

**Park District of Franklin Park
Board of Park Commissioners
Regular Monthly Board Meeting
Tuesday, November 25, 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 Joseph E. Zinga, Mark K. White, Susan E. O'Connell and AnneMarie Casas.

Absent: Commissioner Michael A. Vonesh.

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, Parks Department.

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 7:02 p.m.

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

Reconvene at 7:03 p.m.

President White reconvened at 7:03 p.m.

Presentation / Approval of the Regular/Closed Board Meeting Minutes dated October 28, 2025

Motion #1 by Commissioner Casas, seconded by Commissioner Zinga, to approve the Regular/Closed Board Meeting Minutes dated October 28, 2025.

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

Presentation / Approval of Manual Bill Listing dated October 2025 for \$824,214.80

Motion #2 by Commissioner O'Connell, seconded by Commissioner Zinga, to approve the October 2025 Manual Bill Listing for \$824,214.80.

The Manual Bill Listing was reviewed.

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

Presentation / Approval of System Bill Listing dated November 2025 for \$41,772.86

Motion #4 by Commissioner Zinga, seconded by Commissioner O'Connell, to approve the November 2025 System Bill Listing for \$41,772.86.

The System Bill Listing was reviewed.

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

Correspondence

Thank you note from the Indurante Family for Sympathy flowers.

Reports of Officers and Commissioners

Commissioner O'Connell stated that the decorations in front of the building look very cute.

Commissioner Casas commented that the Speed Skating event was very nice. She thanked Manager Saponieri for her marketing efforts; she believes it is making a difference. Commissioner Casas also attended the Star Blades competition in Kalamazoo, Michigan and both teams did great.

Director LoCascio presented President White with a 20 Years of Service plaque and thanked him for his service, which is appreciated.

Staff Reports:*Director*

Director LoCascio explained the Pool Pump replacement project and the process for dealing with IDPH. A discussion was held regarding the PDRMA increases.

Marketing & Communication Manager

Manager Saponieri presented the Sponsorship & Advertising 2026 Packet.

Manager Saponieri shared that in the Community Center we have a Letters to Santa Drop-Off bin. This will go until December 15. All patrons who leave a return address will receive a response letter.

Superintendent of Finance/Technology

Superintendent Bersani discussed the year being 50% complete and revenue/expenditures reflect that. She shared with the Board that the auditors will be on-site next week and she is preparing final schedules. She noted property taxes will hopefully be trickling in early December and cash flow has been okay thus far.

Superintendent of Parks

Superintendent Wick reported that staff is working on mulching leaves before the snow. The facilities were decorated for Christmas. Staff will begin cleaning facilities and the Service Center in the colder weather.

Superintendent of Recreation

Superintendent Visteen shared that November was a busy month. North Park will remain busy through mid-December with bookings.

Ice Arena Manager

Manager Deak reported that the Holiday Ice Show is next weekend.

A discussion was held regarding replacing the old Zamboni. The old Zamboni will be put in front of the Ice Arena for photo ops before it goes to its final resting place.

WSSRA

Director LoCascio reported that he will serve as Vice Chair of the WSSRA Board.

Unfinished Business

Service Center Renovations

Motion #4 by Commissioner O'Connell, seconded by Commissioner Casas to approve Payout #2 to WB Olson, Inc., for \$376,808, leaving a balance, plus retainage of \$523,061 to finish the Service Center Roof Renovation.

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

Solar Project

Motion #5 by Commissioner Casas, seconded by Commissioner Zinga to approve Payout #6 to General Energy Corporation, for the Park District of Franklin Park Rooftop Solar PV Project for \$221,667.14, with a remaining balance of \$323,811.96.

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

Ice Arena / Interior Renovation Project

Motion #6 by Commissioner Zinga, second by Commissioner O'Connell to approve Payout #8 to WB Olson, Inc., for \$54,743, leaving a balance, plus retainage of \$150,902 to finish the Ice Arena Interior Restoration project.

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

Dog Park

Hitchcock will have soil samples collected as part of Phase II of the project.

IAPD/IPRA State Conference January 29-31, 2026

Manager Laskowski reminded the Board to let her know what their housing requirements will be.

New Business:

Resolution 25-26-2/R

Motion #7 by Commissioner O'Connell, seconded by Commissioner Casas, to adopt Resolution #25-26-2/R, a Resolution Determining the Amounts of Money Exclusive of Levies for Debt Service and Election Costs Estimated to be Necessary to be Raised by Taxation Pursuant to the Proposed Levy of the Park District of Franklin Park for the Levy Year 2025.

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

Ordinance 25-26-4/O

Motion #8 by Commissioner O'Connell, seconded by Commissioner Casas, to adopt Ordinance #25-26-4/O, an Ordinance Authorizing and Directing the Sale of Certain Used Property.

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

Suggested Motions

No suggested motions.

Required Signatures

Manager Laskowski received the required signatures.

Adjourn at 8:06 p.m.

Motion #9 by Commissioner Casas, seconded by Commissioner Zinga to Adjourn at 8:06 p.m.

Voice Vote: 4 ayes; 0 nays. Motion carried.

AnneMarie Casas, Secretary