

Minutes of the Board of Commissioners
Tinley Park-Park District
Tinley Park, Illinois
Held on July 20, 2026

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, Tinley Park-Park District scheduled to be held in the Rickerson Meeting Room of the Bettenhausen Recreation Center on July 20, 2026, was called to order by Commissioner O'Donovan at 6:00pm.

Commissioners Present: Lisa Butler
Lisa O'Donovan
Ashley Rubino
Marie Ryan

Commissioners Absent: Bernie O'Boyle

Others Present: Ryan Veldman, Superintendent of Parks
Mandi Vinson, Facilities Manager
Meghan Fenlon, Superintendent of Recreation
Patricia Peccia, Business Manager
Burt Odelson, Attorney
Kelly Jones, Board Secretary

Additions, Clarifications, Corrections or Deletions to Agenda
none

Public Comments on Agenda Items

Representatives of the Tinley Park Historical Society discussed the Society's need for additional space and its interest in an 1882 historic residence currently available for purchase. Discussion included the building's condition, accessibility needs, possible grants, funding partnerships, and coordination with the Village of Tinley Park. The Board expressed support for continued collaboration and preservation efforts but made no commitment to purchase the property.

ADA Transition Plan

John McGovern of WT Group presented the District's ADA audit and transition plan. The presentation reviewed accessibility requirements for existing and future sites, identified examples of needed improvements, and outlined a long-term implementation approach estimated at approximately \$18 million over 20 years. Staff will provide the current plan and related audit reports to the Board.

Staff Reports

- Tinley Fitness improvements, including LED lighting installation and related temporary closures.
- Bettenhausen Park Phase 2 work, including field cleanup and new backstops.
- Potential regulation of e-bikes and e-scooters and related State activity.
- The final draft of the District Master Plan and potential OSLAD projects, to be presented at a future meeting.
- Mr. Roby explained Resolution 26-R-20 authorizing travel to upcoming conferences and explained the per diem expense policy.
- Resolution 26-R-21 2027 Brochure Printing Award. We do this once a year for the next cycle.
- Resolutions 26-R-23 through 26-R-25 are annual appointments. As a best practice, these appointments should be made annually. Going forward, they will be included as part of the District's annual meeting appointments.
- Mr. Veldman provided an update on the Mental Health Center site remediation work. He explained that the District has completed spending the original \$15 million grant and has now begun utilizing the second \$18 million grant to continue remediation of the property.

Approval of consent agenda items

Commissioner Ryan moved to approve the consent agenda items seconded by Commissioner Rubino and carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Items approved:

- a. Minutes of the June 15, 2026, Regular Meeting.
- b. Summary of funds for the period of June 18, 2026 – July 1, 2026, in the amount of \$694,231.25.
- c. Summary of funds for the period of July 2, 2026 – July 15, 2026, in the amount of \$1,900,181.85.
- d. Resolution 26-R-20 Approve Travel to Upcoming Conferences.
- e. Resolution 26-R-21 2027 Brochure Printing Award.
- f. Resolution 26-R-22 Acceptance of ADA Transition Plan.
- g. Resolution 26-R-23 Appointing ADA Coordinator.
- h. Resolution 26-R-24 Appointing Safety Coordinator.
- i. Resolution 26-R-25 OMA Officer Appointments.
- j. Resolution 26-R-26 Possible Lighting Upgrades from Equalis Group Utilizing Sharlen Electric Through EZIQC Contract COG-2176-EC1-B for \$46,051.46.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Commissioner Ryan moved to open Discussion of Historical Property (Downtown Tinley Park) seconded by Commissioner Rubino and carried by a unanimous roll call vote. The Board of Commissioners discussed the potential acquisition of a historical property for the Tinley Park Historical Society and discussed exploring a partnership with the Village of Tinley Park including grants and funding options.

Commissioner Ryan Moved to open Discussion regarding Public Engagement Process seconded by Commissioner Rubino and carried by a unanimous roll call vote. The Board of Commissioners discussed the presentations by Featherstone and LJC and potentially setting up more meetings about the public engagement process options.

Public Comment- Non-Agenda Items

Residents raised concerns and suggestions regarding the following matters:

- Noise and amplified music at Veterans Park, related enforcement challenges, security coverage, and possible policy or ordinance changes.
- Staff CPR and AED training following a emergency response at the pool. Staff advised that most applicable positions require certification within six months of hire.
- Additional shaded benches and other accessibility improvements in District parks.
- Possible use of an electric gate to control access during designated hours.
- Continued preservation efforts and possible grant assistance for the Historical Society property.

Commissioner's Comments

Commissioners thanked staff and volunteers for their work on the Fourth of July celebration, fireworks display, staff pool event, and other recent initiatives. The Board also recognized the water park's 5-star review, the new sensory room and emphasized the importance of AED availability, staff preparedness, and lightning detection systems. The Board reiterated its willingness to collaborate with the Village of Tinley Park as a stakeholder in future planning efforts.

Closed session

Commissioner Ryan moved to go to closed session pursuant to section 5ILCS 120/2 (1) consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees or legal council (5) the purchase or lease of Real Property seconded by Commissioner Rubino and carried by a unanimous roll call vote.(11)Discussion of Pending, Probable, or Imminent Litigation (21) Closed session semi-annual review of minutes.

Reconvene to the regular meeting

Commissioner Ryan moved to reconvene the regular meeting seconded by Commissioner Rubino and carried by a unanimous roll call vote. The meeting was reconvened at 8:10pm.

Board Action Outside Closed Session:

Commissioner Ryan moved to approve the minutes from the December 17, 2025, Closed Session Meeting seconded by Commissioner Rubino and carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

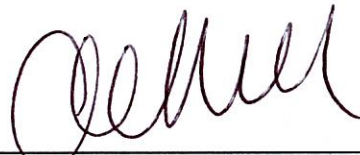
Commissioner Ryan moved to approve Resolution 26-R-27 Approval of Closed Session Semi-Annual Review -Maintaining Confidentiality seconded by Commissioner Rubino and carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Adjourn

Commissioner Rubino moved to adjourn to the August 17, 2026, regular meeting seconded by Commissioner Ryan and carried by a unanimous roll call vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:12pm.



President



Secretary

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