

**Park District of Franklin Park  
Board of Park Commissioners  
Regular Monthly Board Meeting  
Tuesday, March 24, 2026; 7:00 p.m.  
Community Center  
9560 Franklin Avenue  
Franklin Park, Illinois 60131  
MINUTES**

**Call to Order at 7:03 p.m.**

President White called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

**Roll Call**

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

Absent: Commissioner Joseph E. Zinga,

Present: Nathan Wick, Superintendent of Parks; Stephanie Bersani, Superintendent of Finance & Technology; Liz Visteen, Superintendent of Recreation; Catherine Saponieri, Marketing & Communications Manager and Carla Deak, Ice Arena Manager.

Remotely: Thomas Hoffman, Attorney.

Absent: Daniel LoCascio, Executive Director.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Additions, Corrections and Deletions to the Agenda**

Motion #6 should read through T.I.P.S, not Sourcewell.

**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 and Closed Session Board Meeting Minutes dated February 24, 2026**

Motion #1 by Commissioner Vonesh, second by Commissioner Casas to approve the Regular and Closed Session Board Meeting Minutes dated February 24, 2026.

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

**Presentation / Approval of Manual Bill Listing dated February 2026 for \$269,418.53**

Motion #2 by Commissioner O'Connell, second by Commissioner Vonesh to approve the February 2026 Manual Bill Listing for \$269,418.53.

The Manual Bill Listing was reviewed.

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

**Presentation / Approval of System Bill Listing dated March 2026 for \$142,291.62**

Motion #3 by Commissioner Vonesh, second by Commissioner O’Connell to approve the March 2026 System Bill Listing for \$142,291.62.

The System Bill Listing was reviewed.

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

**Correspondence**

No correspondence.

**Reports of Officers and Commissioners**

Commissioner O’Connell congratulated Brittany Aiello and Anne Raucci. She commented that the decorations outside are really nice.

Commissioner Casas shared that the Boys Team was in the Recreational Ice Skating Magazine. Also congratulated Coach Anne and Brittany.

**Staff Reports:**

*Director*

Absent.

*Ice Arena Manager*

Manager Deak reported that we had an award-winning month. Very proud of Brittany Aiello and Anne Raucci. Brittany volunteers a lot of time with our program. Anne is amazing; she deserves a million awards. She does everything for everyone. Well-deserved recognition.

The Ice Arena is busy with Spring Hockey, Ice Show and summer camp registrations.

*Marketing & Communications Manager*

Manager Saponieri reported that the digital brochure process is going well. Twenty-eight people requested a paper brochure and the transition has been smooth.

The Summer brochure is at the printer. We may receive more requests for a print copy because it includes more information.

The Spring into Summer Newsletter will be going out.

*Superintendent of Finance & Technology*

We are at 83% of revenue and expenses. We are operating close to budget.

*Superintendent of Parks*

Superintendent Wick reported that staff cleaned up storm debris. Getting ready for Summer operations.

Assistant Costa reported on the bee hives. She has taken over the care of the hives. Beekeeper Matt is available if she needs help.

*Superintendent of Recreation*

Superintendent Visteen reported that we have a busy weekend coming up with Easter events. Summer hiring is going well for Pool. Lots of applicants for Day Camp also.

*WSSRA*

Superintendent Visteen shared that some of our staff will participate in the Inclusion training with WSSRA. Manager Saponieri attended the WSSRA marketing round table.

**Unfinished Business**

*Service Center Renovations*

Motion #4 by Commissioner Casas, seconded by Commissioner Vonesh to approve Payout #6 to WB Olson, Inc., for \$50,515, as the final payment for the Service Center Roof Renovation.

Superintendent Wick reported that there is a minor punch list. The project went well.

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

*Dog Park*

Director LoCascio and Superintendent Wick met with RVi to go over plans. Looking at doing several items in-house to stay in budget.

*Board Policy Manual*

Motion #5 by Commissioner Vonesh, seconded by Commissioner Casas to approve the Board Policy Manual, as presented with increasing the spending authority on page 33, Section 7-6, 3. from \$10,000 to \$20,000.

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

*North Park Sports Arena Floor Replacement*

Motion #6 by Commissioner O’Connell, seconded by Commissioner Vonesh to authorize the removal of the existing flooring material at the North Park Sports Arena, preparation of the concrete base floor, and the furnishing and installation of new flooring by Kiefer Flooring in an amount not to exceed \$164,300, through the T.I.P.S Cooperative Purchasing Program as recommended by staff.

August 20 is the targeted installation date. Will have the bleacher company come out to remove the bleachers and reinstall.

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

**New Business:**

*2026/2027 Capital Project Plan*

Superintendent Wick highlighted the Capital Project Plan. The yellow items are a placeholder, if something were to go wrong, and we are covered.

*Proposed 2026-2027 Regular Monthly Board Meeting Schedule*

Motion#7 by Commissioner Casas, seconded by Commissioner O’Connell to approve the 2026-2027 Regular Monthly Meeting Schedule as follows:

May 26, 2026 – Community Center – 6:00 p.m.	November 24, 2026 – Community Center
June 23, 2026 – North Park	December 15, 2026 – Community Center
July 28, 2026 – Community Center	January 26, 2027 – Community Center
August 25, 2026 – Ice Arena	February 23, 2027 – Community Center
September 22, 2026 – Community Center	March 23, 2027 – Community Center
October 27, 2026 – Community Center	April 27, 2027 – Community Center

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

*Resolution #25-26-3 RVi Planning & Landscape Architecture OSLAD Grant Application*

Motion #8 by Commissioner Vonesh, seconded by Commissioner O'Connell to adopt Resolution #25-26-3, RVi Planning & Landscape Architecture OSLAD Grant Application in accordance with the Professional Services Selection Act.

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

*NRPA Conference - Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: September 28 – October 2, 2026*

Let Manager Laskowski know if you plan to attend.

**Suggested Motions**

No Suggested Motions.

**Required Signatures**

Manager Laskowski received the required signatures.

**Closed Session**

Motion #9 by Commissioner O'Connell, seconded by Commissioner Vonesh enter into Closed Session at 7:26 p.m. to discuss Personnel 2(c)1, Filling a Vacancy of a Public Office 2(c)3, Land Acquisition 2(c)5, Pending Litigation 2(c)11 and Closed Session Minute Review 2(c)21.

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

**Rise Out of Closed Session**

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

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

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

Motion #11 by Commissioner Vonesh, seconded by Commissioner O'Connell that the Park District Board find that with respect to the closed session minutes April 23, 2024, November 26, 2024 and March 25, 2025 it is no longer necessary to protect the public interest or the privacy of an individual by keeping them confidential and they shall be available for public inspection but that the need for confidentiality still exists as to the minutes of September 23, 2025, October 28, 2025, December 16, 2025 and February 24 2026 which shall remain confidential to protect the privacy of an individual or the public interest.

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

**Adjourn at 8:14 p.m.**

Motion #12 by Commissioner Vonesh, seconded by Commissioner O'Connell to adjourn at 8:14 p.m.

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

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AnneMarie Casas, Secretary