

**Park District of Franklin Park
Board of Park Commissioners
Regular Monthly Board Meeting
Tuesday, August 26, 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 Susan E. O'Connell, Michael Vonesh, Mark K. White and Joseph E. Zinga.

Absent: Commissioner AnneMarie Casas.

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: Marianne Birko, WSSRA Executive Director and Jennifer Costa arrived at 8:16 p.m.

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 7:02 p.m.

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

There was no public comment.

Reconvene at 7:03 p.m.

President White reconvened at 7:03 p.m.

WSSRA Annual Presentation

Marianne Birko, WSSRA Executive Director presented the WSSRA Snapshot 2024 to the Board. She extended gratitude to Director LoCascio and Superintendent Visteen and to the Board for their support.

Presentation / Approval of the Regular Board Meeting Minutes dated July 22, 2025

Motion #1 by Commissioner Vonesh, seconded by Commissioner O'Connell to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes dated July 22, 2025.

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

Presentation / Approval of Manual Bill Listing dated July 2025 for \$361,758.01.

Motion #2 by Commissioner O'Connell, seconded by Commissioner Vonesh to approve the July 2025 Manual Bill Listing for \$361,758.01.

Commissioner Zinga expressed concerns that we don't go out to bid for jerseys.

The Manual Bill Listing was reviewed.

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

Presentation / Approval of System Bill Listing dated August 2025 for \$181,737.50.

Motion #3 by Commissioner O'Connell, seconded by Commissioner Zinga to approve the August 2025 System Bill Listing for \$181,737.50.

The System Bill Listing was reviewed.

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

Correspondence

Thank you to Superintendent Wick and staff from Franklin Park Vipers.

Thank you card from Tammie Whalen for cookies after her surgery.

Reports of Officers and Commissioners

Commissioner O'Connell attended a couple of concerts this summer, which were very nice. Her students and families enjoyed Paint the Ice. She also attended Chalk the Park at Elder Park, which was very nice; many talented artists came out. She also loved the post with Taylor Swift in front of the gazebo at North Park.

Commissioner Vonesh thanked staff for the opportunity to attend Cindy Indurante's retirement party. He also participated in Chalk in the Park at Elder Park, which was well done. He commented on the staff to keep up the good work.

Commissioner Zinga commented that the luncheon for Cindy Indurante was very nice and very well done. She is a nice lady.

President White also attended some Summer concerts and events, which were very nice; good job staff.

Staff Reports:

Director

Director LoCascio reported that we took possession of the Maple Property. The house is set with alarms, and the fire alarm is active. PDRMA has all the information.

Director LoCascio will be attending the NRPA Conference the week of September 15 in Orlando. The monthly reports may be delivered earlier, as Manager Laskowski will also be out of town.

Superintendent of Recreation

Superintendent Visteen reported that summer is wrapping up with one more weekend at the Pool. The Afterschool program has some new kids. Preschool, Playschool, and Tot School started last week and are all adapting quickly. Manager Swiontek is receiving calls regarding North Park. Superintendent Visteen highlighted the end-of-summer numbers, which were included in the report. Director LoCascio highlighted that the Day Camp revenues were very good this year.

Commissioner Zinga is happy to see North Park busy.

Superintendent of Parks

Superintendent Wick reported that the seasonal staff are back at school, so we are shifting our focus to maintaining parks and preparing for Winter. We have extended an offer to a potential candidate for the full-time Park Mowing and Landscape Technician position.

Ice Arena Manager

Manager Deak commented that it has been a very noisy and dusty shutdown with all the construction, and is looking forward to opening for the season on September 2.

She reported that we were not accepted into the Prospect's Hockey Travel League, we are going through the process and hopefully will be considered next year.

Marketing & Communication Manager

Manager Saponieri reported that the Park Passport Adventure ended yesterday with 51 submissions. She and Hanna discussed offering a Fall Campaign promoting the parks the end of September with a Bingo Card.

The Press Release for Maple Property post was very well received. Questions were answered as soon as they came in.

Manager Saponieri that the Sustainability Committee/Assistant Costa are doing a School Supply Drive collecting school supplies that will be donated to kids who need it in School District 84.

Superintendent of Finance/Technology

Superintendent Bersani is learning a lot from Cindy Indurante's retirement. She commented that the value of the hats she wore is immeasurable.

Property taxes are being delayed due to technical issues in Cook County. Our 6-month CD just came due and will be in our account.

A discussion was held regarding the fee from Busey Bank. Superintendent Bersani will have a conversation with them.

WSSRA

Nothing to report.

Unfinished Business

Service Center Renovations

Motion #4 by Commissioner O'Connell, seconded by Commissioner Vonesh to move that the Park District enter into an AIA A133-2019 Construction Management agreement with W.B. Olson for the Service Center Renovation Project in the amount not to exceed \$952,240 and that the Executive Director execute and deliver same.

Motion #5 by Commissioner Vonesh, seconded by Commissioner Zinga to approve the following bids for the Service Center Roof Replacement:

Trade	Contractor	Base Bid
Masonry	Jimmy's Masonry	\$64,650
General Trades	Edwin Anderson	\$238,700
Roofing	Metalmaster Roofmaster	\$335,462

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

Solar Project

Motion #6 by Commissioner Zinga, seconded by Commissioner Vonesh to approve Payout #3 to General Energy Corporation, for the Park District of Franklin Park Rooftop Solar PV Project for \$449,350.33, with a remaining balance of \$808,057.87.

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

Ice Arena / Interior Renovation Project

Motion #7 by Commissioner Zinga, seconded by Commissioner O'Connell to approve Payout #5 to WB Olson, Inc., for \$76,246, leaving a balance, plus retainage of \$1,101,916 to finish the Ice Arena Interior Restoration project.

Director LoCascio updated the Board on the project. Thanked the Ice Arena staff for their patience and Superintendent Wick and Supervisor Menolascina for helping out.

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

Dog Park

A discussion was held regarding naming the park.

Maple Property

Director LoCascio stated that we will also be naming the park. A discussion was held.

New Business:

No New Business.

Suggested Motions

No suggested motions.

Required Signatures

Manager Laskowski received the required signatures.

Adjourn at 8:21 p.m.

Motion #8 by Commissioner Vonesh, seconded by Commissioner Zinga to rise out of Closed Session at 8:21 p.m.

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

AnneMarie Casas, Secretary