

**Park District of Franklin Park
Board of Park Commissioners
Regular Monthly Board Meeting
Tuesday, May 26, 2026; 6:00 p.m.
Community Center
9560 Franklin Avenue
Franklin Park, Illinois 60131
MINUTES**

Call to Order at 6:06 p.m.

President White called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Commissioner Zinga acted as Secretary in Commissioner Casas' absence.

Present: Daniel LoCascio, Executive Director; Nathan Wick, Superintendent of Parks; Stephanie Bersani, Superintendent of Finance & Technology; Liz Visteen, Superintendent of Recreation; and Vito Menolascina, Parks & Facilities Maintenance Manager. Absent: Carla Deak, Ice Arena Manager.

Also Present: Jen Costa, Parks Services Assistant, Krissy Swiontek, North Park Manager and Nathan Inches, Recreation Intern.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Additions, Corrections and Deletions to the Agenda

There were no additions, corrections or deletions to the Agenda.

Recess for Public Comment at 6:07 p.m.

President White recessed for Public Comment at 6:07 p.m.

Reconvene at 6:08 p.m.

President White reconvened at 6:08 p.m.

Presentation / Approval of the Regular and Closed Session Board Meeting Minutes dated April 28, 2026

Motion #1 by Commissioner Vonesh, seconded by Commissioner O'Connell to approve the Regular and Closed Session Board Meeting Minutes dated April 28, 2026.

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

Presentation / Approval of Manual Bill Listing dated April 2026 for \$194,882.40

Motion #2 by Commissioner O'Connell, seconded by Commissioner Zinga to approve the April 2026 Manual Bill Listing in the amount of \$194,882.40.

The Manual Bill Listing was reviewed.

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

Correspondence

Thank you cards from Pietrini Elementary School's Girls on the Run program. This year they picked the Park District as their community appreciation project.

Thank you from Commissioner Casas and family on the support during the passing of her brother.

Reports of Officers and Commissioners

Commissioner O'Connell heard the Ice Show was very nice. She was also honored to participate and attend the scholarship program. Angela Inocenti, Scholarship Recipient and her family were very thankful.

Commissioner Vonesh stated keep up the good work to the staff.

Commissioner Zinga had a parent/friend ask about volunteer positions.

Commissioner O'Connell shared Commissioner Casas's report. The Ice Show was awesome. Anne did a great job. Earth Day was excellent.

Proposed 2026-2027 Budget Presentation

Staff presented the 2026-2027 Budget.

Motion #3 by Commissioner O'Connell, seconded by Commissioner Vonesh to approve the 2026-2027 Budget as presented by staff.

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

Discussion of Officer Appointments

A brief discussion was held.

Adjourn Final Meeting of Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Sine Die (Sign-E-Die)

Motion #4 by Commissioner Zinga, seconded by Commissioner Vonesh to adjourn the final meeting of fiscal year 2025-2026 Sine Die (Sign-E-Die) at 7:18 p.m.

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

Joseph E. Zinga, Secretary

**Park District of Franklin Park
Board of Park Commissioners
First Regular Meeting of Fiscal Year 2026-2027
Tuesday, May 26, 2026; 7:20 p.m.
Community Center
MINUTES**

Acting Secretary Zinga called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.

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; Vito Menolascina, Parks & Facilities Maintenance Manager; and Thomas Hoffman, Attorney (arrived at 7:00 p.m.).
Absent: Carla Deak, Ice Arena Manager.

Also Present: Jen Costa, Parks Services Assistant, Andrea Terrones, Finance Intern and Nathan Inches, Recreation Intern.

Annual Business Meeting for Fiscal Year 2026-2027

Election of Officers

Acting Secretary Zinga called for the election of Officers for the Park District of Franklin Park Board of Park Commissioners for 2026-2027.

Motion #1 by Commissioner Vonesh, seconded by Commissioner White to elect by acclamation, Commissioner O'Connell as President of the Park Board for Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

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

Motion #2 by Commissioner O'Connell, seconded by Commissioner White to elect by acclamation, Commissioner Casas as Vice-President of the Park Board for Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

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

Motion #3 by Commissioner Zinga, seconded by Commissioner O'Connell to elect by acclamation, Commissioner White as Secretary of the Park Board for Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

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

Motion #4 by Commissioner O'Connell, seconded by Commissioner Zinga to elect by acclamation, Commissioner Vonesh as Treasurer of the Park Board for Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

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

Appointments for Fiscal Year 2026-2027

Motion #5 by Commissioner Vonesh, seconded by Commissioner White to authorize the following appointments for Fiscal Year 2026-2027: Aaron Gold, Speer Financial, as the Financial Advisor; Thomas G. Hoffman as the Attorney; and Sikich & Gardner as the Auditors.

