

**DES PLAINES PARK DISTRICT
REGULAR PARK BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JULY 15, 2025**

ORIGINAL

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

President James Grady called the Regular Meeting of the Des Plaines Park District Board of Commissioners to order at 6:00 pm. Commissioners answering present to the roll call in person were Commissioner Erin Doerr, Commissioner Eli Williams, and President James Grady. Commissioner Jana Haas was not in attendance.

Staff in attendance were Executive Director, Donald Miletic; Director of Business, Annette Curtis; Director of Facilities and Recreation, Brian Panek; Director of Parks & Planning, Aurelio Marquez; Administrative Assistant, Julie Bohannon.

Guests: Joshua Ennis

II. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA: None

III. PRESENTATIONS: None

IV. COMMENTS FROM THE COMMUNITY: None

V. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

The following items are listed for the consent agenda:

- A. MINUTES – July 15, 2025
- B. EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES – NONE
- B.1 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES - NONE
- C. VOUCHER BILLS:

June 06, 2025	\$	421,357.62
June 20, 2025	\$	298,997.97

PAYROLL:

June 13, 2025	\$	398,676.73
June 27, 2025	\$	521,101.13

Commissioner Doerr “I move to accept the Consent Agenda.”

Seconded by Commissioner Williams

Discussion: None

Roll call: Commissioner Doerr, Aye; Grady, Aye; Williams, Aye;

Ayes: 3, Nays: 0, Absent: 1

Motion Carried: 3-0-0

VI. M-NASR REPORT:

Director Miletic discussed items in the MNASR Report.

Discussion: Commissioner Doerr will be attending the Liponi Foundation annual outing at the Chicago Dogs game to celebrate her birthday. Commissioner Doerr also noted that her friend Nicki has been newly appointed to the Liponi board.

VII. MONTHLY REPORTS

A. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Executive Director Miletic reviewed items contained in the written report. In addition, he reviewed the following:

- Blackhawk Dog Park to open early next week. 10 new trees were added. 4 were Oaks.
- Parks Department will construct dog agility items before the grand opening that is slated for the end of August.
- ALC is adding 2 electric lines to accommodate 2 new air conditioning units for the dance rooms. Units are due to arrive end of August.

Discussion: Commissioner Doer asked for clarification on the extreme heat policy for ALC and feels it should be in place across the board for both Park District & non-district activities scheduled at ALC. Executive Director Miletic said all summer dance activities have been moved to PLCC, resolving the issue.

A.1 ADMINISTRATION: NONE

Discussion: NONE.

B. REVENUE FACILITIES AND RECREATION: Director Brian Panek for report B:

- New conduct report in place for pools that will be filled out at time of occurrence and emailed directly to offender's parents.
- New safety measures in place at Chippewa for the drop slide limiting how many kids are allowed on the platform at one time and a yellow stand behind stripe was added as well.
- There have been 70 applicants for the Marketing Supervisor position.
- Tyler Fuchs and his wife Caitlin welcomed twin girls Palmer & Blair on July 9th.
- Cabanas at Mystic Waters have brought in \$29000.00 in revenue so far this year.

Discussion: Commissioner Grady expressed that he wants bad behavior at our pools nipped in the bud before it gets out of hand, and suggested that repeat offenders be kicked out. Director Panek said he is looking to broaden age restrictions for attending the pool without an adult, and is currently having additional full time staff checking in more often. Commissioner Grady inquired on the status of the River Room at the Golf Center. Director Panek said they host 4-5 events per week. Commissioner Grady inquired about the air conditioning that is down at Club Casa Café. Director Panek advised that it should be up and running by 7/16/25.

B.1 REVENUE FACILITIES: Superintendent Joseph Weber for report B.1:

Discussion: None

C. PARKS & PLANNING DEPARTMENT: Director Aurelio Marquez for report C:

- Turf at Dimucci is looking great.
- Leak at Mystic Waters was repaired with no disruption to the pool operations.
- RTU Maintenance at all buildings has been completed.

Discussion: Commissioner Grady inquired as to when the opening date of Dimucci would be. Director Marquez stated we are planning for 8/1/25. Commissioner Grady inquired about painting the donated fire hydrants for the dog park. Director Marquez replied that he is deciding on the colors. Commissioner Doerr commended Director Marquez on a job well done.

D. BUSINESS DEPARTMENT: Director Annette Curtis, for report D in addition to:

- Inquiring if the SAS-99 forms had been received by the board members. Forms were received but were not able to be submitted. Director Curtis advised that at the next meeting the board can sign hard copies and Director Curtis will submit them.
- Director Curtis commended Diane Lawson for a job well done with accounts payable this month.
- Director Curtis noted that 5th 3rd credit card entries are going well since implemented.

D.1 HR & Risk: Director Annette Curtis for Nicole Dale, Superintendent of HR & Risk Management:

- Elizabeth Scott has been hired for the Superintendent of Administration position and will begin on 7/28/25.
- Many interviews are set up for the various positions throughout the district.
- Nicole Dale and her husband welcomed Logan Bradley Dale on 7/14/25. Mom and baby are doing well.

D.2 FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Commissioner Williams moved to approve the Financial Reports for June 17, 2025, and place a copy on file.

Seconded by: Commissioner Doerr

Discussion: None

Roll call: Commissioner Haas, Aye; Doerr, Aye; Grady, Aye; Williams, Aye;

Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Absent: 0

Motion Carried: 4-0-0

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A: Algonquin Road Bridge – Discussion Only

Discussion: Executive Director Miletic noted that he reached out to Dorothy and is still waiting on the new survey coming out for the location of the bridge and will pass that information along once it becomes available.

Executive Director Miletic noted that we are still against the building of the bridge.

X. CORRESPONDENCE:

- A.** The Ebinger Foundation
- B.** St. Emily Students & Staff
- C.** Jessica Lopez

XI. COMMENTS FROM THE COMMUNITY: None

XII. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

President Grady: Wants everyone to stay safe. Is glad the ALC air conditioning is being addressed. Loved the July 4th parade and was excited that he got to watch some of it for the first time ever.

Commissioner Doerr: Commended everyone for a well run meeting. Noted that she is always happy to entertain feedback and told everyone to stay cool in the extreme heat.

Commissioner Hass: N/A

Commissioner Williams: thought the parade was great and liked the theme of the float. Appreciates that staff puts safety first and very much likes that we are implementing breaks at the pools for attendees who cause trouble.

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION: NONE

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Doerr made a motion to adjourn the Park Board Meeting at 6:45pm

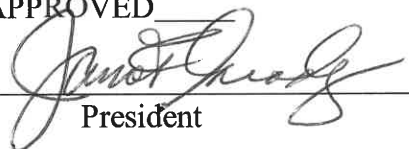
Seconded by Commissioner Williams

All in Favor, Opposed

Ayes: 3, Nays: 0, Absent: 1

Motion Carried: 3-0-1

APPROVED



President



Secretary