MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE COMMISSIONERS AND OFFICERS
OF THE PROSPECT HEIGHTS PARK DISTRICT
GARY MORAVA RECREATION CENTER
110 W. CAMP MCDONALD ROAD, PROSPECT HEIGHTS, IL 60070
TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2026

Call to Order
Roll Call
Commissioner Jones called the Regular Board Meeting of the Prospect Heights Park District to order at 7:00 p.m.

Commissioners present:	Ellen Avery, Betty Cloud, Paul Fries, Karl Jackson, Tim Jones, Eric Kirste (arrived at 7:02), Steve Messer (arrived at 7:02)
Also Present:	Christina Ferraro, Executive Director, Edlyn Castil, Marketing & Communications Manager/Recording Secretary

A quorum was present.

Commissioner Jones led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Corrections/Additions/Approval of Agenda
A motion was made by Commissioner Cloud and seconded by Commissioner Avery to approve the agenda as submitted. The motion was approved by a voice vote. The motion carried.

Recognition/Welcome
Jill Moskal was in attendance.

Comment
Jill Moskal commented about the access road to Tully Park off of Wheeling Road.

(*Commissioners Kirste and Messer arrived at 7:02 p.m.)*

Consent Agenda
A motion was made by Commissioner Kirste and seconded by Commissioner Avery to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted. The motion was approved by a roll call vote.
Ayes: Commissioners Avery, Cloud, Fries, Jackson, Jones, Kirste, Messer
Nays: None
Abstain: None
The motion carried.

Announcements (Meetings)
The next Regular Board Meeting will be held at Gary Morava Recreation Center on July 28, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

Attorney's Report
There was none.

Staff Report Staff Report

Executive Director – Executive Director Christina Ferraro provided an update on several District projects and initiatives.

Construction at Tully Park continues to progress. Asphalt paving and striping have been completed, and the remaining work includes installation of the monument sign and entrance and exit signage in accordance with permitting requirements and PCBA regulations. The NRC will complete the native landscaping.

The District recently underwent a First Amendment audit. The District celebrated the retirement of Parks Foreman Doug Ransdell after 13 years of service. Community Day at the Public Works Facility was well attended and coincided with the opening day of Lions Pool. Favorable weather contributed to the success of both events. Lions Pool operations have continued to run smoothly following earlier mechanical issues. The Typhoons Swim Team is enjoying a successful season with 66 participants. Summer camps are operating well with strong organization and minimal incidents. Although enrollment is lower than the previous four years, the decrease was anticipated and programs continue to operate successfully. The annual Prospect Heights Block Party attracted approximately 2,500 attendees and was a successful community event due to nice weather, extensive planning and staff coordination. The Park District will participate in the Prospect Heights Fourth of July Parade with representatives from the Typhoons Swim Team and the Star Studio Competition Dance Team. Demand for the District's financial assistance program reached its highest level to date. Additional donations were received from the Prospect Heights Lions Club, Rotary Club, the Prospect Heights and Wheeling Police Departments, the Prospect Heights Fire Protection District, and a private resident to help meet the increased need for program scholarships.

Additional project updates included:

- The District's golf cart fleet is now nine years old and becoming increasingly difficult to maintain. Staff began evaluating options for replacement.
- School Street Park has reopened following storm damage. The swing set will be replaced, replacement parts for the zipline have been ordered, and a new canopy has been ordered for Claire Lane Park.
- Planning for the Country Gardens Park improvements continues. A community meeting will be held to review four playground concepts, with an emphasis on providing shade. The project remains subject to ComEd approval. Staff have completed a pre-application meeting with the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD), and the design team continues to coordinate with MWRD and ComEd regarding grading, drainage, tree impacts, playground improvements, pickleball courts, and shade structures.
- The Park District has been selected to participate in the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) for enhancements to the District's bike path and will be considered a traffic corridor. Staff will continue coordinating with ComEd, as the trail is located within the utility right-of-way, to improve connectivity and accessibility.
- Negotiations regarding the Muir Park agreement are nearing completion.
- Geotechnical borings have been completed at Lions Park to better understand subsurface conditions as part of the long-range master planning process. Future discussions will include project costs, funding options, and the potential for Spring 2027.

Committees of the Board
None

Unfinished/Ongoing Business
None

New Business
A. Election of Park Board Officers June 2026-May 2027

Park Board President
A motion was made by Commissioner Kirste and seconded by Commissioner Messer to open the nominations for 2026-2027 Park Board President. The motion was approved by a voice vote. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Avery and seconded by Commissioner Fries to nominate Tim Jones as Park Board President. The motion was approved by a voice vote. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Avery and seconded by Commissioner Fries to close nominations for 2026-2027 Park Board President. The motion was approved by a voice vote. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Avery and seconded by Commissioner Fries to elect Tim Jones President by acclamation. The motion was approved by voice vote. The motion carried.

Park Board Vice President
A motion was made by Commissioner Jackson and seconded by Commissioner Fries to open the nominations for 2026-2027 Park Board Vice President. The motion was approved by a voice vote. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cloud and seconded by Commissioner Messer to nominate Ellen Avery as Park Board Vice President. The motion was approved by a voice vote. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cloud and seconded by Commissioner Messer to close nominations for 2026-2027 Park Board Vice President. The motion was approved by a voice vote. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Fries and seconded by Commissioner Kirste to elect Ellen Avery Vice President by acclamation. The motion was approved by voice vote. The motion carried.

Park Board Treasurer
A motion was made by Commissioner Jackson and seconded by Commissioner Cloud to open the nominations for 2026-2027 Park Board Treasurer. The motion was approved by a voice vote. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cloud and seconded by Commissioner Avery to nominate Eric Kirste as Park Board Treasurer. The motion was approved by a voice vote. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cloud and seconded by Commissioner Avery to close nominations for 2026-2027 Park Board Treasurer. The motion was approved by a voice vote. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Fries and seconded by Commissioner Jackson to elect Eric Kirste Treasurer by acclamation. The motion was approved by a voice vote. The motion carried.

Park Board Secretary
A motion was made by Commissioner Kirste and seconded by Commissioner Jackson to open the nominations for 2026-2027 Park Board Secretary. The motion was approved by a voice vote. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Fries and seconded by Commissioner Avery to nominate Betty Cloud as Park Board Secretary. The motion was approved by a voice vote. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Fries and seconded by Commissioner Avery to close nominations for 2026-2027 Park Board Secretary. The motion was approved by a voice vote. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Fries and seconded by Commissioner Avery to elect Betty Cloud Secretary by acclamation. The motion was approved by a voice vote. The motion carried.

B. Approve Resolution No. 06.23.2026 Authorizing the Opening of Accounts with Lakeside Bank

A motion was made by Commissioner Cloud and seconded by Commissioner Messer to approve Resolution No. 06.23.2026 Authorizing the Opening of Accounts with Lakeside Bank, authorizing the establishment of deposit and investment accounts, including checking, CDARS, ICS, money market, savings, certificates of deposit, and other investment accounts permitted under the District's Investment Policy. The resolution also designated the Executive Director, Superintendent of Finance, HR and IT, Board President, and Board Vice President as authorized representatives to administer the accounts on behalf of the District. The motion was approved by a roll call vote.

Ayes: Commissioners Avery, Cloud, Fries, Jackson, Jones, Kirste, Messer
Nays: None
Abstain: None
The motion carried.

Adjournment
With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Commissioner Cloud and seconded by Commissioner Kirste to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:50 p.m. The motion was approved by a voice vote. The motion carried.

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Elizabeth “Betty” Cloud, Secretary