Minutes of the Freeport Park District Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Held on

October 20, 2026.

1. In attendance were Commissioners Stewart, Yarzak, Petersen, and McIlwain, Executive Director Cubberley, Superintendent Jackson, Superintendent Booker, Secretary Bellows, Merry Blake, Jeff Lehman.

2. The meeting was called to order by President Yarzak at 6:30 P.M. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye: Yarzak, Aye: Petersen, Aye: McIlwain.

3. On a motion by Commissioner Stewart and second by Commissioner Petersen to approve the corrected meeting agenda for October 20, 2026, Regular meeting of the Freeport Park District Board of Commissioners. Roll call vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye: Yarzak, Aye: Petersen, Aye: McIlwain.

4. On a motion by Commissioner McIlwain and second by Commissioner Petersen to approve the minutes from October 20, 2026, Regular Meeting of the Freeport Park District Board of Commissioners. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Yarzak, Aye: Petersen, Aye: McIlwain.

5. On a motion by Commissioner Petersen and second by Commissioner McIlwain to approve the bills for October 2026, totaling $431,751.95 including $156,024.12 in payroll and $275,727.83 in vouchers. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye: Yarzak, Aye: Petersen, Aye: McIlwain.

6. On a motion by Commissioner Stewart and second by Commissioner Petersen to receive and place on file the reports. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye: Yarzak, Aye: Petersen, Aye: McIlwain.

7. Discussion Item:
    a. Superintendent Booker and Freeport Concert Band Representative Jeff Lehman presented a request to increase the funding amount for the 2027 Music in the Park season.

8. On a motion by Commissioner Stewart and second by Commissioner Petersen to approve the Park Hills Golf Course Patio Improvement Project, including Acceptance of a $100,000.00 Contribution from the Freeport Park Foundation. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye: Petersen, Aye: Yarzak, Aye: McIlwain.

9. On a motion by Commissioner Stewart and second by Commissioner Petersen to approve purchasing retaining wall materials from Benson Stone Company for the Park Hills Golf Course Patio Improvement Project at a net cost of $17,441.48, following refundable pallet charges. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye: Petersen, Aye: Yarzak, Aye: McIlwain.

10. On a motion by Commissioner Petersen and second by Commissioner McIlwain to approve corrected naming of the Pickleball Courts “Collin Courts” in honor of Former Park Commissioner Ken Collin. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye: Petersen, Aye: Yarzak, Aye: McIlwain.

11. On a motion by Commissioner Stewart and second by Commissioner Petersen to approve hiring Fransen Tree Service for pruning 38 Trees at a total cost of $11,125.00. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye: Petersen, Aye: Yarzak, Aye: McIlwain.

12. On a motion by Commissioner Stewart and second by Commissioner Petersen to approve the scheduling of a Truth in Taxation Public Hearing for the proposed 2026 Property Tax Levy on December 1, 2026. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye: Petersen, Aye: Yarzak, Aye: McIlwain.

13. On a motion by Commissioner Petersen and second by Commissioner McIlwain to approve the appointment of Executive Director Cubberley as the delegate and Superintendent Jackson as the alternate delegate to the Annual Business Meeting of the Illinois Association of Park Districts. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye: Petersen, Aye: Yarzak, Aye: McIlwain.

14. No motion was made for the Closed Session purpose of discussing the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees pursuant to 5 ILCS 120 Section 2 (c)(1) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

15. On a motion by Commissioner Stewart and second by Commissioner Petersen to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:21 P.M. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye: Yarzak, Aye: Petersen, Aye: McIlwain.