

**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 **July 9, 2024**.

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

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT**

Liz Bolash, President

Mark Votruba, Vice President

Bill Cooley, Commissioner

Emily Ford, Commissioner

Kimberley Meehan, Commissioner

Matt Postma, Commissioner

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT**

Jay Sullivan, Treasurer

**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 Arenas

Dominic Calderisi, Safety Coordinator  
& Project Manager

Liz Dalessandro, Recording Secretary

**VISITORS**

Dale Engelking

Kim Mrockowski

Ron Richter

Melissa Richter

Jesus Serrato

**SPECIAL BOARD ACTION**

None.

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**

Comm. Bolash welcomed residents Ron and Melissa Richter, Kim Mrockowski, Jesus Serrato, and Dale Engelking. She reviewed the public comment participation order of business for the guests.

Ron Richter addressed the Board about the plans for the new Community Center Park. He is concerned about placement as the proposed area for one element is about 30 feet from his property line. He outlined his main concerns about view, noise, parking, and lighting. He shared pictures of his property. Mr. Richter specifically mentioned pickleball and thinks the noise will be disruptive when working from home. He is unhappy with how his previous complaints regarding lighting were handled.

Melissa Richter addressed the Board on how the new park would likely increase traffic on her street. She described the difficulties she and Mr. Richter already have with traffic related to district programs and shared pictures of traffic outside her home during summer camp pick-up times. She suggested an alternative layout for the new park elements. Mrs. Richter is also unhappy with how her previous complaints regarding lighting were handled.

Kim Mrockowski addressed the Board with concerns about noise, crime, and reiterated points made by Mr. and Mrs. Richter about lighting. Mrs. Mrockowski has also complained about lighting in the past, and while she acknowledged that adjustments have been made, she believes there is still room for improvement. Mrs. Mrockowski thinks the pickleball courts will be open too late and that noise from the courts will be disruptive. Furthermore, she feels the extra lighting will allow for additional crime and vandalism. While there are cameras up in the area, she does not think the footage will be effective in catching the offenders.

Dale Engelking addressed the Board about the new pickleball court. He proposed an indoor court in lieu of another outdoor court and offered his reasoning behind the recommendation. Mr. Engelking also discussed the increase in his tax bill.

Jesus Serrato said he was present at the meeting to listen, but after hearing the other residents’ thoughts, he was compelled to share his experiences. He bought his house partly for the amenities the park offers across the street. He, too, has lights that shine into his yard. While he acknowledged the other residents might have a different experience given the location of their properties, he thinks the project is good for the town.

Comm. Bolash thanked the residents for their input and invited them to stay for the rest of the meeting if they would like. Mrs. Mrockowski exited the meeting. The other residents remained for the duration.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Comm. Postma moved, seconded by Comm. Ford, the Board of Park Commissioners approve the previously distributed Consent Agenda. The motion was unanimously approved.

**FINANCE**

The financial summary of the Park District as of June 30, 2024 is as follows: zero in the payroll account, \$25,000.00 in the administrative account, \$49,696.68 in the general fund. The Park District investment summary is as follows: \$390,899 in the BMO Harris Bank prime money market plus account, \$2,713 in the Evergreen Bank Group Cornerstone money market account and \$12,334,032 in the Illinois Park District Liquid Asset Fund (IPDLAF+).

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

**A RESOLUTION PERTAINING TO THE APPROVAL OF BILLS  
CHARGED TO THE GENERAL CORPORATE FUND ON JULY 9, 2024**

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
15139	City of Rolling Meadows	\$27,262.29
15140	PDRMA	\$78,329.74
15141	Service Sanitation	\$2,740.36
15142	Halogen Supply Company	\$3,409.51
15143	General Mechanical Services	\$10,982.13
15144	Verizon Wireless	\$1,600.82
15145	ExcalTech	\$1,513.55
15146	Homer Industries	\$6,080.00
15147	Ozinga Ready Mix	\$3,560.50
15148	US Fire & Safety Equipment	\$1,350.18
15149	Hitchcock Design	\$5,200.00
15150	Industrial Door Company	\$1,375.00
15151	Costco	\$1,548.22
15152	Chicagoland Pool Management	\$38,485.00

15153	PlanSource	\$1,980.42
15154	Sterling Network Integration	\$4,421.45

Total General fund Checks for July 9th, 2024	\$189,839.17
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Presented the 9th day of July 2024

AYES: 6  
 NAYS: 0  
 ABSENT: 1

Approved the 9th day of July 2024



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 President, Board of Park Commissioners

ATTEST:   
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 Secretary, Board of Park Commissioners

The motion was unanimously approved.

