

**Park District of Franklin Park
Board of Park Commissioners
Regular Monthly Board Meeting
Tuesday, April 27, 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 7:01 p.m.

President O'Connell called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Absent: Commissioner Michael A. Vonesh.

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 and Steven Selimos, North Park Manager.

Virtually Present: Thomas Hoffman, Attorney; Stephanie Bersani, Superintendent of Finance & Technology; Kevin Meyers, Ice Arena Manager; Jennifer Costa, Parks Assistant; Nicholas Rhymes, Finance Assistant 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.

Commissioner Zinga swore in AnneMarie Casas.

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 March 23, 2021.

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

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

Presentation / Approval of Manual Bill Listing dated March, 2021 in the amount of \$129,695.23.
Motion #2 by Commissioner White, second by Commissioner Zinga to approve the March, 2021 Manual Bill Listing in the amount of \$129,695.23.

The Manual Bill Listing was reviewed.

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

Presentation / Approval of System Bill Listing dated April, 2021 in the amount of \$63,864.42.
Motion #3 by Commissioner Casas, second by Commissioner Zinga to approve the April, 2021 System Bill Listing in the amount of \$63,864.42.

The System Bill Listing was reviewed.

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

Correspondence

There was no Correspondence.

Reports of Officers and Commissioners

Commissioner Casas congratulated team that helped organized the vaccine clinic. A special shout out Maria, when she realized there would be extra supplies to reach out and we were able to help one of our participant’s mom get vaccinated. She was so excited on the phone when she called her.

Commissioner Casas and Ice Arena Parents thanked Superintendent Wick and team for the extra picnic tables at Iceland Park. The families are using them on weekends during Ice Show practice.

Commissioner Casas reported that Skaters came out this past Monday to surprise Coach Nico and congratulate him on obtaining his US citizenship. It was very moving to see them skate around him as “God Bless America” played in the background.

Commissioner Casas reported that the Spring Fever Competition was held this past week. Parents and skaters were excited to be back, the general feedback was something finally felt normal, to come and watch the kids. Everyone observed the social distancing and masks.

Commissioner Casas had a parent ask if there is an opportunity to include the Skating Camp information in the Spring brochure.

A discussion was held regarding tennis courts in town.

Commissioner Zinga apologized for missing last month’s meeting.

President O’Connell thanked staff for getting parks cleaned, North Park set-up and the Pool on Pacific ready.

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 recapped hosting the vaccine site. Staff did a great job managing.

Ice Arena Manager

Manager Meyers reported that the Spring Fever Tournament was held last weekend, and it was very well attended. Everyone complied with rules.

Staff is getting ready for the Ice Show. Assistant Manager Monroe is getting ready to start the Adult Hockey League the beginning of May. He has interest from four more teams, and we are seeing if we can accommodate.

Superintendent of Parks

Superintendent of Parks reported that mowing and ball fields will be one of the main focuses. Working with the Vipers schedule. Grass crew is running with staff we have, and once school is out, we will have seasonal staff back.

A replacement valve shipped to be welded as soon as we receive. The Pool will then be filled.

H&H was out today changing lights over to LED at the Pool.

A discussion was held regarding vandalism in the Men's Room at Sunflower Nature Center. Staff met with Forest Security for a new security system and will review proposals.

Marketing & Communication Manager

Manager Galassini reported that the Summer brochure was mailed to residents and is available at our facilities and online.

The Summer Camp flyers were digitally distributed at School Districts 81, 84 and 85.5. A new North Park ad will be in WSSRA's Gala ad book. Materials were prepared for the Early Childhood classes end of the year celebrations.

The Pioneer Press covered summer programs in Franklin Park, highlighting the Pool on Pacific and Ice Arena operations. A feature story on Coach Nico's American citizenship celebration will be in this week's newspaper. Preschool, Playschool and Staff are participating in the Prevent Pollinator Extinction People project.

Easter Egg Drop Off and Timber Park demolition videos were shared. We are planning for more video work this summer.

The number of website visitors has been increasing over the last few 30-day periods. The increase is promising and hopefully indicates people's comfort level returning to recreation.

North Park Manager

Manager Selimos reported that business is picking up, and he only had two cancelations for April, 2021. All events for May, 2021 have been confirmed, only one cancelation which was D84 PTA Dinner Dance.

Superintendent of Finance & Technology

Superintendent Bersani reported that the March revenue is increasing across the all Funds since COVID restrictions loosened. She also discussed that we will move forward with Demand Star to see if their quotes can help the Park District reduce costs.

Superintendent Bersani mentioned that fiscal year 2021-2022 budget is in good shape, nearing completion for presentation to the Board.

Superintendent of Recreation

Superintendent LoCascio reported that staff is getting ready for summer programs and aquatic staff training. We are able to use West Leyden for training and are waiting to hear back regarding Mannheim Pool.

Early childhood schools end next week.

Superintendent LoCascio stated that we are seeing positives with registrations in athletics, early childhood programs, schools for next year, fitness center, swim lessons and pool passes. Fitness memberships continue doing well.

We continue to adjust to new CDC guidelines, and waiting for IDPH guidance and PDRMA recommendations. We are still going to be cautious with Day Camp.

Commissioner Casas stated that staff did a great job on Remote Camp. She suggested having a theatre program. Superintendent LoCascio will have staff look into that. He stated that we are looking to still do Leyden Leagues.

WSSRA

Director Modrich talked with Marianne Birko. They are doing another Remote Derby Gala.

Unfinished Business

Ice Arena Fire Update

Will be discussed in Closed Session.

Fitness Center

Director Modrich good to see all the participants and the positive response.

Timber, Hawthorne and Little Pearl Parks

Director Modrich reported that once we started to discover buried items, a meeting was held right away.

Superintendent Wick reported that he found concrete and kept chasing and found more concrete. He cleared a 24' x 30' area, 60 cubic yards. We will continue to clean the property and prepare for renovations. A discussion was held.

Budget 2021-2022

Director Modrich reported that the PowerPoint and narrative are nearing completion. Looking at week of May 10 or 17 for Budget Meeting, He will include dates in the weekly report.

CV-19 Adaptation 2020

Director Modrich stated that are waiting for next moves from Governor and CDC. Important thing to note is all programs that we ran, Ice Arena opening, Fitness Center, Recreation programs. Residents are going

to remember that we did provide opportunities and at reasonable cost. Ice Show and Spring Leagues make a big difference.

Energy Utility Policy

Nothing to report at this time.

New Business:

No New Business.

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

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

Rise Out of Closed Session

Motion #5 by Commissioner Casas , second by Commissioner White to rise out of Closed Session at 8:19 p.m.

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

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

Building Permit Fees

The permits process for the Three-Park Project is underway. An effort to recover past fees will be made.

Adjourn at 9:07 p.m.

Motion #6 by Commissioner Casas, second by Commissioner White to adjourn at 9:07 p.m.

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

Joseph E. Zinga, Secretary