

Minutes of the Freeport Park District Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Held on April 21, 2026.

1. In attendance were Commissioners Stewart, Schwartz, Petersen, Yartzak, and McIlwain, Executive Director Cubberley, Superintendent Jackson, Manager Minkie, Merry Blake, Rob Boyer, and Pam Crase.
2. The meeting was called to order by President Petersen at 6:30 P.M. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Petersen, Aye: Yartzak, Aye: McIlwain.
3. On a motion by Commissioner Schwartz and second by Commissioner Yartzak, the Board approved the meeting agenda for April 21, 2026, Regular meeting of the Freeport Park District Board of Commissioners. Roll call vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Petersen, Aye: Yartzak, Aye: McIlwain.

4. Public Comments:

A member of the public requested that shuffleboard be considered as an additional park amenity. The individual stated that shuffleboard would provide another healthy outdoor activity that supports coordination, is inclusive of recreational programming, can be handicap accessible, and offers a social activity for individuals of all ages and families.

5. On a motion by Commissioner Stewart and second by Commissioner McIlwain, the Board approved the minutes from the 2026-27 Budget & Appropriation Public Hearing on March 24, 2026. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Petersen, Aye: Yartzak, Aye: McIlwain.
6. On a motion by Commissioner Stewart and second by Commissioner Yartzak, the Board approved the minutes from March 24, 2026, Regular Meeting of the Freeport Park District Board of Commissioners. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Petersen, Aye: Yartzak, Aye: McIlwain.
7. On a motion by Commissioner Stewart and second by Commissioner Yartzak, the Board approved the closed session minutes from March 24, 2026, Regular Meeting of the Freeport Park District Board of Commissioners. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Petersen, Aye: Yartzak, Aye: McIlwain.
8. On a motion by Commissioner Stewart and second by Commissioner Yartzak, the Board approved the bills for April 2026, totaling \$477,530.75, including \$129,545.81 in payroll and \$347,984.94 in vouchers. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Petersen, Aye: Yartzak, Aye: McIlwain.
9. On a motion by Commissioner Stewart and second by Commissioner Schwartz to receive and place on file the reports. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Petersen, Aye: Yartzak, Aye: McIlwain.

10. On a motion by Commissioner Stewart and second by Commissioner Yarzak, the Board approved slating of board officers, Commissioner Yarzak as President, Commissioner Schwartz as Treasurer. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Petersen, Aye: Yarzak, Aye: McIlwain.
11. On a motion by Commissioner Stewart and second by Commissioner Schwartz, the Board approved the appointment of Secretary to the Board, Manager Minkie. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Petersen, Aye: Yarzak, Aye: McIlwain.
12. On a motion by Commissioner Stewart and second by Commissioner Petersen, the Board approved the appointment of Open Meetings Act (OMA) Officer, Director Cubberley, and Alternate, Manager Minkie. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Petersen, Aye: Yarzak, Aye: McIlwain.
13. On a motion by Commissioner Stewart and second by Commissioner McIlwain, the Board approved the appointment of Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Officer, Director Cubberley, and Alternate, Manager Minkie. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Petersen, Aye: Yarzak, Aye: McIlwain.
14. On a motion by Commissioner Stewart and second by Commissioner Yarzak, the Board approved the appointment of legal counsel for a six-month term to Fishburn Whiton Thruman. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Petersen, Aye: Yarzak, Aye: McIlwain.
15. On a motion by Commissioner Stewart and second by Commissioner McIlwain, the Board approved the appointment of a representative, Commissioner Yarzak, and alternate, Director Cubberley, to the Illinois Parks Association Risk Services (IPARKS). Roll Call Vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Petersen, Aye: Yarzak, Aye: McIlwain.
16. On a motion by Commissioner Stewart and second by Commissioner Yarzak, the Board approved the funding for the City of Freeport's offer to repave approximately 1,050 feet of drive in Krape Park, from Woodside Drive to the Gladewood entrance near the sledding hill. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Petersen, Aye: Yarzak, Aye: McIlwain.
17. On a motion by Commissioner Stewart and second by Commissioner Yarzak, the Board approved Resolution 26-04-21A: Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement (Alternate 1) with the City of Freeport for roadway improvements at Krape Park. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Petersen, Aye: Yarzak, Aye: McIlwain.
18. On a motion by Commissioner Stewart and second by Commissioner Yarzak, the Board approved funding for the City of Freeport to repave approximately 560 feet of drive in Krape Park, from Gladewood Drive, north, to the stop sign and intersection at the bottom of the hill. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Petersen, Aye: Yarzak, Aye: McIlwain.

19. On a motion by Commissioner Stewart and second by Commissioner Yarzak, the Board approved Resolution 26-04-21B: Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement (Alternate 2) with the City of Freeport for roadway improvements at Krape Park. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Petersen, Aye: Yarzak, Aye: McIlwain.
20. On a motion by Commissioner Stewart and second by Commissioner Schwartz, the Board approved the Retiree Continuation of Health Insurance Policy. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Petersen, Aye: Yarzak, Aye: McIlwain.
21. On a motion by Commissioner Stewart and second by Commissioner Yarzak, the Board approved Resolution 26-04-21C: Authorizing acceptance of permanent bike path easement from Lana Jo Knutson. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Petersen, Aye: Yarzak, Aye: McIlwain.
22. On a motion by Commissioner Stewart and second by Commissioner Yarzak, the Board approved the bid for the Krape Park South entrance project, Phase I, to Helm Civil. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Petersen, Aye: Yarzak, Aye: McIlwain.
23. On a motion by Commissioner Stewart and second by Commissioner Schwartz, the Board approved the purchase of a 2026 Chrysler Pacifica. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Petersen, Aye: Yarzak, Aye: McIlwain.
24. On a motion by Commissioner Stewart and second by Commissioner Yarzak, the Board approved the bid for resurfacing East Tennis Courts in Read Park, to ProVantage Systems Inc. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Petersen, Aye: Yarzak, Aye: McIlwain.
25. On a motion by Commissioner Stewart and second by Commissioner Schwartz to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:11 P.M. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Petersen, Aye: Yarzak, Aye: McIlwain.