



REGULAR BOARD MEETING
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS OF PALATINE PARK DISTRICT
Village of Palatine, 200 East Wood Street in Palatine
Second Floor- Village Room B
August 10, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Commissioner Sammons

Commissioners Present

Greg Sammons, President

Susan Gould

Joe Petricca arrived at 6:21 pm

Michelle Rushing

Commissioners Absent

Jennifer Rogers, Vice-President

Staff Present

Benjamin Rea, Executive Director

Andrea Fisher, Park Board Treasurer/Director of Finance

Lisa Allie, Park Board Secretary/Executive Assistant

Michelle Eckelberry, Director of District Services

Sonia Austin, Superintendent of Finance

Dayell Houzenga, Superintendent of District Services

Jim Holder, Director of Parks & Planning

Amy Vito, Superintendent of Parks & Planning

Katie Waszak, Supt. of Recreation Programming

Josh Ludolph, Supt. of Recreation Facilities

Mark Dolphin, Athletic Manager

Savannah Martin, Preschool/Tot Coordinator

Visitors and Citizens Present

Adam Deegan, Palatine Community Baseball/Softball PCBS) Dave Tofilon, Palatine Celtic Soccer Club

Nicole Iacullo, Palatine Amateur Football Assoc. (PAFA) Gina Kiefer, Resident

Approval of Agenda

President Sammons moved, and Commissioner Rushing seconded that the agenda be approved. By a roll call vote, the agenda for the regular meeting of August 10, 2026, was approved. The result of the roll call vote follows:

AYE: Susan Gould, Michelle Rushing, Greg Sammons

NAY: None

ABSENT: Jennifer Rogers, Joe Petricca

Motion carried

Approval of Consent Agenda

The Board reviewed the previously distributed items posted on the consent agenda. President Sammons moved and Commissioner Rushing seconded, that the consent agenda be approved as presented. By a roll call vote, the following items on the consent agenda were approved: Regular Meeting Minutes of July 27, 2026, Closed Session Meeting Minutes of July 27, 2026, and Warrant #7. The motion was approved by a roll call vote; the result follows:

AYE: Susan Gould, Michelle Rushing, Greg Sammons

NAY: None

ABSENT: Jennifer Rogers, Joe Petricca

Motion carried

Visitors and Citizen's Comments

None

Superintendent Waszak introduced Savannah Martin, the new early childhood coordinator, who replaces Karen Rude after her retirement. She also shared Savannah's previous experience at Goddard School and Glencoe Park District.

New Business

The Board reviewed a previously distributed board summary pertaining to the Approval of Resolution 26-06 recognition of Karen Rude, an employee of 23 years. President Sammons moved, and Commissioner Rushing seconded, that the Board of Park Commissioners approve Resolution 26-06, a Resolution recognizing the dedicated service of Karen Rude, a twenty-three-year employee of the Palatine Park District. The motion was approved by a roll call vote; the result follows:

AYE: Michelle Rushing, Susan Gould, Greg Sammons

NAY: None

ABSENT: Jennifer Rogers, Joe Petricca

Motion carried

The Board reviewed a previously distributed board summary pertaining to Approval of Updated and Revised Administrative Policies. President Sammons moved, and Commissioner Rushing seconded that the Board of Park Commissioners approve the following policies as updated: 2.08.12 Political Signs and Electioneering, 2.08.13 Service Animals, 2.08.14 Mobility Device Use, 2.08.16 Lightning Warning System, 2.08.18 Security Cameras and 2.08.21 Legacy Tributes Program (formerly Living Tributes in Parks) The motion was approved by a roll call vote; the result follows:

AYE: Michelle Rushing, Susan Gould, Greg Sammons

NAY: None

ABSENT: Jennifer Rogers, Joe Petricca

Motion carried

The Board reviewed a previously distributed board summary pertaining to the Approval of the updated affiliate agreements between Palatine Park District and Celtic Soccer; Palatine Park District and PAFA; and Palatine Park District and PCBS. President Sammons moved, and Commissioner Rushing seconded that the Board of Park Commissioners move to approve the updated affiliate agreements between Palatine Park District and Celtic; Palatine Park District and PAFA; and Palatine Park District and PCBS. Commissioner Gould questioned enforcement of the proposed 55-decibel sound limit and expressed concern about the impact of amplified sound on neighboring residents. She supported necessary announcements but opposed amplified music at sporting events.

