

**Park District of Franklin Park
Board of Park Commissioners
Regular Monthly Board Meeting
Tuesday, April 26, 2022; 7:00 p.m.
Community Center
9560 Franklin Avenue
Franklin Park, Illinois 60131
MINUTES**

Call to Order at 7:04 p.m.

President Zinga called the meeting to order at 7:04 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; Jen Costa, Parks Services Assistant; Steven Selimos, North Park Manager; Marco Galassini, Marketing & Communications Manager; Stephanie Bersani, Superintendent of Finance & Technology; Kevin Meyers, Ice Arena Manager; Liz Visteen, (incoming Superintendent of Recreation) and Attorney Thomas Hoffman.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Additions, Corrections and Deletions to the Agenda

No Additions, Corrections and Deletions to the Agenda.

Presentation / Approval of the Regular Board Meeting Minutes dated March 22, 2022

Motion #1 by Commissioner O'Connell, second by Commissioner Casas to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes dated March 22, 2022.

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

Presentation / Approval of Manual Bill Listing dated March, 2022 in the amount of \$238,754.72.

Motion #2 by Commissioner Casas, second by Commissioner O'Connell to approve the March, 2022 Manual Bill Listing in the amount of \$238,754.72.

Manual Bill Listing was reviewed.

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

Presentation / Approval of System Bill Listing dated April, 2022 in the amount of \$71,010.74

Motion #3 by Commissioner White, second by Commissioner Vonesh to approve the April, 2022 System Bill Listing in the amount of \$71,010.74.

System Bill Listing was reviewed.

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

Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

Reports of Officers and Commissioners

Commissioner Vonesh congratulated staff on a great job with Earth Day event. There was a good turnout and it was well received.

Commissioner O'Connell also congratulated staff on a great job with Earth Day and thanks for the honey.

Commissioner Casas shared that the Spring Fever Competition was a success with over 125 skaters came from 8 Skating clubs. Parents commented it was nice to be back.

Commissioner Casas stated that our skaters are gearing up for the 2022 ISI Worlds Competition that will be held in Bensenville. There was an information session last night, we have 10 teams signed up to compete and represent Franklin Park.

She also shared that next month is our Spring Show, and the cast party will take place at North Park. Special thanks to Director Modrich, Manager Selimos and Manager Raucci for coordinating. It's a great opportunity to collaborate between our two departments. We have so many families that will experience what our banquet hall has to offer for the first time.

Commissioner Casas recently attended the Leyden art show, Students showcased their art projects. She is wondering if we could offer an art class for adults. The art teacher mentioned we could probably get someone from the Elmhurst art school that would love the teaching experience. Superintendent Visteen will look into this.

Commissioner Casas received a request from a couple Ice Arena parents for a bike rack. Some of our neighborhood teen skaters plan on biking to camp but there is no bike rack. Staff will look into.

Commissioner Casas apologized for missing Earth Day, she heard it was a wonderful day.

Recess for Public Comment at 7:21 p.m.

President Zinga recessed for Public Comment at 7:21 p.m.

No public comments.

Reconvene at 7:22 p.m.

President Zinga reconvened Public Comment at 7:22 p.m.

Staff Reports:

Director

Director Modrich reported that Timber and Belmont / Hawthorne Park will be open on Friday. This is possible with Superintendent Wick leading the project that has gotten us here. Grand Openings are scheduled for May 19.

Director Modrich reported that the Capital Projects Fans Ionization Disinfection are all done except for the gym. The Air is being cleaned when the blue light is on.

Director Modrich stated that Assistant Costa had a very nice display at Earth Day. Mission Printing printed labels for our honey jars. Assistant Costa gave an update on the bee hives.

We are waiting patiently on the DCEO Grant.

Superintendent of Finance/Technology

Superintendent Bersani is working on budget, Adan will be working at the Pool getting it ready for season. Positive Pay is up and running, and working well. Commissioner Casas stated that she is glad we are doing Positive Pay.

Superintendent of Recreation

Superintendent Visteen reported that the transition going smoothly learning Purchasing, pool, budget, etc.

Staff is working hard on the Pool, just need a couple more lifeguards. Pool Managers have been great.

Dance recital planning is going well, distributing costumes, etc.

Assistant Costa was the leader in planning Earth Day and it went really well.

The fields have been wet. Vipers are scheduled to start next week due to the wet fields. Discussion was held regarding fields.

Discussion held regarding Narwhal Swim Team.

Fitness membership doing well.

Teen Night had 85 kids in attendance and so many volunteers.

Day Camps are ready to begin.

