

**Park District of Franklin Park  
Board of Park Commissioners  
Regular Monthly Board Meeting  
Tuesday, November 22, 2022; 7:00 p.m.  
Centre at North Park  
10040 Addison Avenue  
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 Joseph E. Zinga, AnneMarie Casas, Susan E. O'Connell, Michael A. Vonesh and Mark K. White.

Also Present: Daniel LoCascio, Director of Parks and Recreation; Maria Laskowski, Human Resources Manager; Nathan Wick, Superintendent of Parks; Marco Galassini, Marketing & Communications Manager; Kevin Meyers, Ice Arena Manager; Stephanie Bersani, Superintendent of Finance & Technology; Steven Selimos, North Park Manager and Attorney Thomas Hoffman.  
Absent: Liz Visteen, Superintendent of Recreation.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Additions, Corrections and Deletions to the Agenda**

No additions, corrections and deletions were made to the Agenda.

**Bond Sale Presentation by Raphaliata McKenzie from Speer Financial, Inc.**

Motion #1 by Commissioner O'Connell, second by Commissioner Casas to accept the bid from Busey Bank in the amount of \$ 1,118,115 with a 3.55% Net Interest Rate for the General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds, Series 2022.

Raphaliata McKenzie reviewed the Bond Sale. The Board thanked her for coming to the meeting.

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

**Bond Series 2022 - Ordinance #22-23-5/O**

Motion #2 by Commissioner O'Connell, second by Commissioner Casas to adopt Ordinance #22-23-5/O, an Ordinance providing for the Issue of \$1,118,115 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds, Series 2022, for the Building, Maintaining, Improving and Protecting of Land Purchased or Condemned for Parks and the Existing Land and Facilities of the District, and for the Payment of the Expenses Incident thereto, Providing for the Levy of a Direct Annual Tax to Pay the Principal and Interest on said Bonds, and Authorizing the Sale of Said Bonds to Busey Bank, Mt. Prospect, Illinois.

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

**Presentation / Approval of the Regular Board Meeting Minutes dated October 25, 2022**

Motion #3 by Commissioner Casas, second by Commissioner O'Connell to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes dated October 25, 2022.

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

**Presentation / Approval of the Closed Session Meeting Minutes dated October 5, October 26, November 23, December 7, December 14, 2021 and October 25, 2022**

Motion #4 by Commissioner White, second by Commissioner O'Connell to approve the Closed Session Meeting Minutes dated October 5, October 26, November 23, December 7, December 14, 2021 and October 25, 2022, as presented by Director LoCascio.

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

**Presentation / Approval of Manual Bill Listing dated October, 2022 in the amount of \$195,060.98**

Motion #5 by Commissioner Casas, second by Commissioner White to approve the October, 2022 Manual Bill Listing in the amount of \$195,060.98.

The Manual Bill Listing was reviewed.

A discussion was held regarding ActiveNet invoices and poor service.

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

**Presentation / Approval of Manual Bill Listing dated November, 2022 in the amount of \$49,010.29**

Motion #6 by Commissioner Casas, second by Commissioner O'Connell to approve the November, 2022 System Bill Listing in the amount of \$49,010.29.

The System Bill Listing was reviewed.

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

**Correspondence**

No correspondence as received.

**Reports of Officers and Commissioners**

Commissioner Casas stated that Trick or Treat in the Park and Scary Skate were very well received events. Nice job to the staff. The Starr Blades had their first competition in Kalamazoo. Great to represent Franklin Park there. Positive comments are always heard on the quality of our ice. Teen Night very nice and her son and friends enjoy it. Commissioner Casas thanked Superintendent Wick for installing the bike racks.

Commissioner O'Connell commented the Winter Spring Brochure it's awesome. She thanked staff for moving everything for the water main replacement.

Commissioner White commented the Trick or Treat in the Park event was well attended and we have had good weather both years.

President Zinga echoed comments on Trick or Treat in the Park event. He commented the Bike Racks are very nice. Director LoCascio stated that the Bike Racks were all Superintendent Wick's idea and follow through.

**Recess for Public Comment at 7:48 p.m.**

President Zinga recessed for Public Comment at 7:48 p.m.

**Reconvene at 7:59 p.m.**

President Zinga reconvened Public Comment at 7:49 p.m.

**Staff Reports:**

*Director*

Director LoCascio received specs from architect for North Park window and doors project. He is hoping to advertise in December and move forward with project in January.

Director LoCascio stated the staff did an excellent job of moving programs around for the Community Center. Manager Selimos did openly and accommodated staff and programs. Director LoCascio appreciates everyone's efforts.

