Cary Park District
Board of Commissioners
Committee of the Whole Meeting
April 9, 2026
7:00 PM
Community Center
255 Briargate Road
Cary, IL

<u>Minutes</u>

Board Members Present: Victor, Renner, Carasso, Frangiamore, Stanko.

Staff Present: Jones, Horn, Kelly, Hall, Mach, Nackers, Baker, Raica.

President Frangiamore called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Frangiamore asked if there were any Matters from the Public, Commissioners, and Staff.

Under Matters from the Public, none.

Under Matters from Commissioners, none.

Under Matters from Staff, none.

The minutes from March 12, 2026, Committee of the Whole meeting was presented for approval.

Renner moved to approve the minutes as presented. Second by Victor.

Frangiamore asked for any discussion. Stanko requested a modification and/or addition of language be added to his comments on page two, at the end of the discussion related to the presentation, Staff Work Zone and Living Spaces, Track 2. Stanko stated modifying the language captures the full summary of his thoughts expressed during this discussion. Renner disagreed with adding this sentence. Carasso disagreed. Victor agreed with Carasso. Frangiamore stated he was not in favor of adding the sentence.

Roll call vote: Yes – Renner, Carasso, Victor, Frangiamore. No – Stanko. Motion carried.

The first Direction Item was Resolution R-2025-26-07, A Resolution To Support National Bike Month. Kelly stated as part of the McHenry County Active Transportation Workgroup, the Park District has been asked to support the designation of National Bicycle Month in May 2026. Kelly explained this Resolution encourages residents to take opportunities to get out and ride bikes whether it's for fitness, recreation, to and from work, etc.

Carasso moved to recommend Board of Commissioner approval of Resolution R-2025-26-07, A Resolution to Support National Bike Month throughout May 2026. Second by Stanko.

Roll call vote: Yes – Renner, Carasso, Stanko, Victor, Frangiamore. No – None. Motion carried.

The second Direction Item was Revisions, Policy 5-021, Bench and Native Tree Donation Program. Baker provided some brief background on the policy, which was adopted in 2023. Baker then provided an overview of proposed revisions to the policy. Baker stated the revisions establishes a clearly defined program with standardized agreement terms, clarified ownership and maintenance responsibilities, and outlined program limitations, while also providing the Park District with flexibility to relocate benches, trees, and recognition elements as needed.

Stanko moved to recommend Board of Commissioners approval of Policy 5-012.r1, Adopt-a-Bench or Tree Program as revised. Second by Victor.

Frangiamore asked for discussion. Victor shared she thought this was a great idea and is in favor of the updates. Stanko suggested removing “individuals” and “to” from the policy statement as it is repetitive. Stanko questioned why the policy does not state that a “native” tree will be planted and suggested that be added so it is known upfront. Stanko added he would like to see timeframes for the adoption term added to the policy, just as they are listed in other policies. Stanko felt it was important to stay consistent with the recently approved policy and have it added. Renner asked if an individual could request a specific location. Frangiamore asked if there was an application that includes more specifics about the program.

Frangiamore asked members for their opinion on adding the word “native” to the policy. Carasso stated she has no issue adding the word. Renner did not feel it needed to be added to the policy. Victor and Frangiamore both stated they are neutral.

Frangiamore asked the Board for their opinion, adding the timeframe to the policy. Carasso stated she is opposed to adding the timeframe into the policy. Victor and Renner agreed. Frangiamore stated he does not see the importance of adding it to the policy.

Stanko moved to amend the draft policy to include “native” (tree) to the policy language and remove “individual” in policy statement. Second by Victor.

(Amendment) Roll call vote: Yes – Renner, Carasso, Stanko, Victor, Frangiamore. No – None. Motion carried. Draft policy is amended.

Frangiamore requested a roll call vote on the original motion noting the draft policy is now amended.

(Original Motion) Roll call vote: Yes – Victor, Carasso, Renner, Stanko, Frangiamore. No – None. Motion carried.

The third Direction Item was Ordinance O-2025-26-11, An Ordinance Authorizing the Sale or Conveyance of Personal Property Belonging to the Cary Park District. Kelly stated the Board approves disposal of personal property belonging to the Park District for equipment that was valued at $500 or greater at the time of purchase. Kelly further stated on multiple occasions each fiscal year, staff brings a disposal ordinance to the Board for consideration. Kelly stated that typically the equipment is disposed via trade-in through a vendor, scrapped, electronic recycling or sold using a public auction platform.

Victor moved to recommend Board of Commissioners approval of Ordinance O-2025-26-11, An Ordinance Authorizing the Sale or Conveyance of Personal Property belonging to the Cary Park District. Second by Stanko.

Roll call vote: Yes – Renner, Carasso, Stanko, Victor, Frangiamore. No – None. Motion carried.

The fourth Direction Item was Board of Commissioners Annual Meeting Schedule, FY2026-27. Jones stated the Annual Meeting Schedule is normally approved during the Annual Meeting of the Board of Commissioners, but due to the rescheduling of the Annual Meeting to June, the Board should approve the schedule now.

Carasso moved to recommend Board of Commissioner approval the FY2026-27, Annual Meeting Schedule of the Board of Commissioners as presented. Second by Victor.

Stanko asked for confirmation rescheduling the annual meeting is just a one-time occurrence due to several commissioners not being able to attend the original meeting date.

Roll call vote: Yes – Renner, Carasso, Stanko, Victor, Frangiamore. No – None. Motion carried.

The first Discussion Item was Presentation, 2025 Social Media Annual Report. Baker presented the report, highlighting the different social media platforms the Park District utilizes, the demographics, and top content on each platform. Frangiamore opened the floor for discussion. Renner agreed that video postings seem to get more attention than any other posts. Stanko complimented Baker on the report and the great information provided. Carasso thanked Baker for the forward thinking and creative ideas from the marketing department. Victor thanked Baker for the great presentation. Frangiamore agreed it was a great presentation and thanked Baker for all her work.

At 7:58 PM, a motion was made by Stanko to enter Closed Session for the purpose of A. Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance of Specific Employees (5 ILCS 120/2 © (1)). Second by Renner

Roll call vote: Yes – Renner, Carasso, Stanko, Victor, Frangiamore. No – None. Motion carried.

Frangiamore reconvened Open Session at 9:02 PM.

Frangiamore summarized Closed Session as follows: The Board discussed the Appointment, Employment, Compensation and Discipline of Specific Employees.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Victor. Second by Stanko.

Voice vote: Yes – 5. No – None. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:03 PM.

Daniel C. Jones, Secretary
Park District Board of Commissioners