

Minutes of the Freeport Park District Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Held on August 18, 2026.

1. In attendance were Commissioners Schwartz, Petersen, Yarzak, McIlwain, Executive Director Cubberley, Communications and Marketing Manager Blair, Merry Blake, Mary Luecke and Rob Luecke.
2. The meeting was called to order by President Yarzak at 6:30 P.M. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Yarzak, Aye: Petersen, Aye: McIlwain. Commissioner Stewart joined the meeting at 6:32 P.M.
3. On a motion by Commissioner Schwartz and second by Commissioner McIlwain to approve the meeting agenda for August 18, 2026, Regular meeting of the Freeport Park District Board of Commissioners. Roll call vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Yarzak, Aye: Petersen, Aye: McIlwain.
4. On a motion by President Yarzak and second by Commissioner McIlwain to add a discussion item to the agenda for August 18, 2026, to include the incident along the Nature Trail in Krape Park, and discuss police security, protocol and, potential of adding cameras along the trail and signage to encourage calling authorities if suspicious activities are witnessed.
5. Public Comments:

A member of the public, Mary Luecke made a statement regarding witnessing sexual conduct along the Nature Trail in Krape Park.
6. On a motion by Commissioner Stewart and second by Commissioner McIlwain to approve the minutes of July 21, 2026, Regular Meeting of the Freeport Park District Board of Commissioners. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Yarzak, Aye: Petersen, Aye: McIlwain.
7. On a motion by Commissioner McIlwain and second by Commissioner Petersen to approve the bills for August 2026, totaling \$465,290 including \$241,589.41 in payroll and \$224,300.914 in vouchers. Discussion was held regarding invoice from Alber Towing and the Cellphone Stipend to be line listed. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Yarzak, Aye: Petersen, Aye: McIlwain.
8. 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: Yarzak, Aye: Petersen, Aye: McIlwain.
9. Discussion Item: Executive Director Cubberley reviewed potential ideas to increase security along the Krape Park Nature Trail.

10. On a motion by Commissioner Stewart and second by Commissioner Schwartz to approve the purchase of wayfinding signage for Krape Park from iZone in the amount of \$39,230. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Yarzak, Aye: Petersen, Aye: McIlwain.
11. On a motion by Commissioner Schwartz and second by Commissioner Stewart to approve the purchase of an additional climbing rock and poured-in-place surfacing for Krape Park. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Yarzak, Aye: Petersen, Aye: McIlwain.
12. On a motion by Commissioner Stewart and second by Commissioner Schwartz to approve the Ordinance 26-8-18 authorizing the sale or conveyance of certain personal property. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Yarzak, Aye: Petersen, Aye: McIlwain.
13. On a motion by Commissioner Stewart and second by Commissioner Petersen to approve the Park Hills Golf Course Pro Shop commission payment in the amount of \$2161. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Yarzak, Aye: Petersen, Aye: McIlwain.
14. On a motion by Commissioner Stewart and second by Commissioner Schwartz to go into Closed Session at 7:09 P.M. for the purpose of using the Compa-Ratio to evaluate annual salary adjustments for the annual raise pool. Roll Call Vote: Roll Call Vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Yarzak, Aye: Petersen, Aye: McIlwain.
15. On a motion by Commissioner Stewart and second by Commissioner Petersen to adjourn the closed session and reconvene into regular session at 7:36 P.M. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Petersen, Aye: Yarzak, Aye: McIlwain.
16. On a motion by Commissioner Petersen and second by Commissioner Schwartz to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:37 P.M. Roll Call Vote: Roll Call Vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Yarzak, Aye: Petersen, Aye: McIlwain.