

**Park District of Franklin Park
Board of Park Commissioners
Regular Monthly Board Meeting
Tuesday, August 24, 2021; 7:00 p.m.
Community Center
9560 Franklin Avenue
Franklin Park, Illinois 60131
MINUTES**

Call to Order at 7:00 p.m.

President Zinga called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Roll Call

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

There were no Additions, Corrections or Deletions to the Agenda.

Presentation / Approval of the Regular Board Meeting Minutes dated July 27, 2021

Motion #1 by Commissioner O’Connell, second by Commissioner Casas to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes dated July 27, 2021.

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

Presentation / Approval of Manual Bill Listing dated July, 2021 in the amount of \$216,287.03

Motion #2 by Commissioner Casas, second by Commissioner Vonesh to approve the July, 2021 Manual Bill Listing in the amount of \$216,287.03.

The Manual Bill Listing was reviewed.

A discussion was held regarding catalytic converter lock.

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

Presentation / Approval of System Bill Listing dated August, 2021 in the amount of \$84,320.81

Motion #3 by Commissioner White, second by Commissioner Vonesh to approve the August, 2021 System Bill Listing in the amount of \$84,320.81.

The System Bill Listing was reviewed.

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

Correspondence

No correspondence was received.

Reports of Officers and Commissioners

Commissioner Casas shared that when attending her sons Leyden High School registration current students remembered their time at Discovery Camp and Menard Dionode and how it was a great experience for them and another student works for our Pool.

Commissioner Casas also ran into a girl who was a Freestyle 4/5 Ice Skater at our Ice Arena and she talked about some of her memories at the Ice Arena. It was nice to hear these positive comments.

Commissioner Casas commented that the quality of programs matter. The people we hire and the talent we retain matter long after these kids are gone they remember. That is how we make an impact.

Commissioner Casas received a school flyer advertising Wade's Afterschool program. The flyers were out the first week of school. It is healthy competition is good, keeps us on our toes.

Commissioner White gave his condolences to Commissioner O'Connell on the loss of her father.

Recess for Public Comment at 7:20 p.m.

President Zinga recessed for Public Comment at 7:20 p.m.

There was not Public Comment.

Reconvene at 7:21 p.m.

President Zinga reconvened Public Comment at 7:21 p.m.

Staff Reports:

Director

Director Modrich reported that our Artist Andi is in the process of doing some artwork for us for Project Aurelius.

Assistant Costa reported that the Bee Keeper Matt pulled eight frames from the hives. Turned out to be 30 pounds of honey. If we use 3 ounce bottles it is approximately 150 bottles. He replaced frames that were taken, and the ladies are doing a lot of work again.

Director Modrich reported that we are promoting our gardens in our parks.

A discussion was held regarding the Three Park Projects.

Marketing & Communication Manager

Manager Galassini reported that the Fall brochure was delivered to residents and it's been popular at the Community Center. We are working on predesign work for the Winter Spring 2022 brochure.

Schools Districts 83 and 84 are returning to their print flyer distribution. Mission Press is in the process of printing flyers for us. The Park District will have tables at District 84's open houses.

Fall registration and WSSRA's events were promoted this month on social media. Leyden Leagues, Dance and Micro Soccer. Job opportunities were posted in several community Facebook groups. Private Facebook groups for Tot School, Playschool and Preschool parents were set up.

Manager Galassini sent press release for the Leyden Leagues to the Franklin Park Herald-Journal, People & Places Newspaper and Neighbors Magazine. We have not heard from the Herald-Journal's editor lately and will follow up.

All Fall program and event information is on the website. IDPH's All Sports Policy is linked to corresponding pages.

Summer Camp assessment surveys were sent to parents. A pool pass holder survey will be sent once we close for the season. The Discovery Day Camp digital newsletter performed well for its first year. We'll look to build on it moving forward.

