

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting** of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Rolling Meadows Park District, Park Central Administration Building, 3000 Central Road, on **May 13, 2025**.

President Bolash called the meeting to order at 7:30PM. After the pledge of allegiance, roll was taken.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT**

Liz Bolash, President

Mark Votruba, Vice President

Jay Sullivan, Treasurer

Bill Cooley, Commissioner

Matt Postma, Commissioner

Emily Ford, Commissioner

Christine Savino, Commissioner

**STAFF PRESENT**

Nick Troy, Executive Director

Conor Cahill, Supt. of Recreation

Doug Haywood, Supt. of Finance & IT

Brian McKenna, Supt. of Parks

Bob Veller, Supt. of Ice

Dominic Calderisi, Safety Coordinator  
& Project Manager

Tiffany Quattrocchi, Mgr. of Human Resources  
& Employee Engagement

Liz Dalessandro, Recording Secretary

**VISITORS PRESENT**

Megan Burns

Rebecca Castro

Nicole Cecola

Tammy Cervone

Nancy Cizon

Chris Coconate

Frank Contine

Lindsay Cushing

Harlow Cushing

Quinn Cushing

Marharyta Dubina

Laura Duplantier

Kathy Dussel

Andrew Dussel

Olivia Dussel

Valeria Erokhina

Kevin Ferrigno

Darcy Foley

Kristi Garbarz

Kat Garibaldi

Anna Giba

Natalie Giba

Camilla Giba

Aleda Hill

Derek Ho

Samantha Hollenbach

Deb Jensen

Jamie Kanas

Rick Kanas

Bernie Kanas

Renee Kazecki

Milena Kazecki

Julie Kougias

Lily Kougias

Hongmei Lee

Bella Lee

Lexi Lee

Sandy Luciani

Ashley Maranda

Jen Martins

Yuko Maruyama

Carolyn McCarty

Agnes Miller

Rich Olejniczak

Ben Olson

Jenny Olson

Diane O'Sullivan

Laura Paprocki

George Pike

Beth Prewitt

Lily Prewitt

Alexander Pytlewicz

Melisa Ryzner

Rosanne Selvaggio

Tiffany Sfikas

Kohei Shinohara

Miwa Shinohara

Amanda Sperrazzu

Jon Stell

Alma K Tandoc-Alvarez

Michele Toth

Amanda Tucker

Evan Van Dyke

Helen Van Dyke

Angie Wille

Maria Zemniczky

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**

Comm. Bolash took notice of the number of visitors present at tonight's meeting and proposed the agenda be adjusted to have Recognition of Visitors take place before Special Board Action. Comm. Sullivan moved, seconded by Comm. Ford, to move up the Recognition of Visitors. The motion passed unanimously.

Comm. Bolash welcomed all of the visitors to the meeting and read the rules for visitor participation.

Rich Olejniczak wanted to address the board after hearing of the resignation of Leanne Walsh, Supervisor over the Learn to Skate Program. He expressed support for Supv. Walsh and discussed a petition signed by many other residents urging the board to look closer at this situation. He discussed Supv. Walsh's accomplishments and the shared resource that is the ice rink. Mr. Olejniczak ended his remarks by pointing out that this program has produced many successful skaters.

Rebecca Castro thanked the board for the opportunity to speak in support of Supv. Walsh. She spoke of her daughter's experience in the program and Supv. Walsh's contributions to her daughter learning the sport. Ms. Castro appreciates that her daughter has had a consistent set of coaches supporting her since the beginning of her time in the program. She then outlined her ideas for how she thinks the board can help.

Jamie Kanas advised she was here because of her concerns with Supv. Walsh's departure. She described Supv. Walsh's contributions to the community and how it has shaped the careers of so many skaters. Ms. Kanas speculated about the reasons behind Supv. Walsh's decision to leave and wants more information. She feels Supv. Walsh's departure will have a negative impact on the program and urged the board to take action.

Laura Duplantier thanked the board for the opportunity to speak in support of Supv. Walsh and the Learn to Skate program. She described her daughter's experiences in the program. Ms. Duplantier listed qualities of a good skater and pointed out that these qualities are learned from their coaches. She feels the quality and reputation of coaches are instrumental in building a strong program and urges the board to visit the rink and see our coaches in action.

Darcy Foley was present in support of Supv. Walsh and expressed concern over her departure. She feels Supv. Walsh is instrumental to the success of the Learn to Skate Program and discussed how she has positively affected the skaters. Ms. Foley mentioned the Mission, Vision, and Values Statements on our website and believes a key value has been overlooked. She urged the board to further examine the situation.

