

**Park District of Franklin Park
Board of Park Commissioners
Regular Monthly Board Meeting
Tuesday, February 23, 2021; 7:00 p.m.
Centre at North Park, 10040 Addison Street, Franklin Park, Illinois 60131 and Remote Locations
The public may only attend remotely and not in-person.
Zoom Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5238117943>
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Call to Order at 7:00 p.m.

President O'Connell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Also Present: Joseph D. Modrich, Director of Parks and Recreation; Maria Laskowski, Human Resources Manager; Daniel LoCascio, Superintendent of Recreation and Steven Selimos, North Park Manager.

Virtually Present: Thomas Hoffman, Attorney; Nathan Wick, Superintendent of Parks; Stephanie Bersani, Superintendent of Finance & Technology; 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.

The President determined that an in-person meeting was not practical or prudent due to the issuance by the Governor of a disaster declaration related to public health concerns in all or a part of the jurisdiction of the District, and the President stated that physical presence of members of the public at the meeting location was determined by the District to be unfeasible due to the disaster.

Access to the meeting was provided to members of the public to contemporaneously hear all discussion, testimony and roll call votes by a Zoom Virtual Meeting.

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 January 26, 2021

Motion #1 by Commissioner Casas, second by Commissioner Vonesh to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes dated January 26, 2021.

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

Presentation / Approval of Manual Bill Listing dated January, 2021 in the amount of \$241,024.50

Motion #2 by Commissioner White, second by Commissioner Vonesh to approve the January, 2021 Manual Bill Listing in the amount of \$241,024.50.

Manual Bill Listings were reviewed.

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

Presentation / Approval of System Bill Listing dated February, 2021 in the amount of \$57,322.77

Motion #3 by Commissioner Casas, second by Commissioner Zinga to approve the February, 2021 System Bill Listing in the amount of \$57,322.77.
System Bill Listings were reviewed.

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

Correspondence

Thank you card from Vito and Maddie Menolascina for Best Wishes and Gift on their Wedding.

Reports of Officers and Commissioners

Commissioner Casas recently joined the Hester 8th Grade Dinner Dance Committee and she understands that they are working with Manager Selimos to see what can be done with the event.

Commissioner Casas reported that there are now 10 boys on the Boys Team ranging from 5 years old to 14. Carla from Orch's Pro Shop helped them design a logo and team shirts were made for the boys and their parents. The three penguins represent its three founding members. Franklin Park is the only all boys figure skating team.

They boys team is looking to compete and be the ambassador's for boys in figure skating. They are working with Manager Meyers and Skating School Director Raucci to try to find them ice time over the weekend. Parents hope they are able to start training in time to compete in our Spring Fever competition.

Commissioner Casas shared that the Mardi Gras Competition in Bensenville was successful. Families seemed to have adapted to the COVI-19 rules, everyone isolated, went in their event and left. It was good to see how everything was run given we are hosting the next competition.

President O'Connell is glad to see things are starting to open up again and seeing people in the buildings again.

Recess for Public Comment at 7:22 p.m.

President O'Connell recessed for Public Comment at 7:22 p.m.

Reconvene at 7:23 p.m.

President O'Connell reconvened Public Comment at 7:23 p.m.

Staff Reports:

Director

Commissioner Zinga asked if there is anything locally addressing Energy issue. A discussion was held.

Superintendent of Finance & Technology

Superintendent Bersani shared that the Finance Department has been working on the Draft Budget preparations. All information has been received from Department managers and the Finance staff is organizing the data in Budget Maestro. They hope to have the Draft Budget templates available by the end of the week.

Superintendent Bersani explained that our Active Net contract was signed due to MaxGalaxy's end of life in October 2021. Active Network is honoring our annual subscription fee from MaxGalaxy. We will be charged for a data conversion and service package, but Active Network is offsetting some of the costs with a substantial customer loyalty discount. The implementation timeline is roughly 28 weeks.

Superintendent of Recreation

Superintendent LoCascio reported that programs are up and running. Some have low numbers but it is good to have the building full.

Superintendent LoCascio has been in contact with the Sport Affiliates and they are looking forward to starting their seasons.

Community Center Rentals are beginning to pick up.

Recreation Staff is preparing for Summer programs. They have had a lot of communication with other districts to see what they are doing and working together.

Ice Arena Manager

Manager Meyers shared information on upcoming competitions, spring youth hockey league, and skating program progress.

