



## Board of Park Commissioners Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting

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MINUTES of the Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting of the Northbrook Park District Board of Commissioners held in person on Monday, February 9, 2026, Joe Doud Administration Building, 545 Academy Drive, Northbrook, Illinois.

### CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL — COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETING

President Goodman called the Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Commissioners Present: President Goodman; Vice President Chao (arrived at 6:36pm); Commissioners Chambers, Kumar, Risdon (arrived at 6:31pm) and Silverman

Commissioners Absent: Commissioner Mirza

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

Staff Present: Directors Baron, Kim, Loftus and Scovic; Business Manager Drahos; Superintendent Fleet & Facility Maintenance Truhlar

Staff Absent: Director Olas

Guests: Nicole Karas, Robbins Schwartz (left at 6:55pm)

### RECOGNITION OF VISITORS – NONE

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

President Goodman called for a motion to approve the Agenda. Commissioner Chambers moved to approve the Agenda as proposed. Commissioner Silverman seconded the motion.

*Roll Call:* President Goodman, Commissioner Chambers, Commissioner Kumar, Commissioner Risdon and Commissioner Silverman voted aye.

*Motion Passed: 5 ayes; 0 nays; 2 absent*

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting of January 19, 2026 were previously distributed and reviewed. President Goodman called for any changes to the Minutes. Hearing none, Commissioner Chambers made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting of January 19, 2026 as presented. Commissioner Silverman seconded the motion.

*Roll Call:* President Goodman, Commissioner Chambers, Commissioner Kumar, Commissioner Risdon and Commissioner Silverman voted aye.

*Motion Passed: 5 ayes; 0 nays; 2 absent*

### INFORMATIONAL ITEMS / VERBAL UPDATES

#### *Robbins Schwartz*

Executive Director Leiner invited Nicole Karas, attorney with Robbins Schwartz, to attend the Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting to discuss a non-routine Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request and the process involved. Ms. Karas provided an overview of the FOIA request submitted by Judiciocracy LLC and its affiliated organizations, the Coalition Opposing Governmental Secrecy (COGS) and Children of the Court, a nationwide nonprofit association with the tagline “Children Holding Courts Accountable.” Ms. Karas explained that Judiciocracy LLC has submitted similar FOIA requests to government agencies across the country in recent months seeking legal counsel documents. In some

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cases, the organization has threatened to file a lawsuit or has initiated litigation against agencies following the request. Commissioners engaged in a question-and-answer session regarding the request and the appropriate response process. President Goodman thanked Ms. Karas for attending the meeting and providing guidance.

## *Employee Appreciation Dinner*

On behalf of the Employee Action Team, Executive Director Leiner invited the Board of Commissioners to join staff at the Employee Appreciation Dinner.

## *1605 Illinois Street Maintenance Facility*

Director Kim presented a historical timeline and overview of the 1605 Illinois Street Maintenance Facility. The property is currently used by the Parks and Properties Division as the primary hub for the Anetsberger Golf Course maintenance staff and equipment storage. The facility also serves as storage for large theater set pieces and props from previous productions that are intended for reuse in future productions. In addition, School District 28 utilizes a section of the facility for off-site storage of landscape and snow removal equipment, surplus facility equipment, and maintains a 20-yard water dumpster within the fenced area. Director Kim also presented a potential opportunity to relocate Anetsberger Golf Course Golf Operations closer to the golf course to improve operational efficiency. In January 2026, staff toured a property on Techny Court that is available for lease and appears to meet the operational needs of the Division. Staff requested direction from the Board of Commissioners on whether there would be sufficient support to bring this matter forward as an action item at a future Board Meeting. Commissioners engaged in a question-and-answer session. By consensus, the Board directed Director Kim to further pursue this opportunity.

## *Crestwood Park Fitness Equipment Replacement*

Director Kim provided an update on a request to re-evaluate the proposed fitness equipment replacement at Crestwood Park. The current fitness equipment was installed in 2013 and has reached the end of its useful life. Director Kim presented two options: 1) proceed with the replacement of fitness equipment with updated but comparable equipment within the existing footprint with synthetic turf safety surface, or 2) conduct a survey of the surrounding neighborhood to explore additional options and further evaluate the project. Commissioners engaged in a question-and-answer session. President Goodman called for further discussion. Hearing none, by consensus the Board provided directions to Director Kim to proceed with Option 1.

## *Six Month Executive Director Evaluation*

Executive Director Leiner noted that the Executive Director six-month evaluation would be included as a Closed Session item on the March 18, 2026 Regular Board Meeting agenda.

## NEW BUSINESS

### **Administration and Finance**

#### *Consider January Voucher Report*

Director Tokar did not receive any voucher questions prior to the Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting. President Goodman called for questions. Hearing none, Vice President Chao moved to recommend the Board approve the January 2026 vouchers in the amount of \$3,083,079.13 to the full Board for approval. Commissioner Risdon seconded the motion.

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

*Motion Passed: 6 ayes; 0 nays; 1 absent*

#### *Consider Microsoft 365 Licensing Agreement*

Director Tokar provided background information on the Microsoft 365 Licensing Agreement with Trusted Tech Team, LLC. The Park District has been utilizing Trusted Tech Team LLC for application support and services. Trusted Tech

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Team LLC conducted a comprehensive review of all Microsoft 365 products currently used by the Park District and identified a licensing approach that maintains required features while reducing overall software costs. Commissioners engaged in a question-and-answer session. President Goodman called for additional questions. Hearing none, Vice President Chao moved to approve a one-year Microsoft 365 Licensing Agreement with Trusted Tech Team LLC of Irvine, California in the total amount of \$37,908.50 to the full Board for approval. Commissioner Risdon seconded the motion.

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

*Motion Passed: 6 ayes; 0 nays; 1 absent*

## **Parks and Properties**

### *Consider Theatre and Ice Rink Lighting Purchase*

Director Kim presented background information on the Theatre and Ice Rink Lighting purchase which is part of three separate projects for the Northbrook Community Center Flex Performance Theatre, the main Theatre and the Northbrook Sports Center Ice Rink. President Goodman called for questions. Hearing none, Commissioner Chambers moved to approve the Theatre and Ice Rink Lighting Purchase from B&H Foto & Electronics Corp. of New York, New York in the amount of \$96,965.92 through OMNIA Partners Contract #R250402 to the full Board for approval. Vice President Chao seconded the motion.

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

*Motion Passed: 6 ayes; 0 nays; 1 absent*

## **Policy**

### *Consider Resolution 26-R-1 Board Policy Manual*

Executive Director Leiner presented a recommendation to approve the 2026 Amended and Restated Northbrook Park District Board Policy Manual. Commissioner Silverman noted the volume of information presented and recommended that Commissioners continue the discussion at the March 9, 2026 Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting. President Goodman called for discussion. Hearing none, Commissioner Chambers moved to continue discussion of Resolution 26-R-1, Board Policy Manual, to the March 9, 2026 Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting. Commissioner Kumar seconded the motion.

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

*Motion Passed: 6 ayes; 0 nays; 1 absent*

OLD BUSINESS – NONE

## ADJOURN

With no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Silverman made a motion to adjourn the Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting at 8:15pm. Commissioner Chambers seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved on a voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,  
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/s/ Chris Leiner

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Chris Leiner, Secretary  
Board of Commissioners/wap