

**Park District of Franklin Park  
Board of Park Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, November 26, 2019; 7:00 p.m.  
Community Center  
MINUTES**

**Call to Order at 7:00 p.m.**

President Vonesh called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Roll Call**

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

Virtually Present: Joseph D. Modrich, Director of Parks and Recreation.

Also Present: Maria Laskowski, Human Resources Manager; Daniel LoCascio, Superintendent of Recreation; Steven Selimos, North Park Manager; Nathan Wick, Superintendent of Parks; Stephanie Bersani, Superintendent of Finance & Technology; Kevin Meyers, Ice Arena Manager; Marco Galassini, Marketing & Communications Manager and Thomas Hoffman, Attorney.

**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.

**Presentation / Approval of the Regular Board Meeting Minutes dated October 22, 2019**

Motion #1 by Commissioner White, second by Commissioner O'Connell to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes dated October 22, 2019.

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

**Presentation / Approval of Manual Bill Listing dated October, 2019 in the amount of \$203,491.56**

Motion #2 by Commissioner Zinga, second by Commissioner O'Connell to approve the October, 2019 Manual Bill Listing in the amount of \$203,491.56,

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

**Presentation / Approval of System Bill Listing dated November, 2019 in the amount of \$65,171.44.**

Motion #3 by Commissioner O'Connell, second by Commissioner Zinga to approve the November, 2019 System Bill Listing in the amount of \$65,171.44.

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

**Correspondence**

Letter from Terry Grbac thanking the Board, Director and staff for keeping the Park District of Franklin Park going and the beautiful job on the Community Center Renovations and Grand Reopening.

**Reports of Officers and Commissioners**

Commissioner O'Connell thanked staff for their work on the Grand Opening.

Commissioner Casas commented that the Halloween Hoot saved Halloween for the kids. She really loved the tagging of pictures idea on social media. She echoed the same comments with Scary Skate, the costume contest was very cute and so were the goody bags.

The Franklin Park Ice Arena hosted the Speed Skating Barrel Buster 65 with skaters from Missouri and Minnesota. Commissioner Casas always hears comments that Franklin Park does a nice job taking care of the ice. She stated that it is noticed and appreciated by skaters.

Commissioner Casas shared that one of the skaters is having her cotillion at the Ice Arena. She started skating at the Ice Arena, and could have had it at a banquet hall, but chose to have it at the Ice Arena.

Commissioner Casas invited everyone to attend the Holiday Ice Show.

Commissioner White attended the Legislative Conference with Director Modrich and Commissioner Vonesh. Updates on legislation will be presented with Director Modrich returns from his trip. Commissioner White stated that the floor looks wonderful and the Grand Reopening was very nice.

President Vonesh shared that if anyone is interested in reviewing the Legislative Conference binder, they are welcome to. He thanked everyone involved with the Grand Reopening. President Vonesh stated that the floor turned out beautiful. He thanked staff for putting up with misplacement during the construction process.

**Bond Sale Presentation by Aaron Gold and Dan Forbes from Speer Financial, Inc.**

Aaron Gold and Dan Forbes from Speer Financial, Inc. presented the General Obligation Tax Bond Sale. The commented that it was a smooth process working with Superintendent Bersani and Attorney Hoffman.

Motion #4 by Commissioner Zinga, second by Commissioner White to accept the bid from Mount Prospect State Bank (branch of Glenview State Bank), Mount Prospect, Illinois in the amount of \$1,044,095 with a 1.6500% Net Interest Rate for the General Obligation Limited Tax.

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

**Bond Series 2019 - Ordinance #19-20-4/O**

Motion #5 by Commissioner O'Connell, second by Commissioner Zinga to adopt Ordinance #19-20-4/O, an Ordinance Providing for the Issue of \$1,044,095 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds, Series 2019, for the Building, Maintaining, Improving and Protecting of Land Purchased or Condemned for Parks and the Existing Land and Facilities of the District, and for the Payment of the Expenses Incident thereto, Providing for the Levy of a Direct Annual Tax to Pay the Principal and Interest on said Bonds, and Authorizing the Sale of Said Bonds to Mount Prospect State Bank.

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

**Recess for Public Comment at 7:21 p.m.**

President Vonesh recessed for Public Comment at 7:21 p.m.

There was no Public Comment.

**Reconvene at 7:22 p.m.**

President Vonesh reconvened the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

**Staff Reports:**

*Director*

Director Modrich stated that now that we are open, we can reflect, teamwork was very significant. Everyone was displaced and there were a lot of adjustments. He never heard a complaint from the staff.

*Superintendent of Parks*

Superintendent Wick reported that staff is trying to catch up with raking leaves and the weather is not cooperating. The mower with mulching deck is in for service and we are hoping to have it back next week.

Staff is finishing items at the Community Center and is planning for winter work in the lower level of the Community Center and North Park.

*Marketing & Communication Manager*

Manager Galassini has been marketing special events and programs. We received the Winter Brochure proof today, and should be delivered to residents next week.

The Chicago Tribune and People, Places and Things covered the Community Center Grand Reopening.

