

**Park District of Franklin Park
Board of Park Commissioners
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, August 25, 2020; 7:00 p.m.
Centre at North Park, 10040 Addison Street, Franklin Park, Illinois 60131
MINUTES**

Call to Order at 7:07 p.m.

President O'Connell called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Also Present: Joseph D. Modrich, Director of Parks and Recreation; Maria Laskowski, Human Resources Manager; Daniel LoCascio, Superintendent of Recreation; Nathan Wick, Superintendent of Parks; Stephanie Bersani, Superintendent of Finance & Technology; Steven Selimos, North Park Manager; Kevin Meyers, Ice Arena Manager; Marco Galassini, Marketing & Communications Manager; Jennifer Costa, Parks Services Assistant 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 July 28, 2020

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

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

Presentation / Approval of Manual Bill Listing dated July, 2020 in the amount of \$147,903.13

Motion #2 by Commissioner White, second by Commissioner Vonesh to approve the July, 2020 Manual Bill Listing in the amount of \$147,903.13.

The Manual Bill Listings were reviewed.

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

Presentation / Approval of System Bill Listing dated August, 2020 in the amount of \$45,559.17

Motion #3 by Commissioner Casas, second by Commissioner Vonesh to approve the August, 2020 System Bill Listing in the amount of \$45,559.17.

The System Bill Listings were reviewed.

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

Correspondence

Thank you card from Indurante Family for sympathy cookie bouquet on passing of Cindy's mom.

Reports of Officers and Commissioners

Commissioner Casas thanked Superintendent LoCascio and staff for the E-Learning Program. The kids love it, they are getting their homework done, and sees staff cleaning.

Commissioner Casas thanked Superintendent Wick for picnic tables at Iceland Park. Parents are using them while waiting for their kids.

Commissioner Casas thanked Manager Meyers and staff for the end of Skating Camp performance, and allowing kids to bring one guest to watch.

Commissioner O'Connell also thanked staff for their work with the Remote Learning Program. Her school district wishes they could offer something like it.

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

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

There were no public comments.

Reconvene at 7:16 p.m.

President O'Connell reconvened Public Comment 7:16 p.m.

Staff Reports:

Director

Director Modrich stated that his items are later on the Agenda.

Superintendent of Finance & Technology

Superintendent Bersani highlighted and explained the Revenue / Expense Report. Preparing for audit.

Superintendent of Recreation

Superintendent LoCascio reported that Remote Camp is going well, and Manager Rivera is doing an excellent job. The staff is doing good and keeping kids on task. We have received positive comments from teachers at School District 84. Mr. Cronin from Hester Junior High is very impressed and happy we are offering the program to them. Superintendent LoCascio thanked the Board for the opportunity to offer the Remote Camp. Staff will meet after Labor Day to see if we can expand the program, and if we offer a drop-off program. Superintendent LoCascio talked to some colleagues and we are the first ones that are going to school. He thanked Manager Selimos, his staff, Superintendent Wick and his staff, and Superintendent Bersani for all their help.

Preschool started and each child has their own carpet to sit on to play. After they are done using their carpet it is cleaned. Superintendent LoCascio stated that it has been great to see the kids back and seeing people back in the Community Center. The parents are putting their trust in us which is a good sign. Superintendent Wick trained center staff on how to use the foggers after the cleaning.

Superintendent LoCascio reported that Manager Nelson is looking into athletic adaptation programs. Manager Galassini, Manager Nelson and Superintendent LoCascio are looking into offering an electronic video gaming session which is very popular with the teens.

Manager Laren is looking into adaptation for all our special events. Manager Galassini and Manager Laren worked on press release regarding the Parade being cancelled. Staff will meet with Superintendent

Wick to plan on how to still hand out pumpkins. Manager Laren is looking into Trunk or Treat and Fall Movies. Commissioner Casas suggested the businesses in town be invited to participate.

Ice Arena Manager

Manager Meyers stated that after discussing with staff, we will probably not offer public skate until end of November. Due to the schedule being spaced out and difficulty in walk-ins.

Commissioner Casas is concerned what parents will do in the Winter when dropping off kids, sitting in cars running. She suggested having parents in bleachers socially distanced. Discussion was held.

