

**Park District of Franklin Park
Board of Park Commissioners
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, December 17, 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.

Also Present: Joseph D. Modrich, Director of Parks and Recreation; Jennifer Costa, Parks Services Assistant; 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.

Absent: Maria Laskowski, Human Resources Manager.

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 November 26, 2019

Motion #1 by Commissioner O'Connell, second by Commissioner Zinga to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes dated November 26, 2019.

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

Presentation / Approval of Manual Bill Listing dated November, 2019 in the amount of \$111,235.93

Motion #2 by Commissioner Zinga, second by Commissioner O'Connell to approve the November, 2019 Manual Bill Listing in the amount of \$111,235.93.

Manual Bill Listing was reviewed.

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

Presentation / Approval of System Bill Listing dated December, 2019 in the amount of \$46,530.82

Motion #3 by Commissioner Zinga, second by Commissioner White to approve the December, 2019 System Bill Listing in the amount of \$46,530.82.

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

Correspondence

There are no correspondence at this time.

Reports of Officers and Commissioners

Commissioner O'Connell thanked staff for the great time at the annual Christmas party.

Commissioner Casas attended the Ice Arena Christmas Recital reported that it was a wonderful time and the skaters did a great job.

The Franklin Park Ice Arena Fusion Club hosted a blanket making event, all donations were towards the Orchard Foundation.

Commissioner Casas attended the Ice Arena Holiday Party and Skate with Santa.

Commissioner Casas shared gratitude to Carla Deak and Marco Galassini for all their hard work advertising the Franklin Park Ice Arena's Speed Skater who were competing in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Commissioner Casas thanked Dan LoCascio and the After School Program for the cardboard snowman coloring project. Her son and the kids really enjoyed it.

Commissioner Casas attended a Quinceañera at the Franklin Park Ice Arena, she stated that it was enjoyable to attend this event and seeing it at an Ice Arena compared to a typical banquet hall and hopes to see more events like this at the Ice Arena.

Commissioner Zinga apologized for not being able to attend the Park District's Christmas Party and stated that he wanted to be there.

Commissioner White apologized for not being able to attend the Park District's Christmas Party and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Commissioner Vonesh thanked staff for hosting the Park District's Christmas Party. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Healthy Happy New Year.

Recess for Public Comment at 7:10 p.m.

President Vonesh recessed for Public Comment at 7:10 p.m.

Reconvene at 7:11 p.m.

President Vonesh reconvened the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

Staff Reports:

Director

Director Modrich stated that he will address the Board further into the agenda regarding Community Center updates.

Marketing & Communication Manager

Manager Galassini reported that the Winter/Spring brochure has been completed and delivered to residents. Kathy Bussert at Design Spring stopped in and showed Manager Galassini some computer tricks.

Manager Galassini and Sabrina Rivera passed out Teen Night information at Hester Junior High.

People & Places Newspaper and Neighbors Magazine are using Community Center as a drop zone again and the magazine requested information regarding the Fusion blanket donation and they are collaborating a story.

Superintendent of Finance & Technology

Superintendent Bersani informed the Board that the 2018-2019 audit has been finalized. She also stated that Triton College reached out proposing a new program for interns, the interns are assigned at the college throughout the year and then hopefully could be placed throughout the District.

Superintendent of Recreation

Superintendent LoCascio reported that the After School Program will be on Christmas break starting Friday and ending with a pizza party. Winter Break camp will be starting on Monday and staff from the summer programs will be helping with that camp,

Special visit from Santa finished up this past weekend and Polar Express was last weekend and this coming up Saturday. Superintendent LoCascio thanked Rachel Laren for all the hard work she has done for Polar Express and a special thank you to her father who dressed up as Santa Claus.

Commissioner Casas asked Superintendent LoCascio about the Remind App and the school uses it to remind parents of events. She stated that it might be an idea to have that for the After School Program when the kids go to the park, the Remind App can let parents know. She also stated that it might be a way to advertise other Park District events.

Ice Arena Manager

Manager Meyers reported that the Holiday Ice Show and the party was a success.

Manager Meyers stated that the Franklin Park Ice Arena will be having their cooling towers tested. One of the skating instructors is in the hospital with Legionnaires Disease. The Franklin Park Ice Arena is taking precautions, Manager Meyers is looking into how and where the instructor could have caught this disease since he coaches at multiple ice arenas.

North Park Manager

Manager Selimos reported that things are slow with North Park, he stated that it is a good thing because they are doing a deep clean within the building.

Superintendent of Parks

Superintendent Wick reported that with some of the mild days mulching leaves was completed for the season.

The 7210 mower has been changed to the winter attachments.

Superintendent Wick reported that staff had backed into garage door number five at the Service Center and the panels were changed out.

He reported that Republic Waste Management garbage truck, while picking up garbage at the Franklin Park Ice Arena had caught fire and dumped its contents onto the Ice Arena's parking lot. Republic was out to clean up the garbage and will be out weather permitting on Wednesday or Thursday of this week to power wash it and to access the damage.

WSSRA

Director Modrich reported that he has finished his two-year term as WSSRA President but will still continue to be involved.

Unfinished Business

Community Center Renovation

Director Modrich reported that ARC went through the Community Center without RoMAAS to finalize the punch list. ARC has stated that approximately 45% of the punch list has been completed but 55% has not be completed. Director Modrich was contacted by RoMAAS regarding these new punch list items and Director Modrich stated that ARC was not accompanied through the punch list tour and RoMAAS would have to contact ARC.

Ice Arena Renovation

Director Modrich, ARC and Bee Liner still have some things unfinished and final payment is not given until it has been finalized.

Ice Arena Fire Update

Director Modrich stated that there is a meeting in early January with ARC and Kersey Construction to fine tune details.

Ice Arena Structure / Trespa

Director Modrich stated that the beginning of the New Year, we can resume work with an Architecture Firm for Trespa plans.

Fitness Center

Superintendent LoCascio will be meeting with Life Fitness to review and reevaluate the previous quote for new equipment.

Veteran's Park District

Director Modrich stated that there is no new information regarding Veteran's Park District.

Timber Park & Hawthorne Park

Director Modrich was informed that the grant application for Timber Park is sitting on the Governor's desk and hope to hear from them soon.

Neighbors surrounding Hawthorne Park will be invited to the Community Center to brain storm some ideas since knowing what equipment will be at Timber Park.

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

If plans have changed please let Manager Laskowski know.

New Program Suggestions / Discussion

Commissioner Casas asked Superintendent LoCascio if there was any progression on the Paint and Sip event.

New Business:

Tax Levy Ordinance #19-20-5/O

Motion #4 by Commissioner O'Connell, second by Commissioner Zinga to adopt Ordinance #19-20-5/O, an Ordinance for the Levy and Assessment of Taxes for the Fiscal Year beginning May 1, 2019 and ending April 30, 2020.

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

Suggested Motions:

No Suggested Motions.

Required Signatures

Parks Services Assistant Costa 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 #5 by Commissioner O'Connell, second by Commissioner White to enter into Closed Session at 7:52 p.m. 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.

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

Rise Out of Closed Session

Motion #6 by Commissioner White, second by Commissioner Zinga to rise out of Closed Session at 9:58 p.m.

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

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

Motion #7 by Commissioner O'Connell, second by Commissioner Zinga to approve Closed Session Minutes dated October 22, 2019 and November 26, 2019.

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

Building Permit Fees

No discussion.

Adjourn at 10:00 p.m.

Motion #8 by Commissioner White, second by Commissioner Zinga to adjourn at 10:00 p.m.

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

Mark K. White, Secretary