REGULAR BOARD MEETING
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS OF PALATINE PARK DISTRICT
Village of Palatine, 200 East Wood Street in Palatine
Second Floor- Village Room B
June 8, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Commissioner Sammons

Commissioners Present	Commissioners Absent
Greg Sammons, President	
Jennifer Rogers, Vice-President	
Susan Gould	
Joe Petricca	
Michelle Rushing	

Staff Present
Benjamin Rea, Executive Director
Andrea Fisher, Park Board Treasurer/Director of Finance
Lisa Allie, Park Board Secretary/Executive Assistant
Michelle Eckelberry, Director of District Services
Sonia Austin, Superintendent of Finance
Dayell Houzenga, Superintendent of District Services
Jim Holder, Director of Parks & Planning
Amy Vito, Superintendent of Parks & Planning
Colleen Palmer, Director of Recreation Facilities
Katie Waszak, Supt. of Recreation Programming
Josh Ludolph, Supt. of Recreation Facilities
Alex Giannikoulis, Superintendent of Trades

Visitors and Citizens Present
Mary Beth Landerman, Resident

Approval of Agenda
Commissioner Rushing moved, and Commissioner Petricca seconded that the agenda be approved. By a roll call vote, the agenda for the regular meeting of June 8, 2026, was approved. The result of the roll call vote follows:

AYE: Jennifer Rogers, Susan Gould, Joe Petricca, Michelle Rushing, Greg Sammons
NAY: None
ABSENT: None
Motion carried

Approval of Consent Agenda
The Board reviewed the previously distributed items posted on the consent agenda. Commissioner Rogers moved and Commissioner Petricca seconded that the consent agenda be approved as presented. By a roll call vote, the following items on the consent agenda were approved: Regular Meeting Minutes of May 26, 2026, and Warrant #5. The motion was approved by a roll call vote; the result follows:

AYE: Susan Gould, Joe Petricca, Michelle Rushing, Jennifer Rogers, Greg Sammons
NAY: None
ABSENT: None
Motion carried

Visitors and Citizen's Comments

Mary Beth Landerman: Mary Beth Landerman, a Palatine resident, addressed the Board regarding the installation of AED (automated external defibrillators) at major parks, beginning with Hamilton and Celtic. She shared that sudden cardiac arrest is a leading cause of death in young athletes, cited statistics from the National Institutes of Health, and stressed that survival depends on rapid defibrillation. She highlighted Hamilton Park's heavy daily use and suggested placing an AED in an accessible location, such as the gazebo there. Ms. Landerman recognized that this would be a cost to the Park District, sharing that units cost approximately $1,500–$2,000, but feels that this would be a valuable and potentially life-saving investment for the community.

New Business

The Board reviewed a previously distributed board summary pertaining to the Approval of Sub-Slab Depressurization System for the Administration Center. Commissioner Rushing moved, and Commissioner Petricca seconded that the Board of Park Commissioners approve Professional Radon System, Plainfield, IL, in the amount not to exceed $48,535.00 for the Sub-Slab Depressurization system for the Administration Center. The motion was approved by a roll call vote; the result follows:

AYE: Joe Petricca, Michelle Rushing, Jennifer Rogers, Susan Gould, Greg Sammons
NAY: None
ABSENT: None
Motion carried

The Board reviewed a previously distributed board summary pertaining to Award of Bid for the Purchase of Office Furniture through Omnia Partners Purchasing Program. Commissioner Rushing moved, and Commissioner Rogers seconded that the Board of Park Commissioners approve the lowest responsible bidder, BOS, Roselle, IL, in the amount not to exceed $216,067.47 for the purchase and installation of office furniture for new administrative offices through the Omnia Partners purchasing program contract #R240101. In response to Commissioner Gould's questions, Director Rea explained that we did not obtain any other bids because it was publicly bid through the cooperative; he referenced the discounted figures provided in the board packet and described the furniture. The motion was approved by a roll call vote; the result follows:

AYE: Michelle Rushing, Jennifer Rogers, Susan Gould, Joe Petricca, Greg Sammons
NAY: None
ABSENT: None
Motion carried

The Board reviewed a previously distributed board summary pertaining to the Approval of the Revision of Staff Benefits and Fee Waiver Policy. Commissioner Rushing moved, and Commissioner Petricca seconded that the Board of Park Commissioners move to approve revisions to the Staff Benefits and Fee Waiver Policy - Section 3.03.4 of the Personnel Policy and Procedure Manual. The motion was approved by a roll call vote; the result follows:

AYE: Jennifer Rogers, Susan Gould, Joe Petricca, Michelle Rushing, Greg Sammons
NAY: None
ABSENT: None
Motion carried

Executive Director Report

Director Rea reported that he received an email from Representative Syed confirming that the District has been awarded a $515,000 state grant, with funds expected to be available next year once processed through the appropriate channels. He offered to share Representative Syed's contact information for anyone wishing to send a thank you. He also noted that the required land survey for Hamilton Park, as part of the MWRD process, has been completed. The physical drawing and the environmental study will be submitted to MWRD to begin the approval process for the 30-year renewal of the District's agreement. Hamilton is the first of several upcoming renewal cycles, with Riemer scheduled for 2027 and Plum Grove to follow.

In response to Commissioner Sammon's question, Director Rea explained that he had provided Representative Syed with a list of upcoming projects based on the Master Plan. At this time, the grant does not appear to be tied to a specific project, but there will be reporting requirements just like OSLAD (Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development).

Commissioner Reports/Future Agenda Items

Commissioner Gould expressed appreciation to staff for their work on this year's Music and Mutts event. Despite some uncertainty about the weather, conditions held up, and the event ran smoothly. Attendees seemed to enjoy themselves, including the dogs.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Park Board on this date, Commissioner Rogers moved that the regular meeting be adjourned, and Commissioner Rushing seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a voice vote; the result follows:

AYE:	Susan Gould, Joe Petricca, Michelle Rushing, Jennifer Rogers, Greg Sammons
NAY:	None
ABSENT:	None

Motion carried at 6:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Allie
Park Board Secretary

Attest: Lisa Allie

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Secretary

Approved:

Greg Sammons
President

2026 Park Board Meetings		
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