North Park Manager

Manager Selimos reported that adult fitness classes started, the numbers are low, but they are running.

Superintendent of Parks

Superintendent Wick reported that Manager Menolascina will be meeting with Manager Nelson to review the cleaning process.

Staff installed a second water tank on a truck, so we will have two trucks out watering all our parks due to the lack of rain.

Ballfields regular season ended, Fall season started practices this week. With the dry weather, will do more extensive maintenance to the field.

Staff completed some maintenance on the Pool Slides.

Marketing & Communication Manager

Manager Galassini reported that the Fall 2020 brochure is live on our website and available for digital viewing. The process took a little longer because we had to add in guidelines from DCEO's All Sports Policy. Design Spring will send us the file so we can update the brochure and re-upload as the state releases more guidelines.

Manager Galassini and Manager Laren drafted announcements for the Fall Fest Parade's cancellation. They will send a press release to the Franklin Park Herald Journal and local publications. The Parks and facilities map was shared with the Chamber by O'Hare for its community guide. They are also working on a North Park ad for the Chamber's guide.

Manager Galassini stated that all program information on the website is up to date and DCEO's All Sports Policy was linked to sports webpages. He will be working with Anthony Holmes from Antlur to make the website more accessible for those who may be dyslexic or colorblind.

WSSRA

Director Modrich reported that there was a long WSSRA Finance meeting yesterday. It was announced that Veteran's Park District will be joining. Discussions are still in process for River Grove.

Unfinished Business

Community Center Renovation

Motion #4 by Commissioner Casas, second by Commissioner Vonesh to approve Pay Application #14 from RoMAAS, Inc., for the Community Center Interior Remodel and Renovations in the amount of \$43,665.24, as recommended by Architect ARC and Park District of Franklin Park Staff.

Commissioner Vonesh asked if this is the final. Director Modrich explained it includes a Change Order that ARC is paying.

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

Ice Arena Fire Update

Director Modrich reported that we have not heard anything from PDRMA.

Ice Arena Structure / Trespa

Director Modrich let the representative know that this is a low priority right now, but can still look at the ceiling portion for the Energy Management.

Fitness Center

Superintendent LoCascio reviewed the two main companies we sought proposals from. Life Fitness and Midwest. Midwest has reached out to us, his quote is lower and they are hands on. Going to meet with them again and reevaluate. Feels customer service will be better than what we seen with Life Fitness. Same basic equipment just different manufacturers.

Timber & Hawthorne Parks

Director Modrich reported that Eric asked that meeting be rescheduled for September 2. Director Modrich and Superintendent Wick will be meeting with him remotely.

Budget 2020-2021

A discussion was held.

CV-19 Adaptation 2020

Director Modrich reported that meeting was held with Ice Arena and Recreation Department to go over programs that were held, and discussed Fall programs. All sports guidelines went to effect August 15. We had more push back from the Ice Arena patrons. Finding that those who use other facilities including private facilities are "interpreting" the guidelines and others aren't enforcing at all. Lot of resistance in the Hockey world. Have not seen resistance from Figure Skating. Hockey players want competition.

New Business:

Panther Hockey Jerseys

Motion #5 by Commissioner Zinga, second by Commissioner Vonesh to approve the purchase of (420) Athletic Knit-Pro Series-H550C, CHI364B and CHI365B and 40 H550C LA5940C/LA5950C Jerseys from Orch's Pro Shop and at a cost not to exceed \$20,780.00. All jersey expenses to be reimbursed through program fees.

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

Required Signatures

Manager Laskowski received the required signatures.

Closed Session to discuss Personnel 2(c)1 and Probable / Imminent Litigation 2(c)2

Motion #6 by Commissioner Casas, second by Commissioner Zinga to enter into Closed Session at 8:10 p.m. to discuss Personnel 2(c)1 and Probable / Imminent Litigation 2(c)2.

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

Rise Out of Closed Session

Motion #7 by Commissioner Casas, second by Commissioner Zinga to rise out of Closed Session at 9:16 p.m.

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

Adjourn at 9:39 p.m.

Motion #8 by Commissioner Casas, second by Commissioner White to adjourn at 9:39 p.m.

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

Joseph E. Zinga, Secretary