

**Park District of Franklin Park
Board of Park Commissioners
Regular Meeting
Tuesday,-February 25, 2020; 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 AnneMarie Casas, Susan E. O'Connell, Michael A. Vonesh, Mark K. White and Joseph E. Zinga.

Also Present: Joseph D. Modrich, Director of Parks and Recreation; 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; Jen Costa; Parks Services Assistant, Cody Nelson; Athlete and Facility Manager, Nick Rhymes; Part Time Corporate Intern and Thomas Hoffman, Attorney,
Absent: Maria Laskowski, Human Resources Manager; and Kevin Meyers, Ice Arena Manager.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Additions, Corrections and Deletions to the Agenda

Correction to the January 28, 2020 meeting: Attorney Thomas Hoffman was absent on January 28, 2020.

Presentation/ Approval of the Regular Board Meeting Minutes dated January 28, 2020

Motion # 1 by Commissioner White, second by Commissioner Vonesh to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes dated January 28, 2020.

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

Presentation/ Approval of Manual Bill Listing dated January, 2020 in the amount of \$218,138.10

Motion #2 by Commissioner O'Connell, second by Commissioner Zinga to approve the January, 2020 Manual Bill Listing in the amount of \$218,138.10.

The Manual Bill Listing was reviewed.

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

Presentation/ Approval of System Bill Listing dated February, 2020 in the amount of \$47,063.27

Motion #3 by Commissioner O'Connell, second by Commissioner Zinga to approve the February, 2020 System Bill Listing in the amount of \$47,063.27.

The Manual Bill Listing was reviewed.

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

Correspondence

There were no correspondence at this time.

Reports of Officers and Commissioners

Commissioner O'Connell stated gratitude to staff for the effort that was put into the Park Planning Meeting.

Commissioner O'Connell enjoyed pictures from the Daddy Daughter Dance and thanked staff. Commissioner Casas shared that registration to the Paint and Sip was very easy and was surprised registration was at the Ice Arena.

Commissioner Casas expressed how fantastic the new registration system for classes online is better than the old online system.

Commissioner Casas thanked staff for Daddy Daughter Dance but mentioned that the patrons would enjoy more slow songs.

Commissioner Casas stated that the Franklin Park Ice Arena Fusion Team competed in the Mardi Gras Completion at the Bensenville Ice Arena.

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

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

Superintendent LoCascio introduced new Athletics & Facility Manger Cody Nelson to the Board.

Superintendent Bersani introduced part-time Corporate Intern Nicholas Rhymes to the Board.

The Board welcomed both Cody Nelson and Nicholas Rhymes.

Reconvene at 7: 12 p.m.

President Vonesh reconvened the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

Staff Reports:

Director

Director Modrich stated that he will address the Board later on the agenda and in Closed Session regarding the Community Center updates.

Director Modrich reported that for the Daddy Daughter Dance we had Recreation Staff reach out to the fathers and daughters to request songs that they would like to hear at the dance.

Superintendent of Recreation

Superintendent LoCascio stated that there was a good amount of last minute registration for the Daddy Daughter Dance, it was a very good turnout.

Sip and Paint is full with 30 registered, he suggested that depending on the success of the event on having Sip and Paint a quarterly event.

Commissioner White suggested that we send out reminders for the Daddy Daughter Dance regarding early registration to past attendees.

Superintendent LoCascio reported that Micro Basketball is in its third week and all teams are doing really well, with participants enjoying it.

Superintendent LoCascio met with Viper's Baseball on Sunday, he stated that they are doing very well this year with 2 more teams than last year, with a total of 23 teams.

Part-time staff hires have begun for Day Camp, Lifeguards and additional summer help.

Ice Arena Manager

Manager Meyers was absent.

Director Modrich reported to the Board that a big goalie helmet display from the Chicago Wolves has been placed outside of the Ice Arena and will be there through the Chicago Wolves playoffs.

North Park Manager

Manager Selimos reported that he has been going on site visits at other banquet halls to price match and see the competition within the surrounding area.

Manager Selimos stated that February was a busy time for North Park with five new events booked.

Superintendent of Parks

Superintendent Wick expressed that the weather has been difficult for staff this month. The constant change makes it difficult to clean up the parks.

Superintendent Wick stated that staff is insuring that equipment is ready for inclement weather.

Superintendent Wick informed the Board that Jen Costa has taken on the task of updating the Safety Data Sheets throughout the buildings.

Deep cleaning of the Community Center tile floor was completed by four staff members and Center Staff was also trained in floor cleaning.

Marketing & Communication Manager

Manager Galassini reported that the Spring into Summer brochures are being completed.

Manager Galassini stated that flyers for Teen Night have been distributed at Hester Junior High.

Manager Galassini shared that a focus group will be held with dance parents to see if there will be an interest in a competition dance group.

Superintendent of Finance & Technology

Superintendent Bersani stated that the Park District is 75% through the fiscal year.

Superintendent Bersani reported that most of the Departments have had their budget meetings and are aggressively moving forward with the budget planning.

WSSRA

Director Modrich reported that WSSRA staff are finalizing the plans with River Grove and Veterans Park District.

Unfinished Business

Community Center Renovation

Director Modrich happily reported that the Punch List for the Community Center Renovations have almost been completed. A window inspector inspected the windows and provided a written report. Superintendent Wick and Ari from ARC evaluated the doors and door frames throughout the Community Center first floor to discover some solutions.

Ice Arena Fire Update

Director Modrich stated that the color for the south wall is a very close match. He stated that there is good communication with the General Contractor and ARC.

Ice Arena Structure / Trespa

Director Modrich reported that Nagel Hartray, a representative that was at the conference is helping with the next steps regarding engineering toward the Ice Arena Structure/Trespa.

Fitness Center

Superintendent LoCascio reported that he and Director Modrich have been trying to finalize the pricing of the equipment. The goal is to have the equipment by the summer.

Veteran's Park District

Director Modrich stated that Veteran's Park District news was shared with the WSSRA report.

Timber & Hawthorne Parks

The Board was informed that four residents participated in the Park Planning Meeting, even with the small amount of attendees, the feedback was informative. Staff will reach out to teens at Teen Night and at Hester's events for feedback on the fitness area in Hawthorne Park.

Superintendent Wick suggested with Hawthorne Park provide a 2-5 year old park, with toddler sized equipment and some activities for the adults bringing the children to the park. Timber Park is focused on 5-12 year olds.

New Program Suggestions I Discussion

Commissioner Casas suggested a mother and son event, she will be attending River Groves "Fortnite" dance and report back on the event.

New Business:

Authorizing and Directing the Sale of Certain Used Property Ordinance #19-20-7/0

Motion #4 by Commissioner O'Connell, second by Commissioner White to adopt Ordinance # 19-20-7 /0, an Ordinance Authorizing and Directing the Sale of Certain Used Property.

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

Dog Park Location?

Director Modrich asked the Board about a Dog Park. The Board respectfully declined the idea of a dog park on Park District property.

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

Motion #5 by Commissioner Casas, second by Commissioner White to enter into Closed Session at 8:21 p.m. to discuss Land Acquisition 2(c)5, Personnel 2(c)l, 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 9:00 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 Casas to approve Closed Session Minutes dated December 17, 2019.

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

Building Permit Fees**Adjourn at 9:23 p.m.**

Motion #8 by Commissioner O'Connell, second by Commissioner Casas to adjourn at 9:23 p.m.

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

Mark K, White, Secretary