



REGULAR BOARD MEETING
 BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS OF PALATINE PARK DISTRICT
 Village of Palatine, 200 East Wood Street in Palatine
 Second Floor- Village Room B
 February 9, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Commissioner Sammons

Commissioners Present

Greg Sammons, President
 Jennifer Rogers, Vice-President
 Susan Gould
 Joe Petricca
 Michelle Rushing

Commissioners Absent

Staff Present

Benjamin Rea, Executive Director
 Andrea Fisher, Park Board Treasurer/Director of Finance
 Lisa Allie, Park Board Secretary/Executive Assistant
 Michelle Eckelberry, Director of District Services
 Sonia Austin, Superintendent of Finance
 Dayell Houzenga, Superintendent of District Services

Jim Holder, Director of Parks & Planning
 Amy Vito, Superintendent of Parks & Planning
 Colleen Palmer, Director of Recreation Facilities
 Josh Ludolph, Supt. of Recreation Facilities
 Katie Waszak, Supt. of Recreation Programming
 Alex Giannikoulis, Superintendent of Trades

Visitors and Citizens Present

Anthony Miceli, Speer Financial

Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Rogers moved, and Commissioner Petricca seconded that the agenda be approved. By a roll call vote, the agenda for the regular meeting of February 9, 2026, was approved. The result of the roll call vote follows:

AYE: Jennifer Rogers, Susan Gould, Joe Petricca, Michelle Rushing, Greg Sammons
 NAY: None
 ABSENT: None
 Motion carried.

Approval of Consent Agenda

The Board reviewed the previously distributed items posted on the consent agenda. Commissioner Rushing moved, and Commissioner Rogers seconded that the consent agenda be approved as presented. By a roll call vote, the following items on the consent agenda were approved: Regular Meeting Minutes of January 26, 2026, and Warrant #1. The motion was approved by a roll call vote; the result follows:

AYE: Susan Gould, Joe Petricca, Michelle Rushing, Jennifer Rogers, Greg Sammons
 NAY: None
 ABSENT: None
 Motion carried.

Visitors and Citizen's Comments

Director Rea shared that an anonymous letter addressed to the board from a resident was delivered this afternoon. He shared the letter, which stated that our programs are good, but not great. They also expressed concerns that the pathways through Community Park are not fully shoveled or salted, and that we don't provide a porta-potty year-round at Community Park. Director Rea explained that we do not shovel all our walks throughout the agency. We do salt a number of them, but not the center of a park, for many reasons. Director Holder added that there is a year-round porta-potty next to the ice rink at Community Park.

New Business

The Board reviewed a previously distributed board summary pertaining to approval of the Community Park tennis court restoration project. Commissioner Rogers moved, and Commissioner Petricca seconded that the Board of Park Commissioners approve the lowest responsible bidder, US Tennis Court Construction, Lockport, IL in the amount not to exceed \$105,744.54 for the Community Park tennis court restoration project through TIPS USA. Director's Holder and Rea answered Commissioner questions regarding the expected life of a tennis court and court markings for pickleball. The motion was approved by a roll call vote; the result follows:

AYE: Joe Petricca, Michelle Rushing, Jennifer Rogers, Susan Gould, Greg Sammons
NAY: None
ABSENT: None
Motion carried.

The Board reviewed a previously distributed board summary pertaining to approval of the 2026 Contractual Fertilizer through Harrell's LLC/Omnia Cooperative Purchasing Contract #RH-23-307. Commissioner Rogers moved, and Commissioner Rushing seconded that the Board of Park Commissioners approve Harrell's LLC, Lombard, IL in the amount not to exceed \$57,501.60 for the 2026 golf course and athletic field contractual fertilization program through Omnia Cooperative Purchasing. The motion was approved by a roll call vote; the result follows:

AYE: Michelle Rushing, Jennifer Rogers, Susan Gould, Joe Petricca, Greg Sammons
NAY: None
ABSENT: None
Motion carried.

