

**Park District of Franklin Park
Board of Park Commissioners
Regular Monthly Board Meeting
Tuesday, March 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>
Meeting ID: 523 811 7943
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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 Susan E. O'Connell, Mark K. White, AnneMarie Casas and Michael A. Vonesh.

Absent: Commissioner Joseph E. Zinga.

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; and Marco Galassini, Marketing & Communications Manager.

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

Director Modrich added Land Acquisition 2(c)5 to Closed Session.

Presentation / Approval of the Regular Board Meeting Minutes dated February 23, 2021

Motion #1 by Commissioner Vonesh, second by Commissioner White to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes dated February 23, 2021.

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

Presentation / Approval of Manual Bill Listing dated February, 2021 in the amount of \$107,077.89

Motion #2 by Commissioner White, second by Commissioner Vonesh to approve the February, 2021 Manual Bill Listing in the amount of \$107,077.89.

Manual Bill Listing were reviewed.

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

Presentation / Approval of System Bill Listing dated March, 2021 in the amount of \$49,317.20
Motion #3 by Commissioner Vonesh, second by Commissioner White to approve the March, 2021 System Bill Listing in the amount of \$49,317.20.

System Bill Listing were reviewed.

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

Correspondence

E-mail from Paula Rossino regarding stating the Fitness Center Equipment is great and thanked the Board.

Reports of Officers and Commissioners

Commissioner Casas reported that Hester 8th grade is still exploring the possibility of doing a school dance. Given the restriction guidelines, they may need to rent both the banquet hall and the gym. PTA is working with Manager Selimos on pricing. The alternative option, is to have a drive by red carpet at Hester, where kids can stop by take a picture in front of their school and grab a goodie bag.

Parents are excited that the Pool will be open. A parent reached out to ask if Discovery Camp will be taking the kids to the Pool. Superintendent LoCascio reported that they are going to try a time slot if we are able to have more people. We are trying to get them there.

Commissioner Casas asked about the plans and capacity limits for Discovery and Teen Camp. Superintendent LoCascio reported that we are going to limit 15 per group due to the size of the rooms, if they have to be indoors.

Commissioner Casas asked if the Ice Arena participants will be able to come to the Camp like past years. Superintendent LoCascio stated that they will have to work out.

Commissioner Casas asked with D84 kids going back 5 days a week for 1/2 days, the question came up, how will that work with the after school camp. Superintendent LoCascio reported that it will

Commissioner Casas reported that the Ice Show is back on. The theme is going to be The Movies ...Take 2. Show is being done with the Covid-19 guidelines. Parents and kids are super excited. Carla posted a nice recap video on the Ice Arena's Facebook page.

President O'Connell thanked all the staff for all their hard work during COVID, it is appreciated.

Recess for Public Comment at 7:18 p.m.

President O'Connell recessed for Public Comment at 7:18 p.m.

Reconvene at 7:18 p.m.

President O'Connell reconvened Public Comment at 7:18 p.m.

Staff Reports:

Director

Director Modrich's items are on the Agenda later.

Superintendent of Recreation

Superintendent LoCascio spoke with Village of Schiller Park Recreation Department regarding their summer plans. They are not offering Day Camps but will refer customers to us. They are planning on opening the Pool and he is shared our information to help them get started.

Superintendent LoCascio stated that Easter Egg Drop off is Saturday and sold out.

In the past we did not host a concert the week of Street Dance. We are offering an extra concert this summer since most likely Street Dance will not take place.

Programs are able to have end of season graduation/celebrations this year.

E-Sports Programing is on hold as Manager Nelson tries to work with the school clubs to gain interest. We are exploring options for an in person drop in open play gaming at the Community Center.

President O'Connell asked about no field trips for Day Camp. Superintendent LoCascio stated that due to the limits on the bus. We will have entertainers come to the Camp.

Ice Arena Manager

Manager Meyers is on vacation. Director Modrich reported that the Bridge program is working well thus far.

Manager Meyers is looking into not having a shut down this year.

Superintendent of Parks

Superintendent Wick reported that staff worked on repairing a couple more picnic tables and they will be delivered to Iceland Park. There will be six on site now. One table had its boards replaced and will be brought back to the Community Center.

Several items have been ordered for May 1 delivery.

Assistant Costa completed and passed the Certified Playground Safety Inspectors course.

Vipers start next week. Staff will prepare fields and have washrooms ready.

Staff continues to work on equipment preparations.

Superintendent Wick is planning for removals of Timber and Hawthorne Park equipment, getting it ready for renovations.

Supervisor Menolascina is working on Pool items. The Pool will be filled two weeks earlier than in the past.

North Park Manager

Manager Selimos stated that with guidelines changing North Park is getting busier with sight visits, and with the Bridge hopefully coming, we could have events with up to 125 people.