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

Designation of Depositories and Signatures to District Accounts

Motion #6 by Commissioner White, seconded by Commissioner Vonesh to adopt Resolution 26-27-1/R, a Resolution Designating Depositories for the Treasurer of the Park District of Franklin Park.

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

Motion #7 by Commissioner Zinga, seconded by Commissioner White to authorize the following accounts for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 and that these accounts be placed with Busey Bank, Glenview, Illinois, Lakeside Bank, Elmhurst, Illinois and Partnership Financial, Franklin Park, Illinois: Corporate Account, Revenue Account, Payroll Account, and LPL Financial Investment Account.

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

Motion #8 by Commissioner White, seconded by Commissioner Zinga to designate any two of the following: AnneMarie Casas, Susan E. O'Connell, Michael A. Vonesh, Mark K. White and Joseph E. Zinga as signatories, both original or by facsimile stamp, on all bank accounts of the District; and further to authorize Executive Director Daniel LoCascio to use the facsimile stamp on all regular disbursements, and to authorize the Executive Director and the Superintendent of Finance & Technology to deposit and withdraw funds in the Investment Fund, as needed for regular disbursements.

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

President O'Connell declared the end of the Annual Business Meeting items for Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

Presentation / Approval of System Bill Listing dated May 2026 for \$83,114.03

Motion #9 by Commissioner Vonesh, seconded by Commissioner White to approve the May 2026 System Bill Listing in the amount of \$83,114.03.

The System Bill Listing was reviewed.

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

Staff Reports:

Director

Director LoCascio shared that IAPD was successful in getting the language included in Bill 3907, so we do not have to apply for permits.

Director LoCascio informed the Board that we are placing a uniform order, and if they need anything, let us know.

Superintendent of Finance & Technology

Superintendent Bersani introduced Andrea, the summer Finance Intern. Andrea has worked in all areas of the Park District. She is a UIC Business major with a double major in Finance.

Superintendent Bersani shared that the fund summary is close to the budget.

Superintendent of Parks

Superintendent Wick shared that seasonal staff started today. Comprehensive list of things that need to be done. Thanked Vito for his hard work on opening the Pool. Cross Training Robert Blonsk. Jen Costa did a lot of pollinator work with the grade schools. Getting ready for next week with special events starting.

Superintendent of Recreation

Superintendent Visteen introduced Nathan Inches, Recreation Intern, from the UIC Public Administration program. Thank you, and it's nice to meet everyone.

Dance recital coming up, park party coming up, pool open and camp started.

Marketing & Communications Manager

Nothing to report.

Ice Arena Manager

Manager Deak was not in attendance

WSSRA

Nothing to report.

Unfinished Business

Service Center Renovations

Will be meeting with architects to start the planning.

Dog Park

A discussion was held regarding the lowest responsible bid.

Motion #10 by Commissioner Vonesh, seconded by Commissioner Zinga to approve D&J Landscaping, as the lowest responsible bidder, in the amount of \$273,590.59, including Alternate #2 for the Dog Park Project.

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

Safety Policy Update

Motion #11 by Commissioner White, seconded by Commissioner Vonesh to approve the Child and Vulnerable Adult Abuse and Neglect Policy, as presented by staff.

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

New Business:

Village of Franklin Park IGA (Intergovernmental Agreement)

Director LoCascio contacted the Village regarding access to video cameras. He will let the Board know as he hears more.

Village of Franklin Park TIF (Tax Increment Financing)

Director LoCascio explained that these are proposed studies that they will conduct. Looking for beautifying areas and multi-family housing to prepare for the underpass. He will keep the Board updated.

Sikich 2026-2028 Audit Services Proposal

Motion #12 by Commissioner White, seconded by Commissioner Vonesh to accept Sikich's proposal for Audit Services for 2026-2028.

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

Suggested Motions

There were no suggested motions.

Required Signatures

Manager Laskowski received the required signatures.

Closed Session

Motion #13 by Commissioner White, seconded by Commissioner Zinga to enter Closed Session at 8:04 p.m. to discuss Personnel with regards to Compensation of Employees 2(c)1 and Filling a Vacancy of a Public Office with regards to the Selection of a Person to fill a Public Office 2(c)3.

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

Rise Out of Closed Session

Motion #14 by Commissioner White, seconded by Commissioner Zinga to rise out of Closed Session at 8:27 p.m.

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

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

Motion #15 by Commissioner White, seconded by Commissioner Vonesh to approve 4% salary increases for all full-time employees.

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

Adjourn at 8:28 p.m.

Motion #16 by Commissioner Zinga, seconded by Commissioner Vonesh to adjourn at 8:28 p.m.

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

Mark K. White, Secretary