Aleda Hill attended the meeting as a mother of five skaters, and as someone that also skates on weekends. She described the large role that skating has played in her family. Ms. Hill went on to highlight issues she has with the facilities and program pricing. She said Supv. Walsh was always willing to work with her to make skating accessible for her family. Ms. Hill expressed support for Supv. Walsh, the program, and urged the board to do what they can to retain her.

Evan Van Dyke spoke in support of Supv. Walsh. He talked about both of his daughters skating in the program. Mr. Van Dyke is happy with the program and pointed out that it is one of only four rink partners promoted by the Chicago Figure Skating Club. He believes Supv. Walsh and the team she assembled was instrumental in achieving that. Mr. Van Dyke acknowledged the expense of maintaining an ice rink and the resources allocated to the Learn to Skate Program. He highlighted timeslots utilized and paid for by figure skaters that other users likely would not fill if there were no figure skaters. Mr. Van Dyke encouraged the board to examine the impact Supv. Walsh's departure could have on the program.

Anna Giba described how her two daughters became involved in the Learn to Skate Program and their passion for the sport. She voiced support for Supv. Walsh, and the coaching team as a whole, while

detailing the challenges she expects the program to face following Supv. Walsh's departure. Ms. Giba discussed the level of passion and dedication a figure skater needs and how, for true success, this should also be mirrored in their parents and coaches. She sees that in Supv. Walsh and her team and wants the board to prevent her departure.

Comm. Postma moved to extend the time to discuss this topic by an additional 10 minutes. Comm. Cooley seconded that motion, which passed unanimously. A visitor questioned the amount of time allotted to this topic, as they thought there was more time to discuss. Comm. Postma clarified the amount of time allotted to each speaker, each topic, and the Recognition of Visitors section itself.

Beth Prewitt attended tonight's meeting as a concerned resident. She detailed how her and her family became involved with ice sports, and their involvement in both the figure skating and ice hockey programs. Ms. Prewitt explained that her daughter enjoyed the program and even began private lessons to grow her skills. She shared that her daughter has been able to accomplish all her skating goals with the support and encouragement of her coaches, including Supv. Walsh. Ms. Prewitt ended her remarks by emphasizing how significant these programs have been to her family, and she wants other families to be able to experience it, as well.

Lily Prewitt began speaking to the board about her time in the Learn to Skate Program and stated Supv. Walsh has been a large part of her training. She detailed the ways Supv. Walsh helped her progress and thinks her departure would negatively impact the skaters. Ms. Prewitt commented on the skating community that thrives here alongside their coaches. She concluded by discussing the expertise needed to navigate the skating world, while highlighting that this knowledge lies within the coaches.

Kathy Dussel was present as a coach in support of Supv. Walsh. She described growing up in Rolling Meadows and her journey into skating. Ms. Dussel reflected going to school with Supv. Walsh and the other coaches at the district, and their growth in skating together. She has found the community built here to be a family. She expressed support for Supv. Walsh and does not want to see her leave.

Jen Martins started by expressing thanks and appreciation for everyone that came to show support for Supv. Walsh and she believes Supv. Walsh would share the same sentiment. She was also present in support of Supv. Walsh and as a concerned coach. Ms. Martins went on to discuss the annual Ice Show, describing how unique and special this event is to the community. She shared how important coaching is to her and that she is fortunate to have worked with Supv. Walsh. Ms. Martins offered to do what she can to help the situation and hopes there is a way to move forward with Supv. Walsh.

Comm. Bolash closed discussion on this topic and asked if any visitors were present to discuss a different topic. As there were no additional topics to discuss, Comm. Bolash thanked everyone for attending and sharing their thoughts. She assured everyone that the board is taking this situation very seriously. Comm. Bolash also wanted to dispel misinformation the board saw in the feedback they received. She started by assuring the visitors that our Skating Program is here to stay and the board is fully committed to both maintaining and improving the program. She clarified that programs work best when we all work toward a common goal and those goals do not revolve around any specific person. Comm. Bolash appreciates the public's passion for this program and its personnel, but the board cannot and will not publicly comment on personnel matters. She further stated that the Rolling Meadows Park District is an at-will employer, allowing employees to leave at any time for any reason. Comm. Bolash continued by stating the board is

always open to feedback and they will integrate tonight's feedback into our programs. She concluded her remarks by reiterating the board's commitment to serving the public and thanked everyone for attending and engaging with the board.

