



Board of Park Commissioners Regular Board Meeting Minutes

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MINUTES of the Regular Board Meeting of the Northbrook Park District Board of Commissioners held on Tuesday, January 27, 2026 at the Joe Doud Administration Building, 545 Academy Drive, Northbrook, Illinois.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

President Goodman called the Public Hearing to order at 7:00pm.

Commissioners Present: President Goodman; Vice President Chao; Commissioners Chambers, Mirza (arrived at 7:01pm), Risdon and Silverman

Commissioner Absent: Commissioner Kumar

Officers Present: Secretary Leiner; Treasurer Tokar; Assistant Secretary Peterson

Staff Present: Directors Baron, Kim, Loftus, Olas and Scovic

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS – NONE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

President Goodman called for any changes to the Public Hearing Agenda. Commissioner Chambers made a motion to approve the Agenda. Commissioner Silverman seconded the motion.

Roll Call: President Goodman, Vice President Chao, Commissioner Chambers, Commissioner Mirza, Commissioner Risdon and Commissioner Silverman voted aye.

Motion Passed: 6 ayes; 0 nays; 1 absent

PUBLIC HEARING

President Goodman opened the Public Hearing on the Combined Budget and Appropriation of Funds for the Northbrook Park District. With all persons desiring to be heard and having been given an opportunity to present oral and written testimony regarding the 2026 Combined Budget and Appropriation, President Goodman requested a motion to adjourn the Hearing. Commissioner Silverman made a motion to close the 2026 Combined Budget and Appropriate Public Hearing. Commissioner Chambers seconded the motion.

Roll Call: President Goodman, Vice President Chao, Commissioner Chambers, Commissioner Mirza, Commissioner Risdon and Commissioner Silverman voted aye.

Motion Passed: 6 ayes; 0 nays; 1 absent

The Public Hearing adjourned at 7:03pm.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

President Goodman called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:04pm.

Commissioners Present: President Goodman; Vice President Chao; Commissioners Chambers, Mirza, Risdon and Silverman

Commissioner Absent: Commissioner Kumar

Officers Present: Secretary Leiner; Treasurer Tokar; Assistant Secretary Peterson

Staff Present: Directors Baron, Kim, Loftus, Olas and Scovic

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RECOGNITION OF VISITORS – NONE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

President Goodman called for any changes to the Agenda. Hearing none, Commissioner Chambers made a motion to approve the Agenda. Commissioner Silverman seconded the motion.

Roll Call: President Goodman, Vice President Chao, Commissioner Chambers, Commissioner Mirza, Commissioner Risdon and Commissioner Silverman voted aye.

Motion Passed: 6 ayes; 0 nays; 1 absent

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS – NONE

CONSENT AGENDA

President Goodman announced that the matters listed for consideration on the Consent Agenda had been discussed previously by the Board of Commissioners at the January 19, 2026 Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting and are matters on which there was unanimity for placement on the Consent Agenda at this meeting. Consent Agenda items are those that are approved by one motion, unless any Board Member or staff requests that an item be removed. If a Consent Agenda item(s) is removed, it is then relocated to Action Items for discussion and consideration. President Goodman called for any changes to the Consent Agenda. Hearing none, Commissioner Silverman made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Risdon

V.1. Approval of the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of December 17, 2025

Motion: I move to approve the December 17, 2025 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

V.2. Approval of December 2025 Vouchers

Motion: I move to approve the December 2025 Vouchers in the amount of \$2,007,612.37.

V.3. Approval of Expenses – Board of Commissioner per Ordinance 17-O-1 Travel Expense Control Act

Motion: I move to approve travel expenses for President Goodman, Vice President Chao, Commissioner Chambers, Commissioner Mirza, Commissioner Risdon and Commissioner Silverman to attend the IAPD/IPRA Soaring to New Heights Conference on January 28-31, 2026, as part of their Park Board of Commissioner responsibilities.

V.4. Approval of Lightning Detection System Replacement

Motion: I move to approve the Lightning Detection System Replacement purchase to Perry Weather of Dallas, Texas in the amount of \$164,000 through cooperative purchase group TIPS #240102.

V.5. Approval of Golf Robotic Mower Lease Agreement

Motion: I move to approve the Golf Robotic Mower Lease Agreement to Automated Outdoor Solutions of Woodstock, Illinois in the amount of \$81,552 for the three-year contract.

Roll Call: President Goodman, Vice President Chao, Commissioner Chambers, Commissioner Mirza, Commissioner Risdon and Commissioner Silverman voted aye.

Motion Passed: 6 ayes; 0 nays; 1 absent

ACTION ITEMS

VI.6. Adoption of Ordinance 26-O-1, 2026 Budget and Appropriation

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Motion: President Goodman moved to adopt Ordinance 26-O-1, an Ordinance making a Combined Annual Budget and Appropriation of funds for the Northbrook Park District for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2026. Commissioner Mirza second the motion.

