.

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

Presentation / Approval of System Bill Listing dated July 2025 for \$179,317.93

Motion #3 by Commissioner O'Connell, seconded by Commissioner Casas, to approve the July 2025 System Bill Listing for \$179,276.89.

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

Correspondence

Thank you card from the Jakubowski Family for sympathy flowers on the passing of the grandmother.

Reports of Officers and Commissioners

ISI Worlds Minnesota, hoping they bring home a trophy.

Commissioner O'Connell was disappointed that Street Dance had to be cancelled due to the weather. She loves the new program ideas.

President White was also disappointed that Street Dance was cancelled.

Commissioner Casas reported that skaters are going to ISI Competition in Minnesota and is hoping for a trophy.

A discussion was held regarding the cancellation of the Street Dance and the possibility of a rain date in the future, but it is too difficult to arrange.

Staff Reports:

Director

Director LoCascio attended the Library Comprehensive Plan with other local representatives.

Superintendent of Finance/Technology

Superintendent Bersani reported that revenue/expenses are being reviewed and all in line. We will be preparing for Assistant Indurante's retirement.

Superintendent of Recreation

Superintendent Vistein reported that Summer is still in full swing. Making sure Day Camp is prepared for the warmer weather. The Pool Audit had a "Meet", which we are happy with and staff will review. The Swim Team is doing well, we have a good group of kids and parents.

Superintendent of Parks

Superintendent Wick reported that staff is detailing parks and maintaining the grounds, including removing weeds. He is getting prices on repairs for the damage to James Park due to a car driving into it.

Staff is preparing for the upcoming heat.

Assistant Costa reported on the Bee Hives. She has harvested 40 pounds of honey. Staff will spin some honey on Thursday.

Ice Arena Manager

Manager Deak reported that Summer is coming to end in two weeks. Excited for skaters going to ISI Competition this weekend in Minnesota. The skaters will be doing an exhibition. Commissioner Casas suggested inviting other camps to attend. Hoping Paint the Ice has a good attendance. Locker room renovations are underway.

Marketing & Communication Manager

Manager Saponieri is in the process of redesigning park signs and will also work on rules inside the park. Trying new Social Media campaigns. Introduced Hannah, Marketing Intern. Hannah recapped what she's been doing as part of her internship.

WSSRA

Nothing to report.

Unfinished Business

Service Center Renovations

Director LoCascio reported that the project is out to bid. Hoping to have the project start in September.

Solar Project

Director LoCascio explained that Giraffe Financial will assist us in getting all the rebates.

Director LoCascio and Superintendent Wick met with General Energy today to review the project.

Motion #4 by Commissioner Casas, seconded by Commissioner O'Connell to approve the agreement with Giraffe Financial Inc, as presented, to file federal and state tax rebates associated with the purchase of Solar Panels at District facilities.

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

Motion #5 by Commissioner O'Connell, seconded by Commissioner Casas to approve Payout #2 to General Energy Corporation, for the Park District of Franklin Park Rooftop Solar PV Project for \$34,728.79, with a remaining balance of \$1,326,687.31.

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

Ice Arena / Interior Renovation Project

Motion #6 by Commissioner Casas, seconded by Commissioner O'Connell to approve Payout #4 to WB Olson, Inc., for \$3,069, leaving a balance, plus retainage of \$1,173,074 to finish the Ice Arena Interior Restoration project.

Director LoCascio reported on the project. We will be getting quotes to add insulation in the Zamboni Room. Superintendent Wick reported that we are getting costs to adding electrical to the locker rooms.

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

Dog Park

Director LoCascio reported that we are waiting for OSLAD Grant season to end and then we will work with Hitchcock Design.

Maple Property

Director LoCascio and Superintendent Wick will visit the house on Friday. We will put an alarm system on the house and garage.

New Business:

Ordinance #25-26-3/O - An Ordinance Authorizing and Directing the Destruction of Verbatim Audio Recordings of Certain Closed Session Meetings of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Park District of Franklin Park

Motion #7 by Commissioner Casas, seconded by Commissioner O'Connell to adopt Ordinance #25-26-3/O Authorizing and Directing the Destruction of Verbatim Audio Recordings of Certain Closed Session Meetings of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Park District of Franklin Park.

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

Village of Franklin Park Intergovernmental Agreement

Motion #8 by Commissioner O'Connell, seconded by Commissioner Casas to approve entering into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Franklin Park as presented by staff.

Superintendent Visteen reported that we will be hosting special events at the Plaza once a month.

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

Suggested Motions

No suggested motions.

Required Signatures

Manager Laskowski received the required signatures.

Adjourn at 7:43 p.m.

Motion #9 by Commissioner O'Connell, seconded by Commissioner Casas to rise out of Closed Session at 7:43 p.m.

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

AnneMarie Casas, Secretary