North Park Manager

Manager Selimos reported that Soccer rental time slots are full during the week and weekend private rentals are starting to pick up now that we can have events up to 50 people.

Superintendent of Parks

Superintendent Wick reported that they have been able to keep up on break downs on our main plow with spare parts, or we have great supplier that had the parts already pre-ordered. Suburban Welding also saved us by welding the snow blower first thing and we were able to get back to cleaning walkways. The angle broom has been taken to Bobcat as the bristles have been worn down and a spring was broken. Bobcat is looking into a couple of other issues that are occurring with the machine.

Superintendent Wick stated that depending on snowfall amounts staff is able to clear parking lots in as short as 3 hours with a plow truck and Bobcat with angle broom, and heavier snow falls and a full attack with five staff two plow trucks, bobcat with sweeper, 7210 with snow blower, and one staff taking care of small and remote parks it can take up to seven hours to clear lots and sidewalks.

He is thankful the rest of this week looks like we are snow free and warmer temperatures are definitely welcome. Staff has made keeping down spouts clear a priority.

Parks Staff is working on catching up on building maintenance this week. Parks Staff will also be preparing for May 1 by preparing orders and quotes.

Staff is looking forward to preparing fields for use, and preparing the Pool for a much earlier cleaning and fill so everything is ready to go for opening.

Marketing & Communication Manager

Manager Galassini reported that proofs were received for the Spring into Summer brochure. After a few final edits we will begin the printing process for the first time in a year. Summer brochure materials were sent to Design Spring.

Summer documents are being edited and COVID signage for the Pool on Pacific is being made. Early Bird Pool Pass Special promotions were created and Manager Laren is getting the 2019 Pool Pass holders' email addresses. In-District Residents will be sorted out and we will notify them first of the special.

Healthy heart tips were shared and staff participated in Wear Red Day for American Heart Month. Staff is pushing summer job opportunities and we helped Vipers spread the word about their online registration.

The Franklin Park Herald-Journal published a story on programs we have offered through the pandemic and our plans for Summer. A press release and FAQs for the Pool on Pacific were sent to the Herald-Journal and other local publications.

Fitness Classes are being evaluated through a survey. Email subscribers were notified of the Easter egg deliveries next month. Email promotions for the Early Bird Pool Pass Special and priority registration for Tot School, Playschool and Preschool are being scheduled.

All information in the Spring into Summer brochure will be live on the website March 1.

WSSRA

Director Modrich reported that a policy meeting was held last week and went well. Marianne Birko will run pass the attorney. Legislative Breakfast was first and only one in Illinois. Marianne worked hard and Peter and Jason from IAPD were very appreciative. WSSRA is looking forward to opening up more this summer as we are.

Unfinished Business:

Ice Arena Fire Update

Director Modrich reported that he still has to meet with PDRMA to review the staffing issue.

Fitness Center

Last piece of equipment was delivered today. Booked solid with use. Users are very happy.

Timber & Hawthorne Parks

Director Modrich reported that we were very pleased to receive six bids. A discussion about the bidding environment was held.

Motion #4 by Commissioner Casas, second by Commissioner White to approve the Bid Award to Integral Construction in Romeoville, Illinois for the base bids and alternates #1 & #3 at Timber, Hawthorne and Little Pearl Parks in the amount of \$480,924.

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

Budget 2020-2021

Superintendent Bersani reported that all budgets are in from staff and will try to finalize this week.

CV-19 Adaptation 2020

Director Modrich reported that it is nice to see things opening up. Staff has done a great job doing adaptation and being ready. Nice to see the children's and families out again. Good to see some "normal" again.

New Business:

Energy / Utility Policy

Director Modrich talked with staff and we need to sit down and come up with plans for any energy /utility shutdown. A discussion was held.

Suggested Motions:

There were no Suggested Motions.

Required Signatures

Manager Laskowski received the required signatures.

Closed Session to discuss Personnel 2(c)1

Motion #5 by Commissioner White, second by Commissioner Casas to enter into Closed Session at 8:29 p.m. to discuss Personnel 2(c)1.

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

Rise Out of Closed Session

Motion #5 by Commissioner White, second by Commissioner Zinga to rise out of Closed Session At 8:53 p.m.

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

Adjourn at 8:59 p.m.

Motion #6 by Commissioner Casas, second by Commissioner Zinga to adjourn at 8:59 p.m.

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

Joseph E. Zinga, Secretary