

Minutes of the Board of Commissioners
Tinley Park-Park District
Tinley Park, Illinois
Held on September 21, 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 September 21, 2026, was called to order by Commissioner O'Donovan at 6:00pm.

Commissioners Present: Lisa O'Donovan
Bernie O'Boyle
Ashley Rubino
Marie Ryan (arrived at 6:08pm)

Commissioners Absent: Lisa Butler

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

Additions, Clarifications, Corrections or Deletions to Agenda

Correction to the Agenda – Section 8-A New Business-Ordinance number is 26-O-06.

Public Comments on Agenda Items

none

Staff Reports

Executive Director, Shawn Roby reported on:

- Ordinance 26-O-06 Bond sale
- Resolution 26-R-33 Asphalt and Seal Coat project awarded to Matthew Paving inc. for \$91,770.
- Bettenhausen Phase 2 will be delayed until next fall.
- The Environmental Scorecard- changes and updates.
- Outdoor Fitness zone at Centennial park-possible Grand Opening in October.
- The weather's impact on Water Park attendance.
- Bettenhausen Recreation Center floor and lighting upgrades that occurred or are occurring in the building

Superintendent of Parks, Ryan Veldman, gave an update on 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 July 20, 2026, Special Meeting
- b. Minutes of the August 17, 2026, Special Meeting
- c. Minutes of the August 17, 2026, Regular Meeting
- d. Summary of funds for the period of August 20, 2026 – September 2, 2026, in the amount of \$1,760,006.78
- e. Summary of funds for the period of September 3, 2026 – September 16, 2026, in the amount of \$1,331,898.97
- f. Resolution 26-R-33 Asphalt and Seal Coat Project to Matthew Paving Inc. in the amount of \$91,770

Unfinished Business

Covered under the consent agenda

New Business

Commissioner Rubino moved to approve Ordinance 26-O-06 seconded by Commissioner Ryan and carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Public Comment- Non-Agenda Items

Tinley Park Resident Tom Roesner spoke of the former Tinley Park Mental Health Center property and the redevelopment possibilities. Mr. Roesner will be receiving a visit from a representative of the National Geographic Magazine because he is one of the few people that have had a subscription for 60 years. Mr. Roesner stated we need to save the former parsonage next to the Tinley Park-Historical Society.

A Tinley Park Resident spoke of removing a chain link gate at Centennial park that is unattractive, inaccessible and possibly unsafe along the southeast side of the complex. It would be nice if it could function as an access point for resident to get into the park without having to walk around to the north to get in.

Tinley Park Resident, Mathias Preble spoke of the benefits of having a botanical garden on the former Tinley Park Mental Health Center Property. Mr. Preble spoke of the possible seasonal and holiday exhibits and the regular everyday activities such as yoga amongst the flowers, bird watching clubs, educational workshops, educational classes, art classes, photography, and school field trips. He stated It could provide an essential "third space" for the community to get out and be in the community and communicate with those around them.

Tinley Park Resident, Bill Bailey provided photos and spoke of an ongoing litter issue at Chief O'Connell Park caused by a soccer club. Mr. Bailey has suggested the board revoke their permit.

Commissioner's Comments

Commissioner O'Boyle apologized to the board for not recognizing them when they so graciously let him speak at the Calm Cabin Grand Opening. Commissioner O'Boyle stated he was pumped about it because this is what he joined up for, to help people not to argue about fuel contracts and salt contracts and random guys talking about Facebook posts.

Commissioner O'Donovan stated that she loves all the ideas. She congratulated Mr. Roesner on all his years of subscribing to the National Geographic. She stated the botanical garden ideas are awesome. Commissioner O'Donovan stated regarding the gate at Centennial Park, she knows exactly what the resident was talking about because she grew up over there and was one of the kids going around that gate. Commissioner O'Donovan asked Mr. Roby and Mr. Veldman if we could look into this.

Mr. Roby stated that that area is owned by the (MWR) Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago. Mr. Roby stated he will reach out again as Mr. Veldman has brought this issue to them before. He will continue to reach out and push a little harder and see if we can get some access.

Commissioner O'Donovan thanked Mr. Bailey for sharing the Chief O'Connell Park litter issue. She stated this issue will be addressed.

Mr. Roby stated that security will make additional stops at Chief O'Connell Park every evening. They will walk through and make sure the groups are picking up their trash. He stated that we appreciate the residents letting us know when there is an issue so we can get someone over there right away to take care of it.

Commissioner O'Donovan thanked Commissioner O'Boyle for taking the lead on the Calm Cabin. It is something needed in our community.

Commissioner O'Donovan thanked the Parks Department for the great job on the field for the Bulldogs homecoming.

Commissioner O'Donovan stated they are excited for all the programs and activities this fall season. She thanked the staff for all they do to make those programs and activities happen.

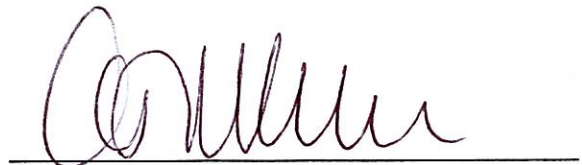
Commissioner Ryan thanked the staff for their hard work, and she thanked the residents for their comments.

Adjourn

Commissioner Ryan moved to adjourn to the October 19, 2026, regular meeting seconded by Commissioner Rubino and carried by a unanimous roll call vote. The meeting adjourned at 6:45pm.



President



Secretary

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