

**Park District of Franklin Park
Board of Park Commissioners
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, September 22, 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, AnneMarie Casas and Joseph E. Zinga.

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.

Absent: 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 Casas, second by Commissioner Vonesh to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes dated August 25, 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 August, 2020 in the amount of \$202,115.33

Motion #2 by Commissioner White, second by Commissioner Vonesh to approve the August, 2020 Manual Bill Listing in the amount of \$202,115.33.

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 September, 2020 in the amount of \$44,695.94

Motion #3 by Commissioner Casas, second by Commissioner Zinga to approve the September, 2020 System Bill Listing in the amount of \$44,695.94.

The System Bill Listings were reviewed.

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

Correspondence

No correspondence was received.

Reports of Officers and Commissioners

Commissioner Casas participated in the WSSRA Virtual Derby Gala Fundraiser and it was done very nice.

She also attended the School District 84 Kona Ice Drive-up Event and it was very well attended. She suggested doing more co-op events with PTA.

Commissioner Casas commented that the SQR Code Scan that the Ice Arena implemented for entering the Ice Arena is a very neat and creative idea. She has heard good feedback.

She attended the Competitive Dance Informational Session and the try it strategy worked.

Commissioner Zinga suggested cleaning up the overgrown plants at Lincoln Park because it is hard to see in the park.

President O'Connell commented that it is so nice to see so many people using North Park. She thanked all staff for their hard work.

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

President O'Connell recessed for Public Comment at 7:21 p.m.

There was no public comment.

Reconvene at 7:22 p.m.

President O'Connell reconvened Public Comment 7:22 p.m.

Staff Reports:

Director

Director Modrich, Superintendent Wick, Joe Lauro and Eric from Hitchcock met to discuss the low spot at the Gilio Property. The encroachment with the neighbor also was addressed with the neighbor.

Superintendent of Recreation

Superintendent LoCascio reported that Remote Camp and Preschool / Playschool are all running. Fall programs started. The Competitive Dance Team will meet on Saturdays with the goal to compete in competitions. Athletic programs are running, but with lower numbers. Manager Laren is getting ready for Fall Special Events like the Scavenger Hunt, Trick or Treat in the Park and Movie Nights. Superintendent LoCascio will be meeting with PTA because they want to get more involved and participate in our events. We have been in communication with Schiller Park regarding co-oping with some programs. Thunder Soccer will begin using Birch Park for practices.

In conversations with Mary from PDRMA, the Park District is in a good position because other Districts have had to lay off. Superintendent LoCascio thanked the Board for their support during these times.

Ice Arena Manager

Manager Meyers reported that team practice schedules have been posted. The Hockey Program starts this week. We have new skaters in the Blackhawk Program. Speed Skating started last week. Skating School is underway.

Manager Meyers talked to Gambino's and they will be offering pre-packaged food in our concession stand.

North Park Manager

Manager Selimos reported that he has been getting more inquiries. October weekends have all be booked.

Superintendent of Parks

Superintendent Wick commented that we need some rain. Staff will be working on safety surfaces at playgrounds.

Marketing & Communication Manager

Manager Galassini reported that the Remote Learning Day Camp was featured on WGN Morning News' E-Learning Honor Roll.

NBC Chicago also reached out for an interview regarding our fall special events. We are trying to coordinate a time with Rachel Laren.

Staff continues to work on the Winter Spring 2021 Google Doc and materials are being prepared for Design Spring.

-School District 84 provided class counts for flyer distribution. A Days Off Camp and Open Play flyer will be sent home with students.

Superintendent of Finance & Technology

Superintendent Bersani reviewed the Revenue / Expense Summary through August, 2020. She will include this report every month. She is trying to wrap up Audit preparations.

WSSRA

Director Modrich attended a remote WSSRA meeting yesterday regarding Budget adjustments. Veterans Park District partnership is looking good. WSSRA was happy with their turnout for the Virtual Derby Gala Event.

Unfinished Business

Community Center Renovation

Director Modrich reported that it will be discussed in Closed Session.

Ice Arena Fire Update

Director Modrich reported that it will be discussed in Closed Session.

Fitness Center

Superintendent LoCascio shared proposals with the Board. A discussion was held.

Timber & Hawthorne Parks

Director Modrich reported that they will be meeting tomorrow. A discussion was held.

Budget 2020-2021

Superintendent Bersani is making updates to the Proposed Budget.

CV-19 Adaptation 2020

Director Modrich commented on the CDC article he shared with the Board. It gives you an idea of what staff is going through. We have to be ready to keep adapting.

New Business:

Regular Monthly Board Meeting Location

Motion #4 by Commissioner Casas, second by Commissioner Vonesh to change the location of the October 27, 2020, November 24, 2020 and December 15, 2020 Regular Monthly Board Meetings from the Community Center, 9560 Franklin Avenue, Franklin Park to the Centre at North Park, 10040 Addison Avenue, Franklin Park, Illinois 60131.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioners Casas, yes; Zinga, yes; White, yes; Vonesh, O’Connell, 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 #5 by Commissioner White, second by Commissioner Casas to enter into Closed Session at p.m. to discuss Personnel 2(c)1 and Probable / Imminent Litigation 2(c)2.

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

Rise Out of Closed Session

Motion #6 by Commissioner White, second by Commissioner Zinga to rise out of Closed Session at 8:48 p.m.

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

Adjourn at 8:51 p.m.

Motion #7 by Commissioner Zinga, second by Commissioner Casas to adjourn at 8:51 p.m.

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

Joseph E. Zinga, Secretary