**UNFINISHED OR CONTINUING BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**DEPARTMENT UPDATES**

Administration:

Supt. Haywood updated the Board on the final phases of the ongoing audit.

Ice:

Supt. Veller discussed the success of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade and our booth at the Frontier Days event. There was a NCAA hockey coach present, who complimented the fun and engaging activities Supv. Austin Spahr had planned. Comm. Ford mentioned that she has been getting a lot of early positive feedback on the upcoming Minion Skate.

Parks:

Supt. McKenna discussed recent vandalism of portable restrooms around the district. He also discussed repairs done at Nelson Sports Complex, including repair to the overhead door. Supt. McKenna then went on to talk about an issue with the hot water heater at West Meadows, which required a plumber to come out over the weekend. Supt. McKenna updated the Board on the status of Countryside Park Playground. The Quito is the only piece of equipment remaining, and while its assembly has proven to be challenging, as it is the first of its kind in Illinois, his team has been great throughout the process. Comm. Cooley said he drove by the site earlier today and thinks it looks terrific. Supt. McKenna detailed the final touches to the playground.

Recreation:

Supt. Cahill informed the Board that tomorrow would be the last day for our Events Coordinator, Kailey Schwartzhoff. He wishes her well in her new role. Supt. Cahill discussed the upcoming Camp Out event

and the Terry Moran Softball Tournament. He also talked about the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade and the advertising done by the Adult Activity Center during the parade.

**REPORT OF OFFICERS**

President:

Comm. Bolash thanked everyone that participated in the parade. She thinks it went very smoothly this year. Comm. Bolash also wanted to thank Mgr. Geneva Slupski’s daughter for helping fill the bags of stress balls passed out by the Commissioners.

Vice President:

Comm. Votruba expressed regret for not being able to attend the parade this year.

Treasurer:

None.

Executive Director:

Dir. Troy thanked everyone that took part in the parade. He also thanked Supt. McKenna and his team for cleaning up the parade route in the days following the event. Dir. Troy noted that Comm. Ford’s name was added to the Past President’s Plaque for 2024. He updated the Board on the posting of the Event’s Coordinator position and the scheduled interviews for the Manager of Human Resources position.

**MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

Comm. Postma expressed thanks to the Parks Department for all their hard work. He has also been hearing positive feedback about summer camp. Comm. Postma was happy to see the ice crew at the parade, because they bring a lot of energy to everything they do.

Comm. Meehan commented on the high attendance of the fireworks show this year. She thanked Supt. McKenna and his team for cleaning up after the fireworks.

Comm. Votruba talked about the new Quito feature at Countryside Park. He hopes it will increase engagement in that area.

Comm. Cooley echoed the positive comments regarding the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. He thinks the parade went great and thanked everyone for their hard work. He asked if we have a Pack the Park event planned for Countryside Park. Supt. Cahill said there is not one currently planned. Comm. Cooley discussed grand opening events that we had for other parks and thinks there should be some sort of event to celebrate the re-opening of Countryside Park with the new equipment. Dir. Troy suggested a virtual activity that would promote going to the park and sharing with us on social media. There was topic discussion.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

**SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS**

Regular Board Meeting	August 13, 2024	7:30 PM
Regular Board Meeting	August 27, 2024	7:30 PM

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board on this date Comm. Ford moved to adjourn the regular meeting. Comm. Postma seconded the motion at 8:08 PM. Motion was unanimously approved.

AYES: 6  
NAYS: 0  
ABSENT 1

Presented the 9th day of July 2024

Approved the 9th day of July 2024



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President, Board of Park Commissioners

ATTEST:



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Secretary, Board of Park Commissioners