

FRANKFORT SQUARE PARK DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING
April 16, 2026

The following are Minutes of a meeting of the Frankfort Square Park District Board of Commissioners held at the Park District Administration Building, 7540 W. Braemar Lane, Frankfort, Illinois.

I. Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Present were: Lauren Breedlove, Phil Cherry, Frank Florentine, Joseph King, and Denis Moore.

Ryan Holley joined the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

Craig Maksymiak joined the meeting at 7:05 p.m., *see Sect. IV below*.

Also present were: Audrey Marcquenski, Executive Director/Secretary, and Linda Mitchell, Recording Secretary and members of the public, Michael and Patty Sherman.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Consideration to Allow an Off-Site Board Member to Participate Remotely

Frank Florentine made Motion 26-2094 to allow President, Craig Maksymiak to remotely participate in this April 16, 2026 meeting of the Park Board of Commissioners. Lauren Breedlove seconded.

Vote on Motion: Ayes: Lauren Breedlove, Phil Cherry, Frank Florentine, Ryan Holley, Joseph King, and Denis Moore. Abstained: None. Nays: None. Motion passed.

V. Public Input

Patty Sherman addressed the Park Board to express her ongoing concerns regarding the noise level nearby homeowners experience from the Champions Park pickleball courts and requested consideration to relocate the courts to a currently unused facility within the community.

Vice President Denis Moore thanked Mr. and Mrs. Sherman for their input, noting that he appreciates their concerns, and that a response will be provided shortly.

VI. Correspondence

Ms. Marcquenski presented the following correspondence for Board review.

A. Appreciation

Thank you received from the Lincoln-Way East Music Boosters, recognizing the Park District's support through donations of Square Links golf foursomes, which were used as raffle prizes at their three Fish Fry events.

Acknowledgement and appreciation of the ongoing support Ed Reidy, Superintendent of Parks has provided to Troop 732, throughout the Troop's history.

VII. Presentation of March 19, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes and March 19, 2026 Executive Session Minutes.

Phil Cherry made Motion 26-2095 to accept the March 19 , 2026 Board Meeting Minutes, as presented. Ryan Holley seconded.

Vote on Motion Ayes: Lauren Breedlove, Phil Cherry, Frank Florentine, Ryan Holley, Joseph King, Denis Moore, and Craig Maksymiak. Abstained: None. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Audrey Marcquenski distributed written copies of the March 19, 2026 Executive Session Minutes to each Board Member and requested review and approval of same.

Joseph King made Motion 26-2096 to accept the March 19, 2026 Executive Session Minutes, as presented. Lauren Breedlove seconded.

Vote on Motion Ayes: Lauren Breedlove, Phil Cherry, Frank Florentine, Ryan Holley, Joseph King, and Denis Moore. Abstained: Craig Maksymiak. Nays: None. Motion passed.

VIII. Legal Report

No report.

IX. Treasurer's Report

On behalf of the Board of Commissioners, Vice President, Denis Moore, accepted the March Treasurer's Report, pending audit.

Frank Florentine made Motion 26-2097 to accept the Accounts Payable Listing. Phil Cherry seconded.

Vote on Motion Ayes: Lauren Breedlove, Phil Cherry, Frank Florentine, Ryan Holley, Joseph King, Denis Moore, and Craig Maksymiak. Abstained: None. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Audrey Marcquenski presented the 2026/2027 Operating Budget, a copy of which was provided to each Board Member in advance of said meeting and requested consideration of same.

Ryan Holley made Motion 26-2098 authorizing the adoption of the 2026/2027 Operating Budget as presented. Joseph King seconded.

Vote on Motion Ayes: Lauren Breedlove, Phil Cherry, Frank Florentine, Ryan Holley, Joseph King, Denis Moore, and Craig Maksymiak. Abstained: None. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Audrey Marcquenski presented the 2026/2027 Project List, a copy of which was provided to each Board Member in advance of said meeting and requested consideration of same.

Lauren Breedlove made Motion 26-2099 to approve the 2026/2027 Project List as presented. Frank Florentine seconded.

Vote on Motion Ayes: Lauren Breedlove, Phil Cherry, Frank Florentine, Ryan Holley, Joseph King, Denis Moore, and Craig Maksymiak. Abstained: None. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Audrey Marcquenski requested consideration to authorize the Executive Director to transfer funds from Corporate to balance certain other funds at the end of the fiscal year.

Phil Cherry made Motion 26-2100 to authorize the Executive Director to transfer funds from Corporate to balance certain other funds at the end of the fiscal year, as requested. Frank Florentine seconded.

Vote on Motion Ayes: Lauren Breedlove, Phil Cherry, Frank Florentine, Ryan Holley, Joseph King, Denis Moore, and Craig Maksymiak. Abstained: None. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Ms. Marcquenski reported that the Debt Service fund is estimated to have a \$13,000 shortfall as Will County determines the funding level. She further noted that the District had the option to increase the annual General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds by \$9,000 per its debt service extension base; however, it was determined that the increase was not necessary.