North Park Manager

Manager Selimos reported that events have been going smoothly with a lot of upcoming clients concerned with increased positivity rate and exposures. Anyone not comfortable eating inside we have been providing outdoor seating on the patio. He has been getting last minute requests for events for the month or the following due to a Banquet Hall in Melrose Park not being able to offer full service.

Superintendent of Finance/Technology

Superintendent Bersani discussed the end of life for Budget Maestro and the renewal, 1 vs 3 year, for Planning Maestro. The Board agreed the 3 year contract was the best route, as it provided the most cost savings.

A discussion was the results of the annual security scan performed by Sterling. Superintendent Bersani also noted the monthly monitoring and maintenance service has proven effective thus far.

Superintendent Bersani touched back upon credit card fees and the charges assessed by other districts, if any.

Superintendent of Recreation

Superintendent LoCasio reported that Day Camp concluded with a great Summer. Manager Rivera and the Day Camp Managers did a great job this Summer. Early Childhood Classes started today. Preschool is full with nineteen participants and the Afterschool Program has nine participants, and increasing.

The Pool on Pacific is winding down with two more weekends to go. We were able to accommodate two Pool Parties this week. Our new Program & Aquatics Manager Tim Skladzien started Monday and is getting acclimated.

Ice Arena Manager

Manager Meyers reported that the Ice Arena is hosting a benefit event Saturday, August 28 from 4:00-10:00 p.m. for the children of Glen Beason, a goalie and father of Panther Hockey players. Glen was 42 years old when he suffered a heart attack. Felecia Brandies and others have put together hockey games for youth and adult skaters to come together and help support the two children and their futures.

Superintendent of Parks

Superintendent Wick reported that with the continued heat we are operating a little different. Mowing or strenuous activities are being completed in the mornings. Watering and inside work being completed in the afternoon.

Supervisor Menolascina is checking the Pool in the morning and evenings during the week.

Superintendent Wick surveyed the parks last week and was agitated with the condition of Lincoln Park, so Friday the whole crew went and weeded. The front had been over taken by Indian hemp that I was originally told was milk weed. Cleared all of the front and hand weeded along the north side. Hoping to get staff back over this week to do more work.

WSSRA

Director Modrich reported that there was a long Finance Meeting yesterday. Discussion was held regarding surplus and Facility Fund.

Unfinished Business

Ice Arena Fire Update

Nothing new to report.

Timber, Hawthorne and Little Pearl Parks

Director Modrich reported that we are getting poor attention to detail by the contractors. The foundation for the chimney swift tower was rejected because they didn't have the rebar correct. A discussion was held.

Motion #4 by Commissioner Casas, second by Commissioner White to approve Payout #004 to Integral Construction Inc. in the amount of \$42,307, 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; Zinga, yes; Casas, yes; O'Connell, yes; White, yes. Motion carried.

Budget 2021-2022

Manager Bersani reported that every department is at about 25% for the current budget cycle which is encouraging to see.

CV-19 Adaptation 2021

Director Modrich reported that the Transition Team met to discuss what's ahead and to be prepared.

Energy/Utility Policy

Director Modrich is researching investing into Solar Energy.

New Business:

There was no New Business.

Suggested Motions:

There were no Suggested Motions.

Required Signatures

Manager Laskowski and Superintendent Bersani received the required signatures.

Closed Session to discuss Probable / Imminent Litigation 2(c)2 and Personnel 2(c)1

Motion #5 by Commissioner White, second by Commissioner Vonesh to enter into Closed Session at 8:31 p.m. to discuss Probable / Imminent Litigation 2(c)2 and Personnel 2(c)1.

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

Rise Out of Closed Session

Motion #6 by Commissioner White, second by Commissioner Casas to rise out of Closed Session at 10:02 p.m.

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

Building Permit Fees

Commissioner White recommended no further effort to be reimbursed for past permit fees. The Commissioners agreed.

Commissioner Transition

Commissioners will review the information shared to date.

Adjourn at 10:05 p.m.

Motion #7 by Commissioner O’Connell, second by Commissioner Casas to adjourn at 10:05 p.m.

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

Michael A. Vonesh, Secretary