Ice Arena Manager

Manager Meyers reported that two of our Girls U19 players were selected to play in the Americas Showcase Tournament in St. Louis and won.

A fire alarm was sent off by the coffee pot steam on Sunday, and Assistant Manager Monroe handled it.

Superintendent of Parks

Superintendent Wick reported that with the grass growing we will start cutting this week. Ballfields work and daily cleaning of North Park. We received one of the bicycle carts that will be used for ballfields maintenance at North Park.

Supervisor Menolascina is handling the Pool startup. He has started to clean the liner and plans are to start filling Friday. Expansion joints were cleaned out at the Pool and will be finished by opening day, they are gathering all of the material and is about two weeks out.

The cameras at North Park caught two juveniles graffiti North Park. The police were able to locate both of them and we have a court date of May 19. When we were unable to completely clean it off in house. JSL was called out and needed two different chemicals to remove the ink.

The Board is happy with the fence that was installed at North Park and the tulips throughout the District look very nice. President Zinga thanked staff for getting the fence up quickly.

Marketing & Communication Manager

Manager Galassini reported that earlier this month, the Summer brochure was mailed to residents. Staff has started working on the Fall 2022 brochure.

The Park District was able to represent at District 84 Open Houses. Our marketing table was also on display at Breakfast with Bunny and Earth Day. Lawn Signs promoting employment opportunities are throughout the district. We are waiting for the No Mow Till Mother's Day lawn signs. Documents for camp and preschool graduation are being finalized.

This month on social we promoted Early Bird Pool Passes, Narwhal Swim Team, Swim Lessons, Earth Day and Open Play.

The Franklin Park Herald-Journal published photos of Breakfast with Bunny and the Easter Egg Hunt. Joe Modrich and Dan LoCascio spoke with Pioneer Press freelancer George Castle regarding the Director transition. The article was published online and will be in this week's paper.

Email promotions were sent for Early Bird Pool Passes. A number of surveys are being prepared as school year programs come to an end.

Commissioner Casas thanked Manager Galassini for adding the Ice Arena Camps. President Zinga follows Facebook and he likes blurbs he posts.

North Park Manager

Manager Selimos is working on price comparisons and focusing on bookings.

WSSRA

Marianne Birko will be at the May Board meeting.

Unfinished Business

Ice Arena Fire Update

Will discuss in Closed Session.

Timber, Hawthorne and Little Pearl Parks / Openings

Grand Opening is scheduled for May 19.

Budget 2022-2023

The Board will receive the PowerPoint presentation tonight to review.

CV-19 Adaptation 2021

Director Modrich commented that we are in a better place we were, can put this on sidebar. There was a lot of time and effort by every department to make the best we could with this. Full time employee helpful and committed, wonderful team effort. Excellent job by everyone.

Energy/Utility Policy

New ways to look at conversation, technology, best ways for cost avoidance and use.

Bid Process Ordinance for Discussion

A discussion was held.

New Business:*Resolution #21-22-3/R*

Motion #8 by Commissioner O'Connell, second by Commissioner Casas to adopt Resolution 21-22/3R.

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

Ductless Split System

Motion #4 by Commissioner White, second by Commissioner O'Connell to approve the purchase of the supply and installation of a Ductless Split System from General Mechanical for the Pool on Pacific, at a cost not to exceed \$12,895.

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

36" Stander Mower

Motion #5 by Commissioner O'Connell, second by Commissioner Casas to approve the purchase of a 36" Stander Mower from Russo Equipment, at a cost not to exceed \$8,390.

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

Ordinance #21-22-7/O – An Ordinance Authorizing and Directing the Sale of Certain Used Property

Motion #6 by Commissioner O'Connell, second by Commissioner White to adopt Ordinance #21-22-7/O, An Ordinance Authorizing and Directing the Sale of Certain Used Property.

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

School District 84 Intergovernmental Agreement

Superintendent LoCascio shared with the Board that there never has been an agreement in place. A discussion was held.

WSSRA Representatives Appointments

Motion #7 by Commissioner Casas, second by Commissioner O'Connell to appointment Daniel LoCascio as the Regular Representative, and Liz Visteen as the alternate to the WSSRA Board of Directors for the Park District of Franklin Park for 2022.

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

Suggested Motions:

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 #9 by Commissioner Casas, second by Commissioner White to enter into Closed Session at 8:28 p.m. to discuss Probable / Imminent Litigation 2(c)2 and Personnel 2(c)1.

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

Rise Out of Closed Session

Motion #10 a motion was made and seconded to rise out of Closed Session.

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

Adjourn

Motion #11 a motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

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

Michael A. Vonesh, Secretary