*Superintendent of Recreation*

Superintendent Visteen is out ill. Recreation staff adapted the move of programs. Volleyball going well. We will be participating in Tree Lightening Ceremony with a craft table.

*Ice Arena Manager*

Manager Meyers reported the CCM World Tournament Invite was held first weekend in November. Speed Skating Event second weekend. NWHL scheduling meeting held at North Park the third weekend. The Holiday Ice Show is the first weekend in December.

Manager Meyers reported two days ago lower drain back in storage area got a little bit of water. Village took care of the blockage in the main sewer.

Manager Meyers reported there is a ten week lead time on construction of batteries.

*Superintendent of Parks*

Superintendent Wick reported in the Spring a fence was ordered for back of North Park, finally arrived and will be installed in next week.

Parks staff is trying to clean up parks and ready for Winter with the nicer weather. Salt spreader was installed due to the early snow.

Honey sales are doing well. Hives were winterized last week. Assistant Costa applied for a grant for an observational hive.

Superintendent Wick is working with Samson Lewerenz on his Eagle Scout project that needs to be done by end of December. He is replacing planter beds at James Park that are rodged and worn out.

Superintendent Wick gave update on the Diesel Dump Truck replacing transmission repairs.

*Marketing & Communication Manager*

Manager Galassini reported the Winter Spring Brochure was delivered and uploaded digital. New digital platform has more features. He is working on the Winter Recreations Newsletter. Winter Break Camp flyers will go to students next week. We will have an information table at the PTA Community BBQ Day.

Manager Galassini attended the first combined Chamber meeting.

*North Park Manager*

Manager Selimos reported closed Thursday only for Thanksgiving and there are events through the weekend. Starting 2023 will be updating the pricing. He will forward updated pricing to the Board for December Board meeting.

Centre Circle also being rented for parties. Limited to amount of table and chairs, will be looking to purchase more.

*Superintendent of Finance/Technology*

Superintendent Bersani reported finalizing the Audit is ongoing. We will be filing for an extension. All budgets are either at 50% or more and are on target revenue wise.

*WSSRA*

Director LoCascio reported there is a potential new member. Director Birko is in the initial engagement stage.

**Unfinished Business**

*Community Center Water Service Replacement*

Director LoCascio reported everything is piped in to the building. Once water is clear the pipes will be connected. Director LoCascio reviewed the Change Orders. A discussion was held.

**Motion #7** by Commissioner O’Connell, second by Commissioner Casas move that President Zinga be authorized to approve the following Agreed Upon Unit Price #1 and 2 Change Orders to the new water pipe connection contract and project with John Neri Construction Co., Inc.:

AUP #1 - 8" x 4" Pressure Connection in 48" Diameter Valve Vault	
w/Type 1 Frame and Closed Lid	\$9,600.00
AUP #2 - Cut and Cap Existing 8" Water Main	\$1,600.00

(\$11,200 total), subject to his first obtaining from Daniel LoCascio a determination in writing that the change order is in the best interest of the Park District of Franklin Park and authorized by law.

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

*Park District of Franklin Park Staff/Commissioners Christmas Party, December 9 from 6:00-10:00 p.m. at the Ice Arena*

Manager Laskowski gave an update on the Christmas Party.

*IAPD/IPRA Conference January 26-28, 2023*

Let Manager Laskowski know if you are attending.

**New Business:***North Park Entry Walkway Bid*

Director LoCascio reviewed the bids received. We will not be doing the Alternate.

Motion #8 by Commissioner White, second by Commissioner Casas to approve the base bid only from A-Lamp Concrete Contractors, Inc., as the lowest responsible bidder for the North Park Entry Walkway in the amount of \$94,608.00.

The bid is for concrete only, we will be doing landscaping in house and adding sprinkler system.

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

**Suggested Motions**

No suggested

**Required Signatures**

Manager Laskowski received the required signatures.

**Closed Session to discuss Probable / Imminent Litigation 2(c)2, and Personnel 2(c)1 at 8:41 p.m.**

Motion #9 by Commissioner White, second by Commissioner Casas 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 at 9:53 p.m.**

Motion #10 by Commissioner White, second by Commissioner Vonesh to rise out of Closed Session at 9:53 p.m.

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

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

Motion #11 by Commissioner Casas, second by Commissioner O'Connell to engage the Litico Law Group to defend the Park District on the terms set forth in its engagement letter as presented and that the President sign and return same.

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

**Adjourn at 10:02 p.m.**

Motion #12 by Commissioner White, second by Commissioner Casas to adjourn at 10:02 p.m.

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

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Michael A. Vonesh, Secretary