X. Executive Director's Report

PRI completed a topographical survey for the Union Creek Park field improvement project. The next phase will include a grading study to ensure the fields are properly engineered for effective drainage.

Annual full-time staff reviews are scheduled for the week of April 27.

Ms. Marcquenski thanked the College Scholarship judges for their efforts in scoring the 2026 applications. Seven candidates were selected for scholarship awards, and Frank Florentine and Phil Cherry will represent the Park District at the May 7 Community Scholarship Night at Lincoln-Way East High School.

The Hunter Prairie Park audit was successfully completed by Lauterbach & Amen with no findings. Sue Baker submitted the report through the OSLAD grant AmpliFund portal, where it is currently under review by the IDNR. The District anticipates receiving the final \$300,000 distribution during the 2026–2027 fiscal year.

Planning for the Hunter Prairie Party in the Park grand opening celebration, scheduled for June 10, 2026, is underway with fun activities, that include a visit by LWSRA's sensory bus.

Ms. Marcquenski requested an Executive Session at the conclusion of this meeting.

XI. Department Reports

A. Maintenance

The District is looking forward to welcoming Alec Flamm back as Park Foreman on April 20.

A former part-time maintenance employee will also return this summer, and Ms. Marcquenski anticipates having a full team by the end of the calendar year.

Commissioner, Joseph King, asked if maintenance staff are required to complete equipment refresher training every two years. Ms. Marcquenski responded that the District will take that under consideration and the District meets PDRMA standards.

With the start of the spring season, maintenance staff have been busy preparing athletic fields and reopening offsite facilities.

B. Recreation

BDC Company has enjoyed a successful competition season that concluded on April 12. The dance program is now preparing for their annual Showcase, scheduled for May 9 at the Lincoln-Way East Performing Arts Center.

The summer brochure was sent to the printer and will be delivered to residents' mailboxes by the end of April.

Online registration opens to residents on May 7, and walk-in and non-resident registration begins on May 9.

Ms. Marcquenski was pleased to report that Greg Beaudin is again managing the District's popular youth soccer programs.

C. Information Technology

No report.

D. Special Recreation

Sufficient information was included in the April Executive Director's Report.

E. Finance and Planning

No report.

F. Golf Course

Square Links had a strong start to the 2026 season thanks to favorable weather conditions and an influx of new golfers that previously frequented White Mountain Golf Park in Tinley Park.

Golf lessons are scheduled to begin in late April. Ms. Marcquenski reported that newly hired Golf Pro Suzie Owens is expected to bring renewed energy to Square Links, primarily through expanded youth programs and the women's league.

In response to a question posed by Commissioner, Phil Cherry, Ms. Marcquenski stated that the Park District schedules group golf lessons and golfers contact the Golf Pros, Matt Major and/or Suzie Owens to schedule private lessons.

G. Office

Ms. Marcquenski commended the front office staff for their teamwork, noting their willingness to support one another and remain flexible when colleagues require time off.

The District also welcomed Janelle Witry, who began her employment as a part-time office receptionist on April 16.

The Park District is planning to form a team in support of the Miles for Maddog event on June 27, benefiting the Maddog Strong Foundation.

H. Risk Management

Sufficient information was included in the April Executive Director's Report.

I. Community Updates

No report.

J. FOIA

The March FOIA cost spreadsheet was updated online to include attorney fees. Ms. Marcquenski reported that this was the most costly FOIA request since the District began tracking these expenditures in 2019.

XII. Old Business

No old business was discussed.

XIII. New Business

Joseph King led a discussion regarding the potential to offer nighttime golf at Square Links, citing expressed interest from residents.

Ryan Holley stated that downlighting could lessen the impact on surrounding homes. Denis Moore noted that prior to considering such an option, the Park District would need to survey residents to determine the level of interest.

Commissioners' Comments

Ryan Holley asked if Wildcats Wrestling is utilizing Lincoln-Way North. Ms. Marcquenski responded that programs, outside of the Park District and FSBL, are now scheduled through Lincoln-Way School District 210.

Mr. Holley also suggested that the LWN pole barn could serve as a wrestling facility. Ms. Marcquenski noted that the pole barns are currently used for storage by the School District and the Park District.

Mr. Holley further suggested numbering the Kiwanis baseball fields to alleviate confusion regarding FSBL's game and practice locations and recommended installing additional Kiwanis Park signage that would be visible from St. Francis Road. Ms. Marcquenski stated that she would take these suggestions under advisement and will order appropriate signage for Kiwanis Park.

XIV. Executive Session

Frank Florentine made Motion 26-2101 to enter into Executive Session at 7:50 p.m. Lauren Breedlove seconded. Motion carried in a vote by voice.

Ms. Marcquenski provided updates regarding pending litigation in accordance with 5 ILCS 120/2(C)(11).

Phil Cherry made Motion 26-2102 to go out of Executive Session and return to open session at 7:55 p.m. Joseph King seconded. Motion carried in a vote by voice.

XV. Adjournment

Joseph King made Motion 26-2103 to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m. Frank Florentine seconded. Motion carried in a vote by voice.

Respectfully submitted:
Linda Mitchell