**Park District of Franklin Park**
**Board of Park Commissioners**
**Regular Monthly Board Meeting**
**Tuesday, August 25, 2026; 7:00 p.m.**
**Ice Arena, 9711 Waveland Avenue**
**Franklin Park, Illinois 60131**
**MINUTES**

**Call to Order at 7:03 p.m.**
President O'Connell called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

**Roll Call**
Physically Present: Commissioner Susan E. O'Connell, Michael A. Vonesh, Patricia Tragarz and Mark K. White.
Absent: Commissioner AnneMarie Casas.

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

Absent: Nathan Wick, Superintendent of Parks.

**Pledge of Allegiance**
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Additions, Corrections and Deletions to the Agenda**
No additions, corrections or deletions were made.

**Recess for Public Comment at 7:04 p.m.**
President O'Connell recessed for Public Comment at 7:04 p.m.

**Reconvene at 7:05 p.m.**
President O'Connell reconvened at 7:05 p.m.

**Marianne Birko, WSSRA Presentation**
Director Birko highlighted the WSSRA 2025 Snap Shot to the Board. She thanked Director LoCasio, Superintendent Visteen and the Board for their support. The Board thanked her for coming to the meeting.

**Presentation / Approval of the Regular Board Meeting Minutes dated August 25, 2026**
Motion #1 Commissioner White, seconded by Commissioner Vonesh to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes dated August 25, 2026.

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

**Presentation / Approval of Manual Bill Listing dated July 2026 for $541,857.60**
Motion #2 by Commissioner Vonesh, seconded by Commissioner White to approve the June 2026 Manual Bill Listing in the amount of $541,857.60.

The Manual Bill Listing was reviewed.

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

**Presentation / Approval of System Bill Listing dated August 2026 for $68,950.06**
Motion #6 by Commissioner O'Connell, seconded by Commissioner Vonesh to approve the July 2026 System Bill Listing in the amount of $68,950.06.

The System Bill Listing was reviewed.

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

**Correspondence**
No correspondence.

**Reports of Officers and Commissioners**
Director LoCascio reported on Commissioner Casas congratulating Sara Kohout for the great job she did with the 18 skaters at the ISI Word Championships. She was running from arena to arena to watch the skaters compete.

**Staff Reports:**
*Director*
Items later on the Agenda.

*Marketing & Communications Manager*
Early Childhood Programs started Monday, and we are promoting first online. Did social media push for program.

Highlighted social media engagement.

*Ice Arena Manager*
Reported on ISI tournament. Sarah did a great job. The Board was given a Facebook post congratulating the first-place finish in one section. Next year in Boston, having conversations to go.

Last week of shutdown. Done a major purging of stuff this shutdown. Makenna headed up and we got rid of a lot of things we weren't using. Staff has been doing a great job. Soft open on Monday.

*Superintendent of Finance & Technology*
Finance Intern back to school and she was wonderful. Heavy focus on audit and financial software training.

*Superintendent of Parks*
Supervisor Menolascina Ice Arena compressor shutdown. Will have to re-build a compressor every year.

*Superintendent of Recreation*
Numbers have improved a little since report. Are doing social media push. Keeping an eye on it.

North Park flooring pushed back a week.

*WSSRA*
Nothing to report.

**Unfinished Business**
*Service Center Renovations*
Motion #4 by Commissioner White, seconded by Vonesh to adopt Resolution #26-27-3/R, a Resolution Pursuant to Section 8 of the Local Government Professional Services Selection Act / Gewalt Hamilton Associates, Inc.

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

Motion #5 by Commissioner Vonesh, seconded by White to accept the proposal from Gewalt Hamilton Associates, Inc. for land surveying services at the Service Center, 9143 Cherry Street, Franklin Park, in the amount of $16,400.

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

*Dog Parke*
MWRD Permit was approved and the project will be moving forward.

*North Park Rear Service Drive*
Motion #6 by Commissioner White, seconded by Commissioner Vonesh to enter into a contract with J & J Newell Construction for the North Park Service Drive Project.

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

*North Park Elevator Modernization*
Have the plans and it is out to bid.

**New Business**
*Transportation Policy*
Superintendent Visteen reviewed the draft Transportation Policy with the Board.

**Suggested Motions**
No Suggested Motions.

**Required Signatures**
Manager Laskowski received the required signatures.

**Closed Session.**
Motion #7 by Commissioner White, seconded by Commissioner Vonesh to enter Closed Session at 8:02 p.m. to discuss Land Acquisition 2(c)5.

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

**Rise Out of Closed Session.**
Motion #8 by Commissioner White, seconded by Commissioner Vonesh to rise out of Closed Session at 8:30 p.m.

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

**Adjourn at 8:31 p.m.**
Motion #9 by Commissioner Vonesh, seconded by Commissioner Tragarz to adjourn at 8:31p.m.

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

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Mark K. White, Secretary