

**Park District of Franklin Park
Board of Park Commissioners
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, March 24, 2020; 7:00 p.m.
Community Center
MINUTES**

Call to Order at 7:06 p.m.

President Vonesh called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

Roll Call

Physically Present: Commissioners Mark K. White and Joseph E. Zinga.

Remotely Present via Facetime: Commissioners AnneMarie Casas, Susan E. O'Connell, Michael A. Vonesh and Thomas Hoffman, Attorney.

Also Physically Present: Joseph D. Modrich, Director of Parks and Recreation and 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 February 25, 2020

Motion #1 by Commissioner White, second by Commissioner Zinga to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes dated February 25, 2020.

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

Presentation / Approval of Manual Bill Listing dated February, 2020 in the amount of \$116,761.88

Motion #2 by Commissioner White, second by Commissioner Zinga to approve the February, 2020 Manual Bill Listing in the amount of \$116,761.88.

The Manual Bill Listing was reviewed.

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

Presentation / Approval of System Bill Listing dated March, 2020 in the amount of \$90,099.16.

Motion #3 by Commissioner Zinga, second by Commissioner O'Connell to approve the March, 2020 System Bill Listing in the amount of \$90,099.16.

The Manual Bill Listing was reviewed.

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

Correspondence

No correspondence was received.

There were no correspondence at this time.

Reports of Officers and Commissioners

Commissioner O'Connell thanked all the staff for their hard working and keeping the Park District afloat.

Commissioner Casas reported that she attended the Paint n' Sip and it was a great event. She thanked Manager Laren and Selimos.

Commissioner Casas reported that the Franklin Park Ice Arena received Second Place overall at the Ice Breaker Classic at the Oak Brook Ice Arena.

Commissioner Zinga stated that he hopes everyone is doing well.

Commissioner White asked everyone to stay safe and healthy.

President Vonesh thanked staff for their work keeping the Park District going.

Recess for Public Comment at 7:13 p.m.

President Vonesh recessed for Public Comment at 7:13 p.m.

No public comments.

Reconvene at 7:14 p.m.

President Vonesh reconvened the meeting at 7:14 p.m.

Staff Reports:

Director

Director's items are elsewhere on the Agenda.

Ice Arena Manager

The Ice Arena staff is keeping the ice temperature at 24 degrees, and the building dry and dehumidified. The lights are off. Staff is stopping in to do building checks.

North Park Manager

CNN is handing out frozen meals one day a week for the whole week.

Superintendent of Parks

Signs stating not to use playground equipment have been posted. Parks staff continues to clean and monitor parks. They are also doing facility checks. The staff is working individually and in separate vehicles.

Marketing & Communication Manager

Commissioner Casas suggested staff posting workout videos for our residents to do. Director Modrich stated that the Ice Arena Managers Monroe and Raucci are posting for hockey and figure skating.

Superintendent of Finance & Technology

Superintendent Bersani and Assistant Indurante are working on budgets and payroll. Intern Nick Rhymes is working on budget remotely. Superintendent Bersani is also continuously working in IT matters to keep staff working remotely.

Superintendent of Recreation

The Pool Passes Early Bird will be extended to May 16. Manager Galassini and Superintendent LoCascio are taking pictures throughout the parks and community and posting on social media and asking residents to tag us as they find them. The Easter Egg Hunt will be a Social Distancing Easter Egg Hunt on April 4. Residents can register to have the Easter Bunny drop off eggs and wave. Commissioner Zinga suggested also having Franklin the Penguin also deliver. The Dance Instructors are videotaping routines for dancers to practice. Managers Rivera, Laren and Nelson continue to work remotely. They have started summer interviews via facetime or phone.

Corporate

Director Modrich reported that Finance Assistant Indurante has been in the office answering phone calls. We are allowing the bare minimum of staff to work out of the office. Manager Laskowski has been extremely helpful. Staff have been on webinars and communication with PDRMA.

WSSRA

Director Modrich reported that the town of Cicero will be going off on their own effective January 2021. The Board is looking at changing by-laws making the process of leaving much more detailed, adding that the residents of the community have to be informed.

Unfinished Business

Community Center Renovation

Motion #4 by Commissioner Zinga, second by Commissioner O'Connell to approve Pay Request #13 from RoMAAS, Inc. for the Community Center Renovation in the amount of \$106,283.11 as recommended by ARC and Staff, pending ongoing review and resolution of pay request questions, leaving a balance with retainage of \$38,303.24.

A discussion was held.

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

Ice Arena Fire Update

Director Modrich reported that we are working with PDRMA to provide information to the neighbors insurance company.

Ice Arena Structure / Trespa

Director Modrich spoke with the architect regarding the project being on hold.

Fitness Center

Superintendent LoCascio provided updated cost information that is a little more comparable. Target date is mid-summer.

Timber & Hawthorne Parks

Director Modrich will have a conference call on Thursday with Eric to discuss the State situation and what we have to be ready for.

New Business:

Budget 2020-2021

Superintendent Bersani and Director Modrich are going to try giving the Board the best information possible. The Data on PowerPoint is not accurate due to the shutdown. They may possibly provide a Budget A & B.

CV-19 Adaptation 2020

Director Modrich reported that information has been changing very quickly. We have to be resilient managing information and look at best things we can do for our residents, support our vendors, businesses and community partnerships.

Staff Support

Motion #5 by Commissioner White, second by Commissioner Zinga to approve an amount not to exceed \$107,000 to support the March 27 and April 10 Payroll for part-time staff and a portion of full-time staff that cannot work remotely.

Director Modrich shared the Families First Coronavirus Response Act. He stated that this is a good thing to do for the cohesion of our team and retain our employees.

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

Suggested Motions:

No Suggested Motions.

Required Signatures

Manager Laskowski received the required signatures.

Building Permit Fees

Attorney Hoffman has nothing to report.

Director Modrich stated that staff at every level has been amazing putting our residents first and he wanted to recognize them.

President Vonesh is hoping we can all come together for future meetings. It was hard for Commissioners that were on remotely to hear / participate in conversation.

Adjourn at 8:27 p.m.

Motion #6 by Commissioner Zinga, second by Commissioner White to adjourn at 8:27 p.m.

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

Mark K. White, Secretary