Comm. Bolash then asked if any other commissioners had closing thoughts on the matter. Comm. Cooley started by remarking on the signs made by the skaters attending tonight's meeting. He asked anyone that brought a sign to please hold it up so they could be properly seen. Comm. Cooley then discussed his own relationship to our rink and skating program. He shared that his daughters started skating here at the age of 3 and continued through college. Comm. Cooley acknowledged the passion and commitment of the skaters and their families, as well as the bond they share with their coaches. He assured everyone that the board wants the program to be great and thanked everyone for coming.

Comm. Postma expressed he had a heavy heart reading everyone's comments and the knowing the love patrons have for the program. He was worried the skaters, and their families, do not know how much this program matters to the board. Comm. Postma stated the board wants more for the skaters and the program. He welcomed further input from the community about their needs and the needs of the program, while acknowledging that certain requests may not be feasible.

Comm. Bolash formally closed the Recognition of Visitor segment of the meeting. She informed attendees that they were welcome to stay for the remainder of the meeting, while providing a brief recess to accommodate those wishing to exit the meeting. All visitors opted to leave the meeting.

#### **SPECIAL BOARD ACTION**

Comm. Bolash entered the next portion of the meeting, a Public Hearing for the proposed Ordinance 2025-0501, FY2025-26 Annual Budget and Appropriations. Comm. Savino moved, seconded by Comm. Postma to open the Public Hearing. The motion passed unanimously. Comm. Bolash declared the Public Hearing open for discussion.

As no members of the public were present, Comm. Savino moved, seconded by Comm. Sullivan to waive the reading of the ordinance. The motion passed unanimously. The tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance has been posted on our website and available at our Administrative Office for public viewing since May 2, 2025. Copies of the ordinance were also available for the public at this meeting. There being no questions or comments from the board, staff, or audience, Comm. Postma moved to adjourn the Public Hearing. Comm. Cooley seconded this motion, which passed on a roll call vote as follows:

Ayes: Bolash, Cooley, Ford, Postma, Savino, Sullivan, Votruba

Nays

Abstains:

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Comm. Ford moved, seconded by Comm. Postma, the Board of Park Commissioners approve the previously distributed consent agenda. The motion passed on a voice vote as follows:

Ayes: Bolash, Cooley, Ford, Postma, Savino, Sullivan

Nays:

Abstains: Votruba

**FINANCE**

The financial summary of the Park District as of April 30, 2025, is as follows: zero in the payroll account, \$25,000.00 in the administrative account, \$164,151.14 in the general fund. The Park District investment summary is as follows: \$30,463 in the BMO Harris Bank prime money market plus account, \$2,726 in the Evergreen Bank Group Cornerstone money market account and \$15,206,158 in the Illinois Park District Liquid Asset Fund (IPDLAF+).

Comm. Sullivan read and moved, seconded by Comm. Cooley, the Board of Park Commissioners approve the following resolution:

**A RESOLUTION PERTAINING TO THE APPROVAL OF BILLS  
CHARGED TO THE GENERAL CORPORATE FUND ON MAY 13, 2025**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS OF THE ROLLING MEADOWS PARK DISTRICT, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, that the following disbursements to the General Corporate Fund be approved for payment:

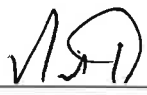
CHECK #	PAYEE	AMOUNT
15468	City of Rolling Meadows	\$22,256.57
15469	Park District Risk Management Agency	\$53,922.42
15470	Service Sanitation	\$1,891.30
15471	Warehouse Direct Workplace	\$18,038.09
15472	Special Leisure Services Foundation	\$2,680.00
15473	Halogen Supply	\$13,708.21
15474	KD Iron Works	\$2,850.00
15475	Community School District No. 15	\$19,807.00
15476	General Mechanical Services	\$5,591.32
15477	Collins Plumbing & Jetting	\$2,285.00
15478	Justin Snyder	\$1,460.60
15479	Verizon Wireless	\$1,768.65
15480	ExcalTech	\$1,098.00
15481	Constellation New Energy	\$4,511.01
15482	Homer Industries	\$1,560.00
15483	Deere & Company	\$21,766.96
15484	Colley Elevator	\$9,960.00
15485	Industrial Door	\$4,497.50
15486	Anthony Roofing	\$493,889.31
15487	Sterling Network Integration	\$11,557.94
15488	PlanSource	\$1,056.04
15489	Sarah Enzenbacher	\$1,920.00
15490	Civic Plus	\$57,170.00
15491	Chicago Classic Coach	\$2,670.00
15492	Hayes Mechanical	\$23,715.00
15493	Hacienda Landscaping	\$90,812.70
15494	Liquitt Solutions	\$1,667.00
15495	Rent.Fun	\$12,000.00

15496	Palatine Township Senior Center	\$2,678.00
15497	Divine Signs & Graphics	\$6,722.00

Total General fund Checks for May 13, 2025	<u>\$ 890,510.62</u>
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AYES:	Presented the 13th day of May 2025
NAYS:	
ABSENT:	Approved the 13th day of May 2025

  
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 President, Board of Park Commissioners

ATTEST:   
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 Secretary, Board of Park Commissioners

The motion was unanimously approved by all present.

