

**Park District of Franklin Park
Board of Park Commissioners
Regular Monthly Board Meeting
Tuesday, June 22, 2021; 7:00 p.m.
Centre at North Park
10040 Addison Street
Franklin Park, Illinois 60131
MINUTES**

Call to Order at 7:00 p.m.

President Zinga called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Absent: Commissioner AnneMarie Casas.

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; Steven Selimos, North Park Manager; Stephanie Bersani, Superintendent of Finance & Technology; Kevin Meyers, Ice Arena Manager; and Marco Galassini, Marketing & Communications Manager.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Additions, Corrections and Deletions to the Agenda.

Commissioner White added under New Business: Meeting moving back to Community Center.

Presentation / Approval of the Regular Board Meeting Minutes dated May 25, 2021

Motion #1 by Commissioner O'Connell, second by Commissioner Vonesh to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes dated May 25, 2021.

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

Presentation / Approval of Manual Bill Listing dated May, 2021 in the amount of \$254,369.24

Motion #2 by Commissioner White, second by Commissioner O'Connell to approve the May, 2021 Manual Bill Listing in the amount of \$254,369.24.

The Manual Bill Listing was reviewed.

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

Presentation / Approval of System Bill Listing dated June, 2021 in the amount of \$230,047.16

Motion #3 by Commissioner O'Connell, second by Commissioner Vonesh to approve the June, 2021 System Bill Listing in the amount of \$230,047.16.

The System Bill Listing was reviewed.

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

Reports of Officers and Commissioners

Commissioner O'Connell is surprised by the attendance for the Concert Series. Commissioner White suggested posting a sign where it is being held because he ran into someone who thought it was still in the gazebo area.

Correspondence

Thank you card from Nick and Ivory Rhymes for Get Well planter.

Staff Reports:

Director

Security System has been installed at the Community Center. Forest Security did a wonderful job and finished on time.

Jen Costa shared information about the pollinator program. She thanked Director Modrich for assigning her to the program. Director Modrich explained our bee hives are more of an educational approach.

Director Modrich reported that we went through a lot of different issues with the DFW Drive at the pool. After the last text on Friday, that is was resolved, we found that it was not working. The Serviceman Jacob Novak came back right away and fixed it. He had a wonderful attitude and quickly had it back up and running again. Vito, Nathan and Dan worked all week trouble shooting the problem(s) and handling Resident communication.

Commissioner Vonesh asked if the health insurance renewal rate was decreased. Manager Laskowski shared that we received an email informing us that the rate was being decreased, before we reached out to them. It was a nice surprise.

Ice Arena Manager

Manager Meyers discussed Summer Ice Arena programs; skating camp, skating lessons, hockey camp, hockey lessons, hockey clinics, and adult leagues. Fall Panther Hockey and registration begin in July.

Manager Meyers mentioned the jersey bid document, but since the meeting he remembered Orchard's Pro Shop still has in stock the jerseys from last year. Those jerseys were not able to be used by our teams. So we will purchase those jerseys that we had already agreed to purchase. We will not need to do the jersey bids this season

Superintendent of Parks

Superintendent Wick stated that even with the rain, the ground is still extremely dry. Staff are focused on weeding and watering and attempting to get as much water down as possible.

Drinking fountains were turned on. Vito repaired fountains that had leaks. Splash pads are up and running.

The South fence at Hawthorne Park was removed, and we will be removing North fence at Timber Park.

Marketing & Communication Manager

Manager Galassini reported that the Fall brochure materials were sent to Design Spring. We are expecting the first draft this week. Staff is also working on Summer newsletter stories. Jen Costa plans to write about our pollinator efforts.

This month we promoted summer sessions of Dance & Tumbling, Summer Camps, Summer Concert Series, Teen Night and Volleyball Camp. We claimed the Pool on Pacific's Google Business page and have uploaded all its information.

We are transitioning to a digital Discovery Day Camp newsletter received the reception we hoped for. There was an increase in open rate and click rates every week in Session I.

People & Places Newspaper and Neighbors magazine listed the Summer Concert Series schedule in their publications. People & Places has been in attendance covering the concerts.

The number of website visitors continues to increase. There was a significant increase in total pageviews for this 30-day period. Much of the web traffic went toward the Pool on Pacific. A pop-up message for pool related news will be added to corresponding webpages.

