

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE
PRINCETON PARK DISTRICT
April 20, 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, Brandon Nyman, Les Youngren and Dan Smith. Also present was Executive Director, Tammy Lange, Assistant Director, Nick Davis and Park Maintenance Coordinator, Frank Bollinger. Guests: Andrew Jolley, Agricultural Services Farm Manager at Heartland Bank and Trust, Scott Coutts, AVP, Trust Officer Central Bank-Illinois. Absent; Dennis Nink.

PERFECTION OF AGENDA:

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

President Nyman requested a motion for approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 16th, 2026. Motion was made by Commissioner Cochran and seconded by Commissioner Smith. 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 \$11,376.79 and for the Princeton Park District in the amount of \$9,857.58 was presented for the time period February 17, 2026 to March 16, 2026. The handwritten checks for the Bureau County Metro Center in the amount of \$60,418.85 and Princeton Park District in the amount of \$203,396.23 for the time period of February 17 to March 16, 2026, and handwritten checks for the Bureau County Metro Center in the amount of \$8,402.91 and Princeton Park District in the amount of \$38,410.63 for the time period of March 1, 2026 through March 16, 2026, as well as Business Visa Card for February 2026 in the amount of \$8,588.68.. The IMRF Payment was added to this section. IMRF Payment in the amount of \$6,130.49 for February 2026. President Nyman requested a motion to approve all the Bureau County Metro Center and Princeton Park District claims for a total amount of \$346,582.16. 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 Revenue/Expense Totals by Month Report was reviewed. The total amount for February 2026 was \$346,582.16.

A list of bills due and payable for the Bureau County Metro Center in the amount of \$13,325.47 and for the Princeton Park District in the amount of \$51,320.27 was presented for the time period March 17th, 2026 to April 20th, 2026. The handwritten checks for the Bureau County Metro Center in the amount of \$18,552.43 and Princeton Park District in the amount of \$6,158.97 for the time period of March 17, 2026 to March 31st, 2026 and handwritten checks for the Bureau County Metro Center in the amount of \$9,172.95 and Princeton Park District in the amount of \$35,325.16 for the time period of April 1st, 2026 through April 20th, 2026, as well as Business Visa Card for March 2026 in the amount of \$2,287.14. The IMRF Payment was added to this section. IMRF Payment in the amount of \$6,104.01 for March 2026. President Nyman requested a motion to approve all the Bureau County Metro Center and Princeton Park District claims for a total amount of \$346,582.16. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Cochran. A voice vote was taken: ayes – all; nays – none. The motion carried.

The Fiscal 2025/2026 Revenue/Expense Totals by Month Report was reviewed. The total amount for March 2026 was \$142,246.40.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Presentation and Review of the F. Ivan Hoover Property – Scott Coutts, CTFA, AVP Trust Officer at Central Bank. Scott reviewed with the board the 2026 plans for the farm ground/property they are now managing for the district. He reported that they have met with the new tenant and feel good about the relationship since he is the son of the previous tenant. The cash rent being received is a good price. There are 71.8 acres of tillable ground. Scott reported that this ground is extremely productive with a rating of 144 Productivity Index, with 147 being the highest index. Scott also thanked the park district board for trusting him and Central Bank for the management of the trust and investments.

Approve/Hold/Destroy Past Executive Session Minutes and Recordings - President Nyman requested a motion to release the minutes and destroy the recording for the June 17, 2024 Executive Session and hold the minutes and recordings for the December 16, 2024, April 21, 2025 and June 17, 2025 Executive Sessions. Motion was made by Commissioner Youngren and seconded by Commissioner Smith. A voice vote was taken: ayes – all; nays – none. The motion carried.

Presentation and Review of the 2023 Elmer Zearing Trust Farm – Andrew Jolly of Heartland Bank, Agricultural Services Farm Manager II – Andrew Jolly, Agricultural Services Farm Manager II from Heartland Bank and Trust, distributed the Grain Inventory & Sales Summary for the 2025 Corn & Soybean crop year. He noted that the net income on this farm was good for the 2025 year. Andrew spoke about the tough grain prices they are seeing and

noted that all of the inputs have been paid upfront for this year. He also provided the Board with the Zearing Trust #2 Farm Business Plan for 2026.

OLD BUSINESS:

Update of the IDNR 50% Grant Reimbursement - Tammy reported that the Agreed Upon Procedures (AUP) has been completed by the firm Wipfli, LLC in Sterling, IL. The invoice will need to be paid and this information will be included in the final request for payment from IDNR. All information has been communicated through Dan Pepin, Community Funding & Planning Services.

City County Park Shelter Replacement Update – Frank reported to the board that the building is just about finished. The concrete was poured on Monday, April 20th, and will need a few days before we open the park. The contractor reports that the project is about 1 week behind due to the rain.

Update on the Stoner Property – Drew Russell – Drew was present at the meeting to give the board an update on the status of the potential sale of the house and grounds. After discussion, Commissioner Nyman made a motion to authorize Drew Russell to draw up the petition to the courts for approval of selling the property. Commissioner Cochran seconded that motion. A voice vote was taken: ayes – all; nays-none. The motion carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

The Board reviewed and accepted the following report:

- Superintendent of Parks
- Maintenance Coordinator
- Assistant Director/Recreation
- Front Desk Supervisor/Rentals

OTHER BUSINESS:

The Board reviewed the Executive Director’s Report.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 6:30 p.m. motion was made by Commissioner Cochran and seconded by Commissioner Smith to adjourn. A roll call was taken: ayes – all; nays – none. The motion carried.

Brandon Nyman, President

Dennis Nink, Secretary