**UNFINISHED OR CONTINUING BUSINESS**  
 None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Comm. Bolash introduced the first item of new business, approval of the Community Center Air Conditioning Project Proposal, and asked Supt. McKenna to further discuss this item. Supt. McKenna advised this project was discussed in a previous meeting and this is the final approval needed for the project to begin. He summarized that the project is to add a cooling system to the Community Center Gym and the proposed PremiStar contract is through the OMNIA Purchasing Agreement. Supt. McKenna advised that a structural engineer assessed the building and determined no additional structural steel was needed for the project. Comm. Cooley moved, seconded by Comm. Sullivan, to approve the PremiStar proposal for the Community Center Air Conditioning Project. The motion passed unanimously.

Comm. Bolash introduced the next item on the agenda, Approval of Ordinance 2025-0502, Pertaining the Authority to the Rolling Meadows Police Department, and asked Dir. Troy to further discuss this item. Dir. Troy offered to read the full Ordinance. Comm. Postma moved, seconded by Comm. Ford, to waive the reading of the Ordinance. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote. Dir. Troy went on to discuss the item. He stated we annually adopt a resolution authorizing the Rolling Meadows Police Department to act as our Park Police. Dir. Troy specified this Ordinance will replace the annual resolutions by providing the Rolling Meadows Police Department with ongoing authority to enforce our rules and ordinances. He hopes this small step will contribute to improving operational efficiency over time. Comm. Votruba then moved, seconded by Commissioner Savino, the Board of Park Commissioners approve Ordinance 2025-0502 Pertaining to the Authority to the Rolling Meadows Police Department. The motion passed on a roll call vote as follows:

Ayes: Bolash, Cooley, Ford, Postma, Savino, Sullivan, Votruba  
 Nays:  
 Abstains:

Comm. Bolash introduced the final item of new business, Approval of the updated Administrative Policy Manual, and asked Dir. Troy to further discuss this item. Dir. Troy started by thanking the commissioners

for their ongoing efforts in reviewing and approving the recent updates to manuals. He discussed the importance of periodic reviews of these materials and emphasized this manual's significant presence in the Distinguished Agency process. Dir. Troy detailed the changes made to the policy, most of which were relatively minor updates. Comm. Postma moved, seconded by Comm. Ford, to approve the updated Administrative Policy Manual. The motion passed unanimously.

### DEPARTMENT UPDATES

#### Administration:

Supt. Haywood advised he is working to finalize the previous fiscal year. He looks forward to formally adopting the new budget at our next meeting.

Mgr. Quattrocchi is glad the visitor portion of the meeting went smoothly and announced seasonal hiring is in full swing.

#### Ice:

Supt. Veller stated summer registration is going strong. He then announced that he, Supt. Cahill, and Dir. Troy worked through the process of obtaining new vending machines. Supt. Veller detailed the machines and their locations at West Meadows, Nelson Sports Complex, and the Community Center. There was topic discussion regarding the new machines and the variety of refreshments therein. Dir. Troy stated the outgoing concessions vendor at the Sports Complex has expressed interest in maintaining concessions by the pool for the remainder of this summer. Comm. Cooley asked if we have a vendor to run the concession stand at West Meadows. Dir. Troy advised this is something that will need additional discussion going forward. He believes other local districts will start to contract concessions instead of hiring personnel specifically for this purpose. There was additional topic discussion.