Roll Call: President Goodman, Vice President Chao, Commissioner Chambers, Commissioner Mirza, Commissioner Risdon and Commissioner Silverman voted aye.

Motion Passed: 6 ayes; 0 nays; 1 absent

VI.7. Approval of Surplus Ordinance 26-O-2, Park District Equipment

Motion: President Goodman moved to approve Surplus Ordinance 26-O-2, Park District Equipment as presented. Commissioner Chambers seconded the motion.

Roll Call: President Goodman, Vice President Chao, Commissioner Chambers, Commissioner Mirza, Commissioner Risdon and Commissioner Silverman voted aye.

Motion Passed: 6 ayes; 0 nays; 1 absent

NEW BUSINESS – NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – NONE

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- 1) Techny Prairie Activity Center held a community open house on Saturday, January 10 to celebrate the five-year anniversary of the facility. Activities and giveaways were planned throughout the month.
- 2) On January 15, the Park District hosted a Village of Northbrook team planning meeting at Heritage Oaks Golf Club.
- 3) The Summer Camp Open House was held on January 15 at Techny Prairie Activity Center.
- 4) On January 18-22, Director Baron, Head PGA Professional Billiter, Golf Instruction Supervisor Wenzel and Golf Operations Supervisor Garcia attended the PGA Show in Orlando, Florida.
- 5) Congratulations to the Recreation team for quickly pivoting to accommodating families during the extreme cold on Friday, January 23 by hosting a Schools Out. The team coordinated with four school districts to provide a program for children who were off school.
- 6) The Park District was awarded a \$600,000 Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) Grant for a renovation at Techny Prairie Park and Fields. Thank you to the Board of Commissioners for careful consideration of this project that will have an impact on the entire community.
- 7) On January 8, Executive Director Leiner attended the Chamber meeting.
- 8) On January 10, Executive Director Leiner attended the Techny Prairie Activity Center five-year community open house celebration.
- 9) On January 17, Executive Director Leiner attended Judy Hughes's celebration of life.
- 10) On January 20, Executive Director Leiner, Directors Loftus, Olas, Scovic and Kim, Communications & Engagement Manager Johann and Executive Administrative Assistant Peterson attended the State of the Village address at the Northbrook Public Library. Thank you to Commissioners Chambers and Silverman for attending.
- 11) The IAPD/IPRA Soaring to New Heights Conference will be held January 28-31, 2026 at the Hyatt Regency Chicago.

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COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Silverman

- 1) No report

Commissioner Risdon

- 1) Thank you to staff for the effort that went into the Northbrook Community Center furniture presentation at the January 19, 2026 Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting.
- 2) He is looking forward to attending the IAPD/IPRA Soaring to New Heights Conference.

Vice President Chao

- 1) Thank you to the Parks Department staff for their early morning snow removal efforts. Clean sidewalks are greatly appreciated.
- 2) Schools were canceled at 11am and by 11:30am a text was sent about programming during the day off. Thank you to staff for organizing the day so quickly.
- 3) He was at the Sports Center the day of the Preschool Showcase and was amazed at how many items needed to be moved in and out of the Community Room. Thank you to staff for being flexible during the Northbrook Community Center renovation.

Commissioner Mirza

- 1) He is looking forward to attending the IAPD/IPRA Soaring to New Heights Conference.
- 2) Thank you to Director Loftus and staff for making the Northbrook Community Center furniture presentation exceptionally easy to understand.

Commissioner Chambers

- 1) She has had a fun month at Techny Prairie Activity Center. Staff were ready to celebrate at 5:30am and were very gracious. She has received many positive comments about the community open house
- 2) Ice skating started back up in January, and she is enjoying taking her granddaughter to the Sports Center.
- 3) IAPD/IPRA Soaring to New Heights Conference is ready to rock and roll. She will be located in the headquarter office and looks forward to seeing everyone at conference.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- 1) Thank you to staff for the communication on the updated programming when schools were canceled due to weather.
- 2) If a Commissioner has a strong point of view on Northbrook Days, please contact him over the next week or two.
- 3) He always enjoys attending the IAPD/IPRA Soaring to New Heights Conference, unfortunately due to an unexpected issue he will not be attending this year. Congratulations and good luck to Director Scovic and Commissioner Chambers for your leadership roles and Commissioner Silverman on his presentations. He appreciates their representation of the Northbrook Park District.

NEXT MEETING

President Goodman announced the next meeting of the Board of Commissioners will be the Regular Board Meeting on Wednesday, February 25, 2026 at 7pm at the Joe Doud Administration Building, 545 Academy Drive, Northbrook, Illinois.

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ADJOURN

With no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Silverman made a motion to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting at 7:19pm. Commissioner Chambers seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved on a voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,
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/s/ Chris Leiner

Chris Leiner, Secretary
Board of Commissioners/wp