The Board reviewed a previously distributed board summary pertaining to approval of Ordinance #26-03; an ordinance providing for the issue of \$2,059,935 General Obligation Limited Tax bonds, Series 2026, of the District for payment of land for parks, and for the building, maintaining, improving and protecting of the same 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 the bonds, and authorizing the sale of bonds to the purchaser thereof. Commissioner Rushing moved, and Commissioner Rogers seconded that the Board of Commissioners adopt Ordinance #26-03 providing for the issuance of General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds, Series 2026.

Director Rea introduced Anthony Miceli from Speer Financial. Anthony reported that five bids were received for the District's General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds. Barrington Bank and Trust was the winning bidder at 2.98%, with bids ranging up to 3.48% across the five submissions. He stated the issue was resized to \$2,059,935 based on the 2.98% bid, noting last year's issue was 60 basis points higher; with a 60 basis point improvement and growth in the debt service extension base, this year's issue is an additional \$208,000 compared to last year's one-year issue. The motion was approved by a roll call vote; the result follows:

AYE: Jennifer Rogers, Susan Gould, Joe Petricca, Michelle Rushing, Greg Sammons
NAY: None
ABSENT: None
Motion carried.

The Board reviewed a previously distributed board summary pertaining to approval of Approval of Decommissioned Policies. Commissioner Rushing moved, and Commissioner Rogers seconded that the Board of Park Commissioners approve the decommission of listed Admin Policies. Director Eckelberry clarified that a lot of these policies have already been board approved, but we have to approve the decommission of the policy in order to remove them from the books. The motion was approved by a roll call vote; the result follows:

AYE: Susan Gould, Joe Petricca, Michelle Rushing, Jennifer Rogers, Greg Sammons
NAY: None
ABSENT: None
Motion carried.

Executive Director Report

Director Rea reported on Keys for a Cause, the Senior Center Fundraiser and thanked everyone for attending the Volunteer Recognition Lunch on Saturday. He also shared that there is a chance we will be canceling the March 9th board meeting, with a final decision made a week before. We will have several items on the February 23rd agenda, and hopefully, the presentation from Hitchcock for the Master Plan.

Commissioner Reports/Future Agenda Items

Commissioner Gould complimented staff on the Volunteer Recognition Lunch and mentioned that the first installment of 2025 Cook County taxes will be payable on April 1st.

Commissioner Petricca also commended staff who worked on the Volunteer Recognition Lunch.

Commissioner Sammons agreed with the previous comments regarding the Volunteer Recognition Lunch. He also attended the IPRA Conference, which was very educational and fun.

Commissioner Rogers also complimented staff on the Volunteer Recognition Lunch and recognized Nancy for her attentiveness.

Commissioner Rushing agreed with all the comments on the Volunteer Recognition Lunch, which she attended previously as an affiliate representative; it was nice to see it from the other side.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Park Board on this date, Commissioner Rogers moved that the regular meeting be adjourned, and Commissioner Petricca seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a voice vote; the result follows:

AYE: Joe Petricca, Michelle Rushing, Jennifer Rogers, Susan Gould, Greg Sammons
NAY: None
ABSENT: None
Motion carried at 6:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

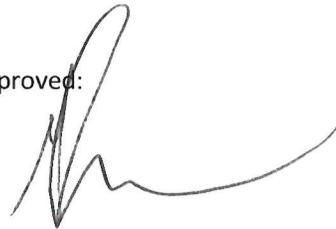
Lisa Allie
Park Board Secretary

Attest:



Lisa Allie
Secretary

Approved:



Greg Sammons
President

<u>2026 Park Board Meetings</u>		
February 23, 2026	June 8, 2026	October 12, 2026
March 9, 2026	June 22, 2026	October 26, 2026
March 23, 2026	July 13, 2026	November 9, 2026
April 13, 2026	July 27, 2026	November 23, 2026
April 27, 2026	August 10, 2026	December 14, 2026
May 11, 2026	August 24, 2026	
May 26, 2026	September 14, 2026	