

**Park District of Franklin Park
Board of Park Commissioners
Regular Monthly Board Meeting
Tuesday, October 28, 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.

A motion was made by Commissioner Zinga, seconded by Commissioner O'Connell to appoint Commissioner Vonesh as pro tem Secretary in Commissioner Casas's absence.

Roll Call

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

Absent: Commissioner AnneMarie Casas.

Present: Daniel LoCascio, Executive Director; 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.

Also Present: Jennifer Costa and Christian Center, Parks Department; and Dina Domino, Finance Department.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Additions, Corrections and Deletions to the Agenda

No additions, corrections, or deletions to the Agenda.

Public Hearing concerning the intent of the Board of Park Commissioners to sell not to exceed \$1,290,000 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds for the building, maintaining, improving and protecting of land purchased or condemned for parks and the existing land and facilities of the District and for the payment of costs of issuance

President White asked the Commissioners for written or oral comments. There were none.

President White asked for written or oral comments from the Public. There were none.

President White asked for additional comments from the Public. There were none.

President White asked for a motion to Finally Adjourn the Bond Issuance Notification Act (BINA) Public Hearing.

Finally Adjourn the Public Hearing

Motion #1 by Commissioner Zinga, seconded by Commissioner O'Connell to finally adjourn the Bond Issuance Notification Act (BINA) Public Hearing at 7:03 p.m.

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

President White declared the hearing finally adjourned.

Recess for Public Comment at 7:04 p.m.

President White recessed for Public Comment at 7:04 p.m.

Reconvene at 7:05 p.m.

President White reconvened at 7:05 p.m.

Presentation / Approval of the Regular/Closed Board Meeting Minutes dated September 23, 2025

Motion #2 by Commissioner Vonesh, seconded by Commissioner Zinga, to approve the Regular/Closed Board Meeting Minutes dated September 23, 2025.

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

Presentation / Approval of Manual Bill Listing dated September 2025 for \$907,570.31

Motion #3 by Commissioner O'Connell, seconded by Commissioner Zinga, to approve the September 2025 Manual Bill Listing for \$907,570.31.

The Manual Bill Listing was reviewed.

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

Presentation / Approval of System Bill Listing dated October 2025 for \$49,534.06

Motion #4 by Commissioner O'Connell, seconded by Commissioner Zinga, to approve the October 2025 System Bill Listing for \$49,534.06.

The System Bill Listing was reviewed.

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

Correspondence

No correspondence.

Reports of Officers and Commissioners

Commissioner O'Connell thanked staff for all the October Special Events. She appreciates all the hard work.

Commissioner Vonesh commented keep up the good work, and thanked staff.

Commissioner Zinga also thanked staff for their work on the Parade, Pumpkin Fest and Movie in the Park. He received a lot of compliments for the parade and Pumpkin Fest.

Commissioner Zinga was shocked at the passing of Cindy Indurante, too quick. God rest her soul.

President White echoed compliments.

Staff Reports:*Director*

Items to report are on the Agenda later.

Ice Arena Manager

Manager Deak reported Ice Arena was represented at Trick or Treat in the Park and had over 100 in attendance at Scary Skate.

Dan Berry former Ice Technician, passed away suddenly over the weekend.

Marketing & Communication Manager

Manager Saponieri is working on end of year projects which include the Sponsorship & Advertising 2026 packet, IPRA Agency Showcase (submissions include Marketing Campaign, Long Form Video, Print Brochure, and Print Informational), and IAPD Give Us Your Best Shot photo contest submissions.

She informed the Board of our Fall/Winter gear order. Manager Laskowski will share the link with them so they can view the different gear options.

Superintendent of Finance/Technology

Superintendent Bersani discussed the delay in Cook County property tax bill delivery. Cook County has provided no update or indication with the second installment bills will be sent to taxpayers. She stressed that cash flow is still okay, we just have to move funds around in the interim.

Superintendent Bersani discussed how the Finance department is keeping busy and Assistant Domino is learning the ins and outs of accounts payable, payroll and all other related job functions.

She introduced Dina Domino, Finance Assistant, who started on October 6. Assistant Domino is very happy and lucky to have a new position with the Park District. She visited the Ice Arena in 1982 with Brownie Troop and started working part-time in 1991 as a skate instructor. She has worked at three different banks. She commented that it is nice to hear nice things about Cindy at the front desk, she has big shoes to fill.

Superintendent of Parks

Parks are maintained, and leaves are cleaned up. Ruby Addison's playground equipment broke, and we were able to fix it on Saturday. Replaced under warrant.

Moving stuff around the shop for contractors.

Christian Center, new full-time employee. Happy to be here, from Elmwood Park. Met Nate through some other work. Glad he joined.

Superintendent of Recreation

Superintendent Visteen reported it has been a busy October. North Park is getting busier and is booked through mid-December.

Flag Football ended, and Volleyball started.

WSSRA

Budget will be approved at November meeting.

Unfinished Business

Service Center Renovations

Director LoCascio and Superintendent Wick presented updates to Board on the Service Center Roof Project with a slideshow.

Motion #5 by Commissioner O'Connell, seconded by Commissioner Vonesh, to approve Payout #1 to WB Olson, Inc., for \$52,371, leaving a balance, plus retainage of \$899,869 to finish the Service Center Roof Renovation.

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

Solar Project

Motion #6 by Commissioner Zinga, seconded by Commissioner O'Connell, to approve Payout #5 to General Energy Corporation, for the Park District of Franklin Park Rooftop Solar PV Project for \$237,240.62, with a remaining balance of \$545,479.10.

North Park is now operational as of this afternoon.

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

Ice Arena / Interior Renovation Project

Motion #7 by Commissioner O'Connell, seconded by Commissioner Vonesh to approve Payout #7 to WB Olson, Inc., for \$266,344, leaving a balance, plus retainage of \$205,645 to finish the Ice Arena Interior Restoration project.

Working on punch list, waiting on some hardware to finalize the project.

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

Dog Park

Motion #8 by Commissioner Vonesh, seconded by Commissioner O'Connell, to approve the proposal from Hitchcock Design Group for the Dog Park in the amount of \$58,300, with an additional \$1,500 for professional service fees.

Director LoCascio reviewed the plan. A discussion was held.

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

North Park Flooring

Director LoCascio reviewed the Sports Arena Flooring project.

New Business:

IAPD/IPRA State Conference January 29-31, 2026

Let Manager Laskowski know when you will be attending.

IAPD Annual Business Meeting

Motion #9 by Commissioner O'Connell, seconded by Commissioner Vonesh, to designate Daniel LoCascio, Director, to serve as delegate to the Annual Business Meeting of the IAPD to be held on January 31, 2026, at 3:30 p.m.

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

Park District of Franklin Park Staff / Commissioners Christmas Party, December 12 at the Ice Arena.

The Christmas Party is scheduled. I hope to see everyone there.

Suggested Motions

No suggested motions.

Required Signatures

Manager Laskowski received the required signatures.

Closed Session

Motion #10 by Commissioner Zinga, seconded by Commissioner O'Connell to enter Closed Session at 7:57 p.m. to discuss Personnel 2(c)1.

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

Rise out of Closed Session

Motion #11 by Commissioner Zinga, seconded by Commissioner O'Connell to rise out of Closed Session at 8:29 p.m.

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

Adjourn at 8:31 p.m.

Motion #12 by Commissioner Zinga, seconded by Commissioner O'Connell to Adjourn at 8:31 p.m.

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

Michael A. Vonesh, Secretary