Marketing & Communication Manager

Manager Galassini reported that the Spring into Summer brochure was mailed to residents this month. We are editing the Summer brochure and hope to have final edits this week.

Program flyers are being distributed to in-house programs and at School Districts 81 and 84. Lifeguard flyers are posted at Leyden High School.

On March 1 we announced the Pool on Pacific would be opening this summer and received positive reception. We continue promoting spring programs as well as Summer Camps and the Early Bird Pool Special.

A story on the Pool on Pacific opening this summer will be in the Franklin Park Herald-Journal this week. A press release is being prepared for the new Youth Spring Hockey League. The Recreation Department filmed a video for Lincoln Middle School's Career Day.

The Fitness Classes Survey received a total of 49 responses and Cody Nelson is evaluating them. Three-month and six-month Fitness Members are being targeted by email segments for renewals.

All Spring into Summer information is live on the website. All camp forms, parent manuals and guidelines are linked to each camp's respective webpage. We started using a tool called Google My Business to see how we perform in Google searches.

President O'Connell was excited to get her brochure and thanked Manager Galassini for his hard work.

Superintendent of Finance & Technology

Superintendent Bersani reported that Director Modrich and her have started the process of meeting with department managers. They are reworking drafts with adjustments to forecast and plan basis amounts.

Superintendent Bersani stated that staff is working with EcoCounter, a device that is capable of counting Park attendance through infrared technology. She is reaching out to a local expert for any advice related to the product.

Superintendent Bersani shared that staff is working with DemandStar, a procurement agency, to identify any potential cost savings opportunities to the park district.

WSSRA

Nothing to report.

Unfinished Business

Ice Arena Fire Update

Will discuss in Confidential.

Fitness Center

Superintendent LoCascio stated that participants are happy and pass sales have increased.

Timber, Hawthorne and Little Pearl Parks

Director Modrich reported that activity will begin soon for the renovations. A discussion was held.

Commissioner White asked what park the grant is for because there are three parks named. Director Modrich reported that it is for Timber Park. Pearl Park was added to the bid only for fence installation.

Budget 2021-2022

Director Modrich stated that they continue to meet with staff.

CV-19 Adaptation 2020

Director Modrich stated that we are excited to see the Bridge information. Chief Brehm reached out regarding using a facility for a vaccine site. We will keep the Board informed.

New Business:

2021-2022 Regular Monthly Board Meeting Schedule

Motion #4 by Commissioner White, second by Commissioner Vonesh to approve the Regular Monthly Board Meeting Schedule of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Park District of Franklin Park for the Fiscal Year commencing May 1, 2021 and ending April 30, 2022, as follows:

May 25, 2021 – North Park	November 23, 2021 – North Park
June 22, 2021 – North Park	December 14, 2021 – North Park
July 27, 2021 – North Park	January 25, 2022 – North Park
August 24, 2021 – North Park	February 22, 2022 – North Park
September 28, 2021 – North Park	March 22 2022 – North Park
October 26, 2021 – North Park	April 26, 2022 – North Park

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

Pool Deck Furniture

Motion #5 by Commissioner White, second by Commissioner Vonesh to approve the purchase of 15 Chaise Lounge Chairs from Zenon Company, in the amount of \$2,935, as recommended by staff.
Pool on Pacific Refrigerator

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

Motion #6 by Commissioner Vonesh, second by Commissioner White to approve the purchase of a Standing Refrigerator from Alliance Paper and Food Service in the amount of \$3,213.88, as recommended by staff.

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

14 Passenger Bus

Motion #7 by Commissioner Vonesh, second by Commissioner White to accept the bid from Midwest Transit Equipment for a 14-Passenger Ford E350 Super Duty Cutaway Shuttle Bus in the amount of \$54,956.00.

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

Suggested Motions

There were no Suggested Motions.

Required Signatures

Manager Laskowski received the required signatures.

Closed Session to discuss Probable / Imminent Litigation 2(c)2, Personnel 2(c)1 and Land Acquisition 2(c)5

Motion #8 by Commissioner White, second by Commissioner Vonesh to enter into Closed Session at 8:11 p.m. to discuss Probable / Imminent Litigation 2(c)2, Personnel 2(c)1 and Land Acquisition 2(c)5.

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

Rise Out of Closed Session

Motion #9 by Commissioner White, second by Commissioner Vonesh to rise out of Closed Session at 8:47 p.m.

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

Take action, if any, on matters discussed in Closed Session

No action needed.

Building Permit Fees

A discussion was held on further communication options.

Adjourn at 8:55 p.m.

Motion #10 by Commissioner White, second by Commissioner Vonesh to adjourn at 8:55 p.m.

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

Joseph E. Zinga, Secretary