#### Parks:

Supt. McKenna updated the board on various projects throughout the district, including the Community Center Park Project, fencing for the soccer fields, and a new sidewalk project. He then discussed the status of the potential sidewalk at Kimball Hill Park. Supt. McKenna had the City of Rolling Meadows out to see the area and has been working with WT Group to draw up the plans. He thinks it would be beneficial for the board to also talk to WT Group about the project. Supt. McKenna then discussed other plans that would benefit people with accessibility issues. He wants to have some of them completed by the end of the summer so they can be part of the Distinguished Accreditation Process. Supt. McKenna then detailed his team's success in getting the pool ready for summer, with attention now moving onto the Splash Pad and Tot Pool. Comm. Cooley asked where the funds for the Kimball Hill sidewalk project would come from, specifically citing an ADA Fund. Dir. Troy advised we would like to use those funds, but there are other ADA projects that could be fully funded from that account, so additional discussion is needed. Comm. Bolash asked if the turf has been installed yet. Supt. McKenna advised it is not complete yet. He further advised that all measurements have been taken, the padding has been installed, and the turf would follow shortly. Comm. Votruba asked if there have been any other accessibility concerns brought up recently. Supt. McKenna advised there have not been any new issues. Dir. Troy discussed parking at Countryside Park still being an issue. There was topic discussion.

#### Recreation:

Supt. Cahill provided an overview of the events that took place over the weekend. He discussed the large turnout for the Fire Department's Pancake Breakfast, the Garden Club's Plant Sale, and for our booth at

the Rolling Meadows Family Services Day. Supt. Cahill then discussed upcoming meetings regarding the opening of the pool, as well as Lifeguard Training, which will begin this coming weekend. Comm. Bolash inquired about staffing for the previous weekend with three large events on the same day with overlapping times. Supt. Cahill advised. He further stated there was not a large demand for staff, with the Fire Department and Garden Club helping run their respective events, and only a few personnel being needed to run the Family Services booth. Supt. McKenna shared the number of his team members who were also present at these events.

### **REPORT OF OFFICERS**

President:

Comm. Bolash thanked staff and board members who spent many hours being present for residents' and skating families' needs. She is happy to see a difficult situation being handled so professionally.

Vice President:

Comm. Votruba voiced similar remarks to those made by Comm. Bolash.

Treasurer:

None.

Executive Director:

Dir. Troy provided an update regarding the recent flooding that occurred at Plum Grove Park. He detailed the extent of the damage and repairs that will be needed. Dir. Troy stated the building was assessed and deemed safe for participants and staff, so classes were able to resume. There was topic discussion regarding the brief disruption to programming and the associated revenue loss. Comm. Ford asked if there was damage to the Pilates equipment. Dir. Troy advised there is minor cosmetic damage, but the equipment is still in good condition.

### **MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

Comm. Sullivan briefly discussed the Fire Department Pancake Breakfast. He thinks it went well this year.

Comm. Cooley commented on the size of tonight's meeting. He appreciated the communication and feels that it will ultimately help the situation. Comm. Cooley commended Dir. Troy and the present staff for how they are handling the situation.

Comm. Ford acknowledged the additional time and work Comm. Bolash contributed to helping manage this situation. She praised Comm. Bolash's leadership abilities. Comm. Cooley expressed agreement with these sentiments.

Comm. Savino echoed both Comm. Cooley and Comm. Ford's sentiments. She then discussed backstop lights at Kimball Hill 2 that she noticed were not working properly. Dir. Troy requested clarification on the lights in question. Comm. Savino advised and said she can share pictures with him if it will help identify the lights. Supt. McKenna advised there was a similar issue last year around this time and it came down to an issue with programming of the lights. He further described how the situation was handled last year and assured Comm. Savino he would work to have it resolved quickly.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

President Bolash requested a motion to close the public portion of the meeting and convene in executive session pursuant to Illinois State Statute 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act for discussion regarding the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or specific volunteers. Comm. Sullivan moved, seconded by Comm. Ford, the Board of Park Commissioners convene in executive session. The motion was approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Ayes: Bolash, Cooley, Ford, Postma, Savino, Sullivan, Votruba  
Nays:  
Abstains:

The Commissioners entered into executive session at 9:11 PM.

Comm. Sullivan moved, seconded by Comm. Savino, to return to regular session at 10:27 PM. The motion passed unanimously.

**SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS**

Annual Board Meeting	May 27, 2025	7:30 PM
Regular Board Meeting	June 10, 2025	7:30 PM

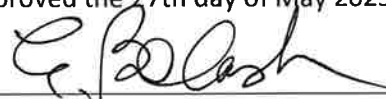
**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board on this date Comm. Votruba moved to adjourn the regular meeting. Comm. Postma seconded the motion at 10:28 PM. Motion was unanimously approved by all present.

AYES:  
NAYS:  
ABSENT:

Presented the 27th day of May 2025

Approved the 27th day of May 2025



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President, Board of Park Commissioners

ATTEST:



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Secretary, Board of Park Commissioners