

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

1. In attendance were Commissioners Stewart, Schwartz, Petersen, Yarzak, and McIlwain, Executive Director Cubberley, Superintendent Jackson, Police Coordinator Klinefelter, Manager Bellows, Merry Blake, Ed Schradermeier, Marcy Folgate and Bob Folgate.
2. The meeting was called to order by President Yarzak at 6:30 P.M. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Petersen, Aye: Yarzak, Aye: McIlwain.
3. On a motion by Commissioner Stewart and second by Commissioner Schwartz to approve the meeting agenda for June 16, 2026, Regular meeting of the Freeport Park District Board of Commissioners. Roll call vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Petersen, Aye: Yarzak, Aye: McIlwain.

4. Public Comments:

Two members of the public talked about the reasons why the park district shouldn't convert the remaining tennis courts in Krape Park into pickleball courts. They also believe that the two sports can co-exist happily using the same courts and gave suggestions as to how to make it feasible.

5. On a motion by Commissioner Stewart and second by Commissioner Petersen to approve the minutes from June 16, 2026, Regular Meeting of the Freeport Park District Board of Commissioners. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Petersen, Aye: Yarzak, Aye: McIlwain.
6. On a motion by Commissioner Schwartz and second by Commissioner Petersen to approve the bills for July 2026, totaling \$725,160.41, including \$344,726.24 in payroll and \$380,434.17 in vouchers. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Petersen, Aye: Yarzak, Aye: McIlwain.
7. On a motion by Commissioner Stewart and second by Commissioner McIlwain to receive and place on file the reports. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Petersen, Aye: Yarzak, Aye: McIlwain.
8. Discussion Item: Pickleball court demand and the potential conversion of an existing Krape Park tennis court into four (4) additional pickleball courts.
9. On a motion by Commissioner Petersen and second by Commissioner McIlwain to approve the appointment of Secretary to the Board- Sheri Bellows. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Petersen, Aye: Yarzak, Aye: McIlwain.

10. On a motion by Commissioner McIlwain and second by Commissioner Schwartz to approve the appointment of Open Meetings Act (OMA) Alternate Officer- Sheri Bellows. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Petersen, Aye: Yarzak, Aye: McIlwain.
11. On a motion by Commissioner Petersen and second by Commissioner Stewart to approve appointment of Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Alternate Officer- Sheri Bellows. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Petersen, Aye: Yarzak, Aye: McIlwain.
12. On a motion by Commissioner Schwartz and second by Commissioner McIlwain to approve appointment of Legal Counsel- Ancel Glink. 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 to approve the Winter Park Asphalt Overlay Bid- Helm Construction. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Petersen, Aye: Yarzak, Aye: McIlwain.
14. On a motion by Commissioner Stewart and second by Commissioner Schwartz to approve Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System (ILEAS) Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Agreement and authorize the Executive Director to execute all necessary documents on behalf of the Freeport Park District following an Attorney review. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Petersen, Aye: Yarzak, Aye: McIlwain.
15. On a motion by Commissioner McIlwain and second by Commissioner Schwartz to approve Ordinance 26-7-31 to authorize the sale or conveyance of certain personal property. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Petersen, Aye: Yarzak, Aye: McIlwain.
16. On a motion by Commissioner McIlwain and second by Commissioner Petersen to go into closed session at 7:23 P.M. for the purpose of discussing the recruitment and offer strategy for management positions of Park Hills Golf Course pursuant to 5 ILCS 120 Section 2(c)(1) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Petersen, Aye: Yarzak, Aye: McIlwain.
17. On a motion by Commissioner Stewart and second by Commissioner McIlwain to adjourn the closed session and reconvene into regular session at 7:51 P.M. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Petersen, Aye: Yarzak, Aye: McIlwain.
18. On a motion by Commissioner Stewart and second by Commissioner McIlwain to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:53 P.M. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Petersen, Aye: Yarzak, Aye: McIlwain.