*Superintendent of Finance & Technology*

Superintendent Bersani reported that she is wrapping up loose ends with the audit. Next order of business is Budget planning. She is also training new finance intern.

Commissioner Zinga asked for proposed dates for Budget. Superintendent Bersani will include the Budget Calendar in the report.

*Superintendent of Recreation*

Superintendent LoCascio reported that Fall programs are winding down. He included program numbers in his report. Manager Laren is still getting acclimated with her new position.

Superintendent LoCascio thanked Superintendent Wick and the Park staff for helping the department out in the staff transition.

Recreation staff is working on Summer program planning.

Commissioner O'Connell asked about the Leyden Basketball League. Superintendent LoCascio explained that we are offering the League with Leyden Township, Rosemont and Schiller Park. Each district is providing one team, four team league. It will be used as a template with other sports. He stated that it has been really good working with everyone. The League will start in January. Practices will be held during the week, and games on Saturday. Originally River Grove was going to participate, but they are using a contractor. They have limited resources, so that's better for them.

*Ice Arena Manager*

Manager Meyers reported that the Holiday Ice Show scenery is being put together. We have Leyden High School Art department volunteers painting this year, tomorrow, and over the weekend.

Manager Meyers reported that batteries were replaced for the ice edger.

*North Park Manager*

Manager Selimos reported that North Park will be open tomorrow, and then closed through Saturday for the Thanksgiving holiday.

He has been working on cleaning projects in office area.

The Park District Employee Party is scheduled for December 14.

*WSSRA*

Director Modrich reported that the last meeting was held at the Community Center. The Budget was approved. Commissioner Casas was also in attendance representing the Foundation.

## **Unfinished Business**

### *Community Center Renovation*

Director Modrich reviewed the two spreadsheets with the Board. Staff and ARC have also reviewed.

Motion #6 by Commissioner O'Connell, second by Commissioner Zinga to approve that the Director be authorized to make the following determination ("the determination") in writing for the Community Center Renovation Project improvements as outlined on the attached Spreadsheet dated November 22, 2019 to include Change Orders #002, #004, #009, #023 (a credit), #024, #026, #035, #038, #042 and #053 in a total amount of \$24,389 to supply labor, materials, and services for the Community Center Renovation.

It is hereby determined that such Change Orders are in the best interests of the Park District of Franklin Park consistent with the provisions of 720 ILCS 5/33-E-9 and further moved, that after such written determination is made, said change orders shall be executed on behalf of, and delivered by, the Park District by its Director."

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

### *Ice Arena Renovation*

Director Modrich ARC Architects and Bee Liner are at an impasse. There are some things unfinished, but we can't make the recommendation for final payout.

### *Ice Arena Fire Update*

Director Modrich reported that it is good news Alternate #1 is not required. Steve from ARC confirmed an off the shelf match for the exterior siding. There is no reason to do customization, saving the Park District \$35,000.

**Motion #7** by Commissioner Zinga, second by Commissioner White to accept the bid for the Ice Arena South Wall & Roof Restoration from Kersey Construction Company as the lowest responsible bidder in the amount of \$151,900 as recommended by ARC Architects and Staff, with said work to be completed during the Ice Arena Shutdown in August 2020. Alternate #1 is not required.

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

### *Ice Arena Structure / Trespa*

Director Modrich that with moving forward with Ice Arena fire restoration, we can now resume work with an Architecture Firm for Trespa plans.

### *Fitness Center*

Superintendent LoCascio reported that he will be meeting with Director Modrich next month to review proposals. We may have to go out to bid.

### *Veteran's Park District*

Director Modrich reported that we have not received anything. Communications have been going very well with Veterans and WSSRA to become a new member. Maywood no longer has an interest in WSSRA. He will keep the Board updated.

### *Timber Park & Hawthorne Park*

Director Modrich reported that we are waiting for an announcement which may be at Conference. We will reach out to residents again for Hawthorne Park.

### *IAPD-IPRA Soaring to New Heights Conference Hyatt Regency Chicago – January 23-26, 2020*

Manager Laskowski has all the registrations done.

**2018-2019 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report Presentation by Brian LeFevre from Sikich**

Brian LeFevre thanked the Board for working with Sikich. He presented the 2018-2019 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. This is our 7<sup>th</sup> year receiving the highest CAFR ranking.

**New Business:**

*New Program Suggestions / Discussion*

Commissioner Casas shared some program ideas with staff.

**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, Probable / Imminent Litigation 2(c)2 and Review / Approval of Closed Session Minutes 2(c)21**

Motion #8 by Commissioner O’Connell, second by Commissioner Zinga to enter into Closed Session to discuss Land Acquisition 2(c)5, Personnel 2(c)1, Probable / Imminent Litigation 2(c)2 and Review / Approval of Closed Session Minutes 2(c)2.

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

**Rise Out of Closed Session**

Motion #9 by Commissioner White, second by Commissioner Zinga to rise out of Closed Session at 9:21 p.m.

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

**Adjourn at 9:22 p.m.**

Motion #10 was made, and seconded to adjourn at 9:22 p.m.

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

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Mark K. White, Secretary