

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS OF
THE CARY PARK DISTRICT, CARY, ILLINOIS, HELD AT COMMUNITY CENTER,
255 BRIARGATE RD, CARY, IL, ON
MAY 28, 2026

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. ROLL CALL

The following Commissioners answered present: Mrs. Victor, Mrs. Carasso, Mr. Stanko, Mr. Renner.

Staff

Staff present: Sara Kelly, Deputy Director; Becky Horn; Administrative & Project Specialist; Erica Hall, Superintendent of Recreation; David Raica, Director of Planning & Development; Noah Mach, Superintendent of Park & Facility; Courtney Baker, Superintendent of Communication & Marketing; Jim Nackers, Director of Finance & Technology; Eric Barge, Program Manager.

Guests

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

IV. MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

V. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Carasso shared the Cary Park Foundation held the annual Pars Under the Stars night golf event on May 16 and it was a great event. Stanko presented the Cary Park District with a check on behalf of the Rotary Club of Cary-Grove to cover the cost of a Sunburst Bay Aquatic Center family pass, which will be available for check out at the Cary Area Public Library.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

Vice President Renner asked if any items were to be removed from the Consent Agenda. No items were requested for removal.

VI.A:

Stanko moved to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

- 1. Approval – Minutes Regular Board Meeting dated April 23, 2026.***
- 2. Acceptance – Investment Activity Report dated April 30, 2026.***
- 3. Approval – Disbursements in the Amount of \$356,119.13 dated May 28, 2026.***
- 4. Acceptance – Treasurer’s Report dated April 30, 2026.***

- 5. Approval – Purchase of a 2026 John Deere Utility Tractor in the amount of \$77,367.42 from AHW LLC, Wauconda, IL.**
- 6. Approval – Purchase of a 2026 Caterpillar Backhoe Loader in the amount of \$162,500 from Altofer/CAT, Wauconda, IL.**
- 7. Approval – Purchase of a 2026 Ford F-150 Regular Cab 4x4 Pickup Truck in the amount of \$47,987 from Morrow Brother Ford, Inc, Greenfield, IL.**
- 8. Approval – Purchase of 2024 Ford Transit Van in the amount of \$33,728.63 from Martin Chevrolet, Crystal Lake, IL or equivalent make and model not to exceed the budget amount of \$35,000.**
- 9. Approval – Resolution R-2026-27-01, A Resolution to Support National Trails Day on June 6, 2026.**
- 10. Approval – Resolution R-2026-27-02, A Resolution to Support National Pollinator Week from June 22-28, 2026.**

Second by Victor.

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

VII. BUSINESS ITEMS/CHANGES, ADDITIONS, DELETIONS

VII.A. Any Items Removed From the Consent Agenda.

None.

VII.B. Action Items

VII.B.1. Consider – O-2026-27-01, An Ordinance Adopting the Combined Annual Budget and Appropriation of Funds for the Cary Park District, McHenry County, Illinois for the Fiscal Year Beginning on the First (1st) Day of May 2026 and Ending on the Thirtieth (30th) Day of April 2027.

Stanko moved to approve O-2026-27-01, An Ordinance Adopting the Combined Annual Budget and Appropriation of Funds for the Cary Park District, McHenry County, Illinois for the Fiscal Year Beginning on the First (1st) Day of May 2026 and Ending on the Thirtieth (30th) Day of April 2027. Second by Carasso.

Renner asked for Discussion. Hearing none, Renner asked for Roll Call vote.

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

VII.C. Discussion Items

VII.C.1. Season End Report, 2025; Inspiration Dance Studio.

Barge presented the report on Inspiration Dance Studio (IDS), highlighting staff, enrollment, financials, IDS Company, and the new studio. Renner opened the floor for discussion. Victor thanked Barge and the staff for all the hard work that goes into the growing program. Stanko asked what styles of dance IDS offers. Barge responded ballet, tap, jazz, lyrical, Broadway, hip-hop, and pointe. Carasso thanked staff for their hard work and dedication. Carasso added she hears many positive comments from families in the program. Renner asked how IDS program fees compare to other studios. Barge responded he frequently checks pricing of studios and IDS fees are lower than most. Barge added IDS also stands out

with the fact that a discount is offered if a dance is enrolled in multiple classes, a payment plan option is offered each session, and there are scholarship opportunities available. Renner commented on the amount of non-resident dancers the program has and asked where they are coming from. Barge responded mostly the surrounding towns such as Crystal Lake, Fox River Grove, Barrington, etc., but there are a few dancers that do not live in the area and do travel here to take classes.

VIII. Executive Director Report

Raica provided the Board brief update on the Preschool ADA Improvement project, stating the project is off to a great start and is on schedule. Raica stated new walls are up and the underground plumbing work started.

Hall shared opening weekend for Sunburst Bay went very well, with over 1,500 visitors. Hall also shared there was over \$50,000 in pass sales over the weekend. Mach shared the maintenance side of operations also ran smoothly with minor hiccups. Kelly shared Camp ECHO staff began training this week and are preparing for the start of camp on June 1.

Renner asked for a motion to adjourn.

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

Voice vote: Yes – 4. No – None. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 PM.



Dan Jones, Secretary
Park District Board of Commissioners