Resident Gina Kiefer asked about changes to prior understandings regarding amplified sound and how residents could report and track complaints. Director Rea explained that Village ordinance changes placed noise regulation for Park District property with the Park District. He stated that the proposed rules would limit amplified sound, require permits for certain uses, and provide notice of permitted events. He also noted that sound levels are measured at the property line and stated that prior readings taken in response to complaints had been within the permitted level.

Discussion included enforcement, resident complaints, and potential sound mitigation through additional tree plantings. President Sammons emphasized continued collaboration with neighboring residents. Commissioner Gould stated that she supported the other provisions of the agreement but could not support it while amplified music remained permitted. The motion was approved by a roll call vote; the result follows:

AYE: Joe Petricca, Michelle Rushing, Greg Sammons

NAY: Susan Gould

ABSENT: Jennifer Rogers

Motion carried

The Board reviewed a previously distributed board summary pertaining to the Approval of IGA with the Village of Palatine for the use of Falcon Recreation Center as a Reunification Site. President Sammons moved, and Commissioner Rushing seconded that the Board of Park Commissioners move to approve the IGA with the Village of Palatine for the use of Falcon Recreation Center as a reunification site. The motion was approved by a roll call vote; the result follows:

AYE: Susan Gould, Joe Petricca, Michelle Rushing, Greg Sammons
NAY: None
ABSENT: Jennifer Rogers
Motion carried

The Board reviewed a previously distributed board summary pertaining to the Approval of Resolution #26-07 as submitted. President Sammons moved, and Commissioner Petricca seconded that the Board of Park Commissioners move to approve Resolution #26-07 a Resolution approving the member district annual assessment for 2027 to NWSRA to serve the residents of the Palatine Park District who have special needs. Director Rea answered Commissioner questions regarding the rate calculation and the park districts contribution. The motion was approved by a roll call vote; the result follows:

AYE: Joe Petricca, Michelle Rushing, Susan Gould, Greg Sammons
NAY: None
ABSENT: Jennifer Rogers
Motion carried

Executive Director Report

Director Rea referred to a letter provided to each Commissioner from the Police Department thanking the Park District for its involvement and participation in National Night Out. He reported that, despite concerns about the weather, the event was held outdoors with only a brief shower. The event was well attended, with several thousand people estimated to have participated. Director Rea reported that the Twilight Run was held Friday with 178 participants. He stated that the weather cooperated and that it was a successful event. He also shared that the flooring replacement project at Birchwood began that day. He noted that the project was previously approved, abatement work had been completed, and flooring installation was beginning on the lower level.

Commissioner Reports/Future Agenda Items

Commissioner Gould complimented staff on the Twilight Run, noting that it was well attended and participants appeared to enjoy the event. She reported distributing approximately 90 bottles of water and donating 200 glow bracelets for the goodie bags as an event Sponsor.

Commissioner Sammons attended the National Night Out, stating that it's a great community event with a great turnout.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Park Board on this date, Commissioner Rushing moved that the regular meeting be adjourned, and Commissioner Petricca seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a voice vote; the result follows:

AYE: Susan Gould, Joe Petricca, Michelle Rushing, Greg Sammons
NAY: None
ABSENT: Jennifer Rogers
Motion carried at 6:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

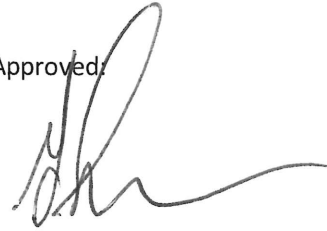
Lisa Allie
Park Board Secretary

Attest:



Lisa Allie
Secretary

Approved:



Greg Sammons
President

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