

**Park District of Franklin Park
Board of Park Commissioners
Regular Monthly Board Meeting
Tuesday, June 23, 2026; 7:00 p.m.
Community Center
9560 Franklin Avenue
Franklin Park, Illinois 60131
MINUTES**

Call to Order at 7:00 p.m.

President O'Connell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Present: Daniel LoCascio, Executive Director; Nathan Wick, Superintendent of Parks; Stephanie Bersani, Superintendent of Finance & Technology; Liz Visteen, Superintendent of Recreation; Carla Deak, Ice Arena Manager and Nomin Altansukh, Communications & Marketing Manager.

Also Present: Jen Costa, Parks Services Assistant and Makenna Spearman, Program & Services Supervisor.

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 7:01 p.m.

President O'Connell recessed for Public Comment at 7:01 p.m.

Director LoCascio introduced Makenna Spearman, Program & Services Supervisor. The board welcomed her to the full-time staff.

Reconvene at 7:01 p.m.

President O'Connell reconvened at 7:01 p.m.

Presentation / Approval of the Regular and Closed Session Board Meeting Minutes dated May 26, 2026

Motion #1 by Commissioner Vonesh, seconded by Commissioner Casas to approve the Regular and Closed Session Board Meeting Minutes dated May 26, 2026.

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

Presentation / Approval of Manual Bill Listing dated April 2026 for \$256,548.19

Motion #2 by Commissioner Casas, seconded by Commissioner Zinga to approve the May 2026 Manual Bill Listing in the amount of \$256,548.19.

The Manual Bill Listing was reviewed.

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

Presentation / Approval of System Bill Listing dated May 2026 for \$118,548.19

Motion #3 by Commissioner White, seconded by Commissioner Vonesh to approve the June 2026 System Bill Listing in the amount of \$118,548.19.

The System Bill Listing was reviewed.

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

Correspondence

No correspondence.

Reports of Officers and Commissioners

Commissioner Casas reported our skaters are getting ready for Worlds Competition at the end of July.

President O'Connell thanked staff involved with Concert Series.

Staff Reports:

Director

Items later on the agenda.

Superintendent of Parks

Superintendent Wick reported that staff continue to keep up with grass cutting and weeding despite the rain.

Superintendent Wick also shared that Parks Service Assistant Costa has assumed responsibility for the District's beekeeping program. Assistant Costa reported that the District now has six beehives and will be harvesting honey within the next few weeks. She also highlighted the educational programs she has conducted with local schools and summer camp participants and announced an upcoming Pollinator Day event to be held in the Plaza.

Superintendent of Recreation

Superintendent Visteen was on vacation.

Marketing & Communications Manager

Manager Altansukh introduced herself to the Board and provided an overview of recent social media and email newsletter efforts promoting upcoming events and programs. The Board welcomed her to the full-time staff.

Ice Arena Manager

Manager Deak reported that program managers have done an excellent job transitioning from spring to summer programming. Skating and hockey camps are well attended and running smoothly. She also noted that the Ice Arena will host the Summer Swelter Figure Skating Competition on Saturday.

Superintendent of Finance & Technology

Superintendent Bersani discussed a potential two-month delay in the delivery of property tax bills. She explained that the County will offer a Tax Bridge Program for eligible taxing bodies. Based on the District's current cash flow position, participation in the program will not be necessary.

She also reported that the Finance Department remains busy with seasonal responsibilities, including payroll processing, program registrations, cash deposits, and other day-to-day operations.

WSSRA

Nothing to report.

Unfinished Business

Service Center Renovations

Director LoCascio reported that a project kick-off meeting was held several weeks ago. Staff are touring park maintenance facilities in Oak Park, Carol Stream, and Wood Dale to gather ideas for facility layout and design.

Dog Park

Director LoCascio reported that the project kick-off meeting was held earlier today. The District is currently awaiting the MWRD permit, and construction is anticipated to begin in mid-July.

Motion #4 by Commissioner Casas, seconded by Commissioner Zinga, to approve the AIA Agreement with D & J Landscaping for the Dog Park Project as presented.

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

North Park Service Drive

The North Park Service Drive project has been advertised for bid, with construction scheduled to begin the Monday following the Fall Fest Parade.

New Business

Park Renovation Timeline

Director LoCascio reviewed the Park Renovation Timeline with the Board. Willow and Linden Park will be moved to Fall '27 and North Park back to Fall '28.

Suggested Motions

No suggested motions.

Required Signatures

Manager Laskowski received the required signatures.

Closed Session

Motion #5 by Commissioner Casas, second by Commissioner Vonesh, to enter Closed Session at 7:21 p.m. to discuss Personnel 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; Casas, yes; Zinga, yes; Vonesh, yes; White, yes. Motion carried.

Rise Out of Closed Session

Motion #6 by Commissioner Zinga, seconded by Commissioner White to rise out of Closed Session at 7:42 p.m.

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

Adjourn at 7:50 p.m.

Motion #7 by Commissioner White, seconded by Commissioner Zinga to adjourn at 7:50 p.m.

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

Mark K. White, Secretary