

**Park District of Franklin Park  
Board of Park Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, February 28, 2017; Community Center  
MINUTES**

**Call to Order**

President O'Connell called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

**Roll Call**

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

Absent: Commissioner Gilbert Hagerstrom.

Also Present: Joseph D. Modrich, Director of Parks & Recreation; Maria Laskowski, Human Resources Manager; Stephanie Bersani, Superintendent of Finance & Technology; Jackie Iovinelli, Superintendent of Recreation; JoAnne Donoulis, North Park Manager; Kevin Meyers, Ice Arena Manager; Nathan Wick, Superintendent of Parks; Crystal Gromala, Communications & Marketing Manager and Thomas Hoffman, Attorney.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Sidebar North Park Emergency; Add Gas Agreement and move WSSRA up.

**Presentation / Approval of the Regular Board Meeting Minutes dated January 24, 2017**

Motion #1 by Commissioner Vonesh, second by Commissioner White to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes dated January 24, 2017.

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

**Presentation / Approval of Manual Bill Listing dated January, 2017 in the amount of \$167,046.03**

Motion #2 by Commissioner White, second by Commissioner Vonesh to approve the January, 2017 Manual Bill Listing in the amount of \$167,046.03.

The Manual Bill Listing was reviewed.

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

**Presentation / Approval of System Bill Listing dated February, 2017 in the amount of \$60,100.58**

Motion #3 by Commissioner Vonesh, second by Commissioner Zinga to approve the February, 2017 System Bill Listing in the amount of \$60,100.58.

The System Bill Listing was reviewed.

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

**Correspondence**

Letter informing District of IGFOA Certificate of Achievement.

Thank you card from the Modrich Family for the Get Well Wishes.

Thank you card from the Iovinelli Family for sympathy planter.

## **Reports of Officers and Commissioners**

Commissioner Vonesh stated that it is nice to have Director Modrich back, and staff did an outstanding job in his absence.

Commissioner Zinga thanked the staff for stepping up in Director Modrich's absence.

Commissioner White thanked staff for a great job on the Aquatics Safety Award and it is great to see Director Modrich back.

President O'Connell stated that the staff did a great job in Director Modrich's absence and we have a good staff in place.

## **Recess for Public Comment at 7:15 p.m.**

President O'Connell recessed for Public Comment at 7:15 p.m.

Superintendent Iovinelli introduced Carlos Correa the Winter / Spring Intern. Carlos introduced himself and told the Board a little bit about himself. He has been with the Park District for eight years.

President O'Connell reconvened at 7:17 p.m.

## **Annual Presentation by Marianne Birko, WSSRA**

Marianne Birko presented A Snapshot of 2015. In 2016, WSSRA Celebrated their 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, 34 of those Years with the Park District of Franklin Park.

## **Staff Reports:**

### *Director*

Director Modrich reported on Budget.

Complete streets in Franklin Park. Director Modrich has been attending assessing other policies and coming up with own. Make sure all parks and facilities are considered.

### *North Park Manager*

Manager Donoulis had nothing to add to her report.

### *Superintendent of Parks*

Superintendent Wick reported now 73 days with no snow. The broken bucket on the ADA compliant digger at North Park has been replaced. Staff cleaning leaves, pruning shrubs and cutting down the grasses preparing for Spring.

Superintendent Wick is looking into getting the Championship Park water proof box repaired / replaced due to the moisture build-up.

### *Marketing & Communications Manager*

Manager Gromala reported that the Spring into Summer Brochure was mailed out to the community today. The Summer brochure is at the designer. We are ahead of schedule.

With registration software we added a feature to our website for security.

### *Superintendent of Finance*

Superintendent Bersani highlighted Revenue / Expense Report.

The flyer regarding Figure Skating Club fundraising was reviewed.

We are set to go live with part of module tomorrow with registration program. Staff has been great.

Staff continue to work on budgets.

*Superintendent of Recreation*

Superintendent Iovinelli thanked Superintendent Bersani. Staff has put in a lot of training time.

Daddy Daughter was very successful. JoAnne's staff was wonderful. Both days were even with last year. The Mother Son group is going to Wolves Game this Sunday.

Staff is working on Summer Events and Safety items.

*Ice Arena Manager*

Manager Meyers reported that hockey and skating classes start this week. NWHL playoffs also started. Let's Skate has been busy. Samples of the Trespa product for lobby and arena area were distributed to the Commissioners.

*WSSRA*

Nothing new to report.

**Unfinished Business**

*Affordable Care Act (ACA)*

We are waiting to see how the law may change.

*Maple Park*

Superintendent Wick gave an update on the rocket repairs.

*Community Center Renovations*

Director Modrich reviewed the project.

*3701 Sunset Property*

Staff is maintaining the property.

*East Leyden Project / Preschool Partnership*

A letter was mailed to Leyden. There has been no response at this time.

**New Business:**

*Street Dance / Concert Series*

Superintendent Iovinelli reviewed the Street Dance recap. A discussion was held. The Board feels give it our all this year.

*Pool on Pacific Deck Chairs*

Motion #4 by Commissioner Vonesh, second by Commissioner White to approve the purchase of ten chaise lounge chairs and ten chairs from Zenon Company in the amount of \$2,850 which includes shipping.

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

*Natural Gas Agreement*

Director Modrich reported that Belden suggested renegotiate a portion of our contract due to pricing plummeting.

**Suggested Motions:**

No Suggested Motions.

**Required Signatures**

Manager Laskowski received the required signatures.

**Closed Session to discuss Land Acquisition 2(c)5, Personnel 2(c)1 and Pending Litigation 2(c)2**

Motion #5 by Commissioner Vonesh, second by Commissioner Zinga to enter into Closed Session at 8:32 p.m. to discuss Land Acquisition 2(c)5, Personnel 2(c)1 and Pending Litigation 2(c)2.

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

**Rise Out of Closed Session**

Motion #6 by Commissioner Zinga, second by Commissioner White to rise out of Closed Session at 8:58 p.m.

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

**Adjourn at 9:04 p.m.**

Motion #7 by Commissioner Vonesh, second by Commissioner Zinga to adjourn at 9:04 p.m.

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

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Joseph E. Zinga, Secretary