

**Park District of Franklin Park
Board of Park Commissioners
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, October 27, 2020; 7:00 p.m.
Centre at North Park, 10040 Addison Street, Franklin Park, Illinois 60131
MINUTES**

Call to Order at 7:04 p.m.

President O'Connell called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Absent: Commissioner Joseph E. Zinga.

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

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.

Public Hearing concerning the intent of the Board of Park Commissioners to sell not to exceed \$1,090,000 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds for the building, maintaining, improving and protecting of land purchased or condemned for parks and the existing land and facilities of the District and for the payment of costs of issuance

President O'Connell asked for written or oral comments from the Commissioners. There were none.

President O'Connell asked for written or oral comments from the public. There were none.

President O'Connell asked for additional comments from the public. There were none.

President O'Connell asked for a motion to finally adjourn the Public Hearing.

Motion #1 by Commissioner Vonesh, second by Commissioner Casas to finally adjourn the Bond Issuance Notification Act (BINA) Public Hearing at 7:05 p.m.

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

President O'Connell declared the hearing finally adjourned.

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

Motion #2 by Commissioner Vonesh, second by Commissioner White to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes dated September 22, 2020.

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

Presentation / Approval of Manual Bill Listing dated September, 2020 in the amount of \$92,652.14.
Motion #3 by Commissioner Casas, second by Commissioner White to approve the September, 2020 Manual Bill Listing in the amount of \$92,652.14.

The Manual Bill Listings were reviewed.

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

Presentation / Approval of System Bill Listing dated October, 2020 in the amount of \$57,360.48
Motion #4 by Commissioner Casas, second by Commissioner White to approve the October, 2020 System Bill Listing in the amount of \$57,360.48.

The System Bill Listings were reviewed.

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

Correspondence

No correspondence was received.

Reports of Officers and Commissioners

Commissioner Vonesh congratulated staff on job well done with Halloween events. He has heard a lot of positive comments. Commissioner Vonesh is proud of staff. Keep up the good work.

Commissioner White echoed Commissioner Vonesh's comments and thanked staff.

Commissioner Casas thanked staff for keeping things creative in these trying times. Kids were happy to wear costumes to class in place of Skary Skate. She is glad that they will be able to do some type of Winter Ice Show.

President O'Connell commended staff for their hard work and thanked them for all they are doing.

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

President O'Connell recessed for Public Comment at 7:10 p.m.

There was no public comment.

Reconvene at 7:11 p.m.

President O'Connell reconvened Public Comment 7:11 p.m.

Staff Reports:

Director

Director Modrich gave the Board an update on the Gilio Property. The main concern is that any grading we do were it sunk, we need to determine where the property line is. Once that is established we will do the grading.

Ice Arena Manager

Manager Meyers reported that Winter Session Skating and Hockey Classes information is on the website. Ice Show practices begin December 1 spaced out. Public Skating is going well. We have reached close to max limit a number of days. We are offering Family Public Skate on the Studio Arena with up to ten people. A discussion was held on the AHAI President's Letter regarding the hockey community should be taking things serious.

North Park Manager

Manager Selimos reported that indoor soccer started earlier this year due to the cooler weather. We have two new clubs renting and most of the time slots are full.

Superintendent of Parks

Superintendent Wick reported that he had students from Leyden on Saturday participate in Make a Difference Day. Due to the weather they weren't able to do the planting as planned. They raked leaves, mulched and cleaned North Park. Staff is getting ready for this weekend's events. Staff is working on keeping ahead of the snow and wrapping up parks for the season.

Marketing & Communication Manager

Staff is working on first draft edits for the Winter Spring 2021 brochure. The anticipated date for digital publishing is November 24.

School District 84 informed us that they are not accepting print flyers at this time, but can digitally distribute. We provided a digital flyer for the new Youth Volleyball League that was sent to Hester families. Flyers are being prepared for Saturday's Trick-or-Treat event and marketing plans were outlined for the Fitness Center upgrades.

The Esports Interest Survey has 42 respondents and 27 subscribed for updates on programming. Subscribers were emailed about a potential tournament and we are gathering feedback.

