Cary Park District
Board of Commissioners
Committee of the Whole Meeting
June 11, 2026
7:00 PM
Community Center
255 Briargate Road
Cary, IL

Minutes

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

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

President Frangiamore called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

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

Under Matters from the Public, none.

Under Matters from Commissioners, Carasso shared she has received a lot of positive feedback from families regarding the Inspiration Dance Studio (IDS) recitals and program. Frangiamore and Victor attended the IDS recital and shared it was very well done.

Under Matters from Staff, none.

The minutes from May 14, 2026, Committee of the Whole meeting was presented for approval.

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

Frangiamore asked for any discussion.

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

The first two Direction Items were Resolution R-2026-27-03, Recognizing July 2026 as National Park & Recreation Month and Resolution R-2026-27-04, Recognizing July 17, 2026, as Park & Recreation Professionals Day.

Carasso moved to recommend Board of Commissioner approval of Resolution R-2026-27-03, Recognizing July 2026 as National Park & Recreation Month and Resolution R-2026-27-04, Recognizing July 17, 2026, as Park & Recreation Professionals Day. Second by Victor.

Baker stated July has been designated as National Recreation and Parks Month, and July 17, 2026, as Park and Recreation Professionals Day by the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA).

Baker shared this year's theme, which is "The Power Of', and highlighted how the Marketing department plans to recognize Park & Recreation Month and Park & Recreation Professionals Day through the website, social media, etc.

Frangiamore asked for discussion. Hearing none, he asked for a roll call vote.

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

The third Direction Item was FY2026-27 Executive Director Work Initiatives. Jones stated each year, the Board approves a set of work initiatives for the Executive Director, which provides direction, focus, and is used as a facet of the performance evaluation of the Executive Director. Jones further stated the Executive Director is responsible for providing an update on the progress related to the work initiatives in July, November, February, early March, and a final time in April. Frangiamore asked for discussion. Victor and Stanko stated they had no modifications to recommend. Carasso expressed the importance of the initiatives aligning with the Executive Director performance evaluation when the time comes. Frangiamore stated he does not agree with two of the items being included, which belong more in the Executive Director job description rather than the work initiatives, but felt that is a change that can be made next year. Stanko expressed concern striking out the item related to staff work zone improvements and additions (Community Center and Maintenance Facility). Stanko and Renner requested the item be reworded and left on the list, as it is top priority and staff should continue to search for potential spaces. Carasso disagreed. After further discussion, majority of the Board agreed to leave the item on the list but directed Jones to reword the initiative based on the feedback provided.

Renner moved to recommend Board of Commissioner approval of FY2026-27 Executive Director Work Initiatives as revised. Second by Victor.

Frangiamore asked for discussion. Hearing none, he asked for a Roll Call vote.

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

The fourth Direction Item was Ordinance O-2026-27-02, Park Rules and Regulations. Kelly stated the Park District should review the Park Rules and Regulations Ordinance every five years and was lasted reviewed in 2020. Kelly further stated staff and Attorney Puma have reviewed the documents and made several revisions. Kelly walked the Board through the revisions. Frangiamore asked for discussion. Stanko recommended additional language be added to page 17 section #23, referring to any Park District property that is altered or damaged due to encroachment, be paid for at the owner's expense. Kelly responded she would need to cross reference the policy and language used in other violation documents.

Renner moved to recommend Board of Commissioners approval of Ordinance O-2026-27-02 Park Rules and Regulations. Second by Stanko.

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

The fifth Direction Item was Replacement, 2020 Chevy Traverse. Mach stated the 2020 Chevrolet Traverse 4WD has a replacement timeline of five years and $43,694 was allocated for its replacement within the Capital Equipment Replacement Fund (CERF). Mach stated staff are recommending a 2027

Chevrolet Equinox AWD RS at a price of $39,742.94 Mach added the Traverse would remain in the agency fleet and replace the vehicle currently used by Recreation and Administrative staff.

Carasso moved to recommend Board of Commissioner approval for the purchase of a 2027 Chevrolet Equinox AWD RS at the Sourcewell Cooperative price of $39,742.94 from Holz Chevrolet, Hales Corners, WI. Second by Renner.

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

The sixth Direction Item was Replacement, Saddle Oaks Park Playground. Raica stated the project moved through public review to final design completion, with traditional replacement costs estimated at $338,036. Raica further stated after evaluating cooperative purchasing methods, and with support from peer districts and attorneys, staff recommend using the Sourcewell Contract 101625-LSI with Landscape Structures, Inc. for a total project budget of $222,795. Raica added construction is planned to begin in September, with a completion date of December 1.

Carasso moved to recommend Board of Commissioner approval of the Saddle Oaks Park Playground purchase and construction in the amount of $192,087 from Landscape Structures, Inc. Delano, Minnesota, through the Sourcewell Parks, Recreation & Athletics Contract 101625-LSI and Board of Commissioners approval of an all-in budget of $223,000 which includes a construction contingency and owners FFE expenses. Second by Renner.

Renner asked if staff have considered using alternative playground surfaces. Raica responded he has researched options and visits and had conversations with other park districts that have alternative surfaces. Ultimately, the Park District is not ready to move forward with an alternative surface due to the maintenance upkeep and inability to complete any repairs in house. Jones noted a conference session he attended where representatives of the Chicago Park District spoke and stated that despite having over 100 alternative surface playgrounds, their preference is wood chips due to the ease and low cost of maintenance.

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

Frangiamore stated the Discussion Item, Resident Inquiry to Purchase Property – Linear Trail Parcel, Lyons Ridge, is to be removed from the agenda and as there is no longer a reason to discuss it.

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Daniel C. Jones, Secretary
Park District Board of Commissioners