

Minutes of the Freeport Park District Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting held on April 8, 2025.

1. In attendance were Commissioners Schwartz, Petersen, Stewart, Yartzak, McIlwain, Executive Director Cubberley, Secretary Witt, Marketing and Communications Manager Blair, Administrative and Finance Manager Wilson, Merry Blake, Andy Reeter.
2. The meeting was called to order by President Stewart at 6:30 P.M. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Petersen, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Stewart, Aye: Yartzak, Aye: McIlwain.
3. On a motion by Commissioner Yartzak and second by Commissioner Schwartz to approve the meeting agenda for April 8, 2025, Regular meeting of the Freeport Park District Board of Commissioners. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Yartzak, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Petersen, Aye: McIlwain, Aye: Stewart.
4. On a motion by Commissioner Petersen and second by Commissioner Stewart to approve the minutes from March 18, 2025, Budget and Appropriation Public Hearing. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Petersen, Aye: Stewart, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: McIlwain, Aye: Yartzak.
5. On a motion by Commissioner Yartzak and second by Commissioner Petersen to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2025 Regular meeting of the Freeport Park District Board of Commissioners. Aye: Yartzak, Aye: Petersen, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: McIlwain, Aye: Stewart.
6. On a motion by Commissioner Petersen and second by Commissioner Schwartz to approve and release the closed session minutes from the March 18, 2025 meeting. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Petersen, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Yartzak, Aye: McIlwain, Aye: Stewart.
7. On a motion by Commissioner Schwartz and second by Commissioner Petersen to approve the bills for April 2025, totaling \$508,527.88, including \$109,326.29 in payroll and \$399, 201.59 in vouchers. Roll Call Vote: Aye Schwartz, Aye: Petersen, Aye: McIlwain, Aye: Yartzak, Aye: Stewart.
8. On a motion by Commissioner Petersen and second by Commissioner Schwartz to receive and place on file the reports. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Petersen, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: McIlwain, Aye: Yartzak, Aye: Stewart.
9. Andy Reeter, Fehr Graham presented the proposed water treatment plant on the property located east of Krape Park's south entrance on Fairgrounds Road.
10. Marketing and Communication Manager Makenzie Blair presented an overview of strategies and upcoming initiatives for our social media and marketing for 2025-26.
11. Executive Director Cubberley presented for discussion 2026 OSLAD Grant.

12. Executive Director Cubberley presented the review of long-term maintenance and project planning chart.
13. On a motion by Commissioner Stewart and second by Commissioner Yarzak to approve Commissioner Petersen as President, Commissioner Yarzak as Vice President: and Commissioner Schwartz as Treasurer for the 2025-26 term. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye: Yarzak, Aye: Petersen, Aye; Schwartz, Aye: McIlwain.
14. On a motion by Commissioner Schwartz and second by Commissioner Yarzak to appoint Tracy Wilson as Secretary to the Board of Commissioners. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Yarzak, Aye; Petersen, Aye McIlwain, Aye: Stewart.
15. On a motion by Commissioner Petersen and second by Commissioner McIlwain to appoint Executive Director Cubberley as Open Meetings Act Officer and Administrative and Finance Manager Wilson as Alternate. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Petersen, Aye; McIlwain, Aye: Schwartz, Aye; Yarzak, Aye: Stewart.
16. On a motion by Commissioner Petersen and second by Commissioner Yarzak to appoint Executive Director Cubberley as Freedom of Information Act Officer and Administrative and Finance Manager Wilson as Alternate. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Petersen, Aye: Yarzak, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: McIlwain, Aye: Stewart.
17. On a motion by Commissioner Schwartz and second by Commissioner Petersen to appoint Fishburn Whiton Thrumman as legal counsel. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Petersen, Aye: McIlwain, Aye: Yarzak, Aye: Stewart.
18. On a motion by Commissioner Stewart and second by Commissioner Schwartz to appoint Commissioner Yarzak as the representative and Executive Director Cubberley as the alternate to IPARKS. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: McIlwain, Aye: Petersen, Aye: Yarzak.
19. On a motion by Commissioner Yarzak and second by Commissioner Petersen to approve the updated agreement between the Freeport Park District and Stephenson County Historical Society. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Yarzak, Aye: Petersen, Aye: McIlwain, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Stewart.
20. On a motion by Commissioner Petersen and second Commissioner Schwartz to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:06 P.M. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Petersen, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Stewart, Aye: Yarzak, Aye: McIlwain.

Dana Stewart, President

Vickie Witt, Secretary