North Park Manager

Manager Selimos reported that all of our repeat Dance Clubs are coming back. Some have already started the rest will start in the next two months.

CNN is having Friday Bingo events outside with no update on when they will open the café inside.

Superintendent of Finance & Technology

Superintendent Bersani discussed Active Net training and it's process thus far. She shared that the Corporate Department is trying to work ahead to prepare for the final audit fieldwork and the anticipated "go live" date with Active Net falling in the same time frame.

Superintendent Bersani informed the Board about the recurring HP laptops issues and how Adan has worked with Sterling to fix issues that have arisen pertaining to the faulty Windows software preinstalled on the HP's.

Superintendent Bersani shared the Marquee issues and the anticipated method to fix it and extend the longevity of the signs. We are going to use an Ethernet cable to connect the two radios in hopes to fix the connection problems.

Superintendent of Recreation

Superintendent LoCascio reported that the DayCamp registration is more than doubled for the second session. Staff has done a good job adjusting at Hester and are using outside space a lot more. Campers are visiting the pool once a week.

The Pool on Pacific is going well. Superintendent LoCascio stated that there are a lot of changes and adjustments as the season has gone on, but Managers and staff are adapting. We are upping our capacity to 100 and allowing Franklin Park residents south of Grand Ave. Pool Front Desk Staff are working on being more communicative about no shows and the ability to still come to the pool when a session is full. We exceeded our Ellis Audit on Sunday.

Sport Camps and Youth Athletics participation are going well. Dance classes start this week and registration is going good as well. The dance recital video was released and pictures should be complete by next week. Concerts are well attended and the new location is working.

Our intern Mel has been a big help to the Recreation Department.

WSSRA

Director Modrich shared that in conversations with Marianne Burko they are having some issues with participants coming back. Director Modrich will be attending a Finance meeting next week.

Unfinished Business

Ice Arena Fire Update

Will be discussed in Closed Session.

Timber, Hawthorne and Little Pearl Parks

Director Modrich stated that we are trying to get them moving along and catch up with Hawthorne Park.

Motion #4 by Commissioner O’Connell, second by Commissioner White to ratify Payout #001 to Integral Construction Inc.in the amount of \$63,321.00, as recommended by Hitchcock Design and staff, for Hawthorne Park, Timber Park and Little Pearl Park Improvements.

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

Motion #5 by Commissioner O’Connell, second by Commissioner White to approve Payout #002 to Integral Construction Inc.in the amount of \$39,960, as recommended by Hitchcock Design and staff, for Hawthorne Park, Timber Park and Little Pearl Park Improvements pending receipt of Certified Payrolls.

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

Budget 2021-2022

Superintendent Bersani reported that staff is working on uploading.

CV-19 Adaptation 2020

.A discussion was held regarding do we start migration to a honor system regarding masks. It was decided at this time that masks will still be required in our facilities.

Energy/Utility Policy

Director Modrich shared that we were informed that we may see huge spikes. We have three-year Natural Gas agreements.

New Business:

Pool on Pacific Pool Liner Replacement

A discussion was held regarding the Pool on Pacific Pool Liner Replacement.

Motion #6 by Commissioner O’Connell , second by Commissioner White to approve the purchase of a new Pool Liner from RenoSys Corporation, in an amount not to exceed \$118,135. RenoSys Corporation is the sole source provider of the i2M 60 mL PVC Pool Membrane in the United States.

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

Motion #7 by Commissioner White, second by Commissioner Zinga to move the Regular Monthly Board meetings back to the Community Center.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioners White, yes; Zinga, yes; Vonesh, no; O’Connell, 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 and Personnel 2(c)1

Motion #7 by Commissioner O’Connell, second by Commissioner Vonesh to enter into Closed Session at 8:39 p.m. to discuss Probable / Imminent Litigation 2(c)2 and Personnel 2(c)1.

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

Rise Out of Closed Session

Motion #8 by Commissioner O’Connell, second by Commissioner White to rise out of Closed Session at 9:07 p.m.

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

Building Permit Fees

No update at this time.

Commissioner Transition

Transition options were reviewed.

Adjourn at 9:17 p.m.

Motion #9 by Commissioner O’Connell, second by Commissioner White to adjourn at 9:17 p.m.

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

Michael A. Vonesh, Secretary