The Franklin Park Herald-Journal and People & Places Newspaper covered the Pumpkin Hunt and Pumpkin Pick-Up. A digital testimonial form was created for participants to share their experiences. We will incorporate these into our marketing efforts. Some testimonials from North Park's Wedding Wire page have already been shared.

Superintendent of Finance & Technology

Superintendent Bersani reported that we are waiting for the Draft CAFR from Sikich. We are updating our existing firewall to be equipped to process more MBPS downloaded per second upon doing an internal Wi-Fi audit. We are also researching how to stream Volleyball at the Community Center, possible through the YouTube route. Live Barn is not viable as parents have to subscribe and pay a fee to view.

Superintendent of Recreation

Superintendent LoCascio reported that Special Events went well. Looking forward to trick or treat. Feel confident with safety precautions and spreading people around the entire walking path. Thanks to parks for their help.

Programs are going good. Only 1 issue of direct contact with programs so safety measures are working. Cody is scheduling a volleyball league based on good enrollment in program and using safety guidelines from DCEO.

Staff is preparing programs for the winter brochure. New guidelines were released so we are adapting already planned programs. We are also focusing on surveys for programs and events.

WSSRA

Director Modrich attended the Village of River Grove Board Meeting last week. It was a good meeting. Director Burko did a PowerPoint presentation. One of the concerns that was discussed was double taxation. Director Modrich commented that you could see that Mayor Guerin and the Trustees are very dedicated. A discussion was held regarding doing co-op recreation programs.

Director Modrich attended a WSSRA Policy meeting this morning. A number of districts are strapped for cash and are looking into how the Special Recreation Levy can be spent beyond inclusion. It is unclear and Director Burko is checking with other Special Recreation Districts.

Unfinished Business

Community Center Renovation

Director Modrich reviewed the project change orders and payouts. A discussion was held.

Ice Arena Fire Update

Will be discussed in Closed Session.

Fitness Center

Motion #5 by Commissioner Vonesh, second by Commissioner White to authorize the purchase of new Fitness Center Equipment at a cost not to exceed \$35,733 from Midwest Commercial Fitness, as allocated in the 2020-2021 Capital Projects Budget. Midwest Commercial Fitness is the sole authorized provider of True Fitness products in Illinois and the Tri-State Area.

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

Timber & Hawthorne Parks

Director Modrich reported that we are waiting on a redesign of Hawthorne Park based on our last meeting. We are looking into using wood at Hawthorne Park, it's a good fit and less expensive.

Budget 2020-2021

Superintendent Bersani stated that she is doing Monthly Analysis to give the staff a better idea. Staff is in the process of already laying out their budgets for next year as programs end.

CV-19 Adaptation 2020

Director Modrich shared the Agenda for tomorrow's Transition Team meeting.

New Business:

Truth-in-Taxation Resolution #20-21-2/R

Motion #6 by Commissioner Casas, second by Commissioner White to adopt Resolution #20-21-2/R, a Resolution Determining the Amounts of Money Exclusive of Levies for Debt Service and Election Costs Estimated to be Necessary to be Raised by Taxation Pursuant to the Proposed Levy of the Park District of Franklin Park for the Levy Year 2020.

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

Surplus Ordinance #20-21-4/O

Motion #7 by Commissioner Casas, second by Commissioner Vonesh to adopt Ordinance #20-21-4/O, an Ordinance Authorizing and Directing the Sale of Certain Used Property.

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

Required Signatures

Manager Laskowski received the required signatures.

Closed Session to discuss Personnel 2(c)1

Motion #8 by Commissioner White, second by Commissioner O’Connell to enter into Closed Session at 8:28 p.m. to discuss Personnel 2(c)1.

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

Rise Out of Closed Session

Motion #6 by Commissioner Vonesh, second by Commissioner White to rise out of Closed Session at 8:50 p.m.

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

Adjourn at 9:03 p.m.

Motion #7 by Commissioner White, second by Commissioner Casas to adjourn at 9:03 p.m.

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

Joseph E. Zinga, Secretary