

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE  
PRINCETON PARK DISTRICT  
FEBRUARY 16, 2026

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by President Brandon Nyman at 5:00 p.m. at the Bureau County Metro Center, Princeton, Illinois.

ROLL CALL:

Present were Commissioners Abbie Cochran, Dennis Nink, Brandon Nyman and Les Youngren. Also present was Executive Director, Tammy Lange, Assistant Director, Nick Davis and Park Maintenance Coordinator, Frank Bollinger. Absent; Dan Smith

PERFECTION OF AGENDA:

There was a perfection item; Section 8, the Credit Card Payment date should be January 2026 not December 2025. This will be corrected on the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

President Nyman requested a motion for approval of the minutes of the Public Hearing Meeting held on January 19<sup>th</sup> 2026. Motion was made by Commissioner Cochran and seconded by Commissioner Nink. President Nyman then requested a motion for approval of the Regular Meeting minutes of January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026 Motion was made by Commissioner Nink with a second from Commissioner Youngren. A voice vote was taken: ayes all, nays — none. The motion carried.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

Nothing was presented.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

A list of bills due and payable for the Bureau County Metro Center in the amount of \$22,919.89 and for the Princeton Park District in the amount of \$1,609.49 was presented for the time period January 19, 2026 to February 16, 2026. The handwritten checks for the Bureau County Metro Center in the amount of \$3 0,211.29 and Princeton Park District in the amount of \$12, 109.52 for the time period of January 20 to January 31, 2026, and handwritten checks for the Bureau County Metro Center in the amount of \$5, 160.06 and Princeton Park District in the amount of \$ 9,716.05 for the time period of February 1, 2026 through February 16, 2026, as well as Business Visa Card for January 2026 in the amount of \$4,753.33. The IMRF Payment was added to this section. IMRF Payment in the amount of \$6,321.63 for January 2026. President Nyman requested a motion to approve all the Bureau County Metro Center and Princeton Park

District claims for a total amount of \$92,801.26. Motion was made by Commissioner Cochran and seconded by Commissioner Youngren. A voice vote was taken: ayes all; nays — none. The motion carried.

The Fiscal 2025/2026 RevenueExpense Totals by Month Report was reviewed. The total amount for January 2026 was \$158,015.23.

The Board reviewed the January 2026 Financial Statements for the Corporate Fund, Metro Center Enterprise Fund, and the Recreational Program Fund.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Statement of Economic Interest for Completion and Recording at the Bureau County Court House to all Board Members, Board Secretary and Management Staff — Tammy requested the Statement of Economic Interest forms be completed by each board member and the board secretary. You can return them to her so they can be filed at the Bureau County Court House.

Planning for the 2026 July 4<sup>th</sup> Event at Zearing Park — Tammy shared the 5 vendors have already committed to attend the event in 2026. A meeting will be held in early March with the City and Chamber offices to confirm up the plans.

Invitation to the 2026 IAPD Legislative Conference, May 5 & 6 2026 in Springfield. Tammy stated the Princeton Park District will be attending the Parks Day at the Capital and the Legislative Conference. Everyone is invited. President Nyman suggested that this is a good conference for each commissioner to attend at least once. Let Tammy or Nick know if you would like to attend this year.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Report on the Joint Legislative Committee Breakfast held in Princeton on Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026 Tammy stated the park district hosted the Illinois Association of Park District Joint Legislative Committee Breakfast on Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>. There were thirty in attendance which included, Jason Anselment, and Maura Freeman from the Illinois Association of Park District offices, Shawn Roby, Executive Director of the Tinley Park, Park District and also serving as the JLC Representative. City Manager, Theresa Wittenauer and Mayor Ray Mabry were in attendance and Mayor Mabry spoke during the event and complimented the park district staff for working together to help make Princeton the great community that it is. Legislators also attending in person were Senator Li Arellano, Sr. and his Chief of Staff, Nancy Naylor. Representative Brad Fritts, his assistant Piper Grazulis and Representative Ryan Spain. Sending representation from their offices were: Senator Neil Anderson and Representative Dan Swanson. It was great to have President Nyman and Commissioner Smith attend along with all of the Park District Management team. The IAPD officers shared the Legislative Platform and gave updates on the 104<sup>th</sup>. General Assembly.

City County Park Shelter Replacement Update — Tammy noted Ryan Hartman had provided the drawings and let us know the building was being delivered on Friday, February 1.3<sup>th</sup> with the construction scheduled to begin on Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, The demolition of the current shelter is completed.

Update of the IDNR 50% Grant Reimbursement — We continue to be in contact with the IDNR office through Dan Pepin from Community Partners who has been calling and emailing the IDNR office to try and move the final payment along for the Park District. We are anxiously awaiting Dan's response and information about the final payment to the Princeton Park District. No other updates are available at this time.

2026 Conference Updates - IAPD Annual Conference January 29-31 2026 Update by individuals who attended — Nick's sessions were Legal/Legislative I & II, that included updates on Labor Laws. The take-a-way was that he would like to get all of the park districts handbooks, personnel and operations manuals updated. Labor laws change, new laws are introduced and these manuals need to be updated. He shared that during a recent Teams call with a Paychex representative he was informed about a new service offering from Paychex that could assist the district with this process. He noted the Conference is always an awesome experience and a fantastic way to network and a great teambuilding experience.

Tammy shared that there were approximately 4300 in attendance at the conference and the Expo was nearly sold out. Tammy's sessions were on the topics of Safety and OSLAD Grants. The Keynote Speaker for the Closing Session featured Jan McInnis who is an American stand-up comedian, keynote speaker, author and comedy writer. She delivered an inspirational talk on "Finding the Funny FAST." It was a lighthearted fun way to start Saturday's sessions.

Brandon shared about the sessions he attended pertaining to the Bond and Levy's and wanted to thank Bob Russell for all that he has done for this district over the years. Other agencies might have a whole team of lawyers doing what Bob handled for this district. President Nyman also noted that it was great to have the Aquatics Coordinator, Jay, join the conference this year for the first time and thought it was very beneficial for him.

The staff is very appreciative of the Board for allowing them to attend the IAPD Annual Conference and Sessions.

#### DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

The Board reviewed and accepted the following report:


e Superintendent of Parks  
● Maintenance Coordinator •  
Assistant Director/Recreation e  
Front Desk Supervisor/Rentals

#### OTHER BUSINESS:

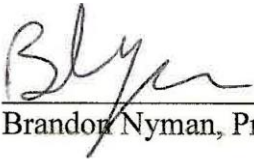
The Board reviewed the Executive Director's Report.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 5:45 p.m. motion was made by Commissioner Nink and seconded by Commissioner Youngren to adjourn. A roll call was taken: ayes — all; nays — none. The motion carried.



Dennis Nink, Secretary



Brandon Nyman, President