



COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES

Board of Park Commissioners

July 27, 2026

6:30 p.m. - Mallinckrodt

Present

Commissioners: Vice President Julia Goebel, President Patrick Lahey, Julie Adrianopoli, Patrick Duffy, Cecilia Clarke and Mike Murdock (arrives 7:45 p.m. via phone)

Absent: Commissioner Allison Frazier

Secretary/Executive Director: Chris Lindgren

Staff: Superintendent Josh Wallace, Superintendent Dave Merrill, Superintendent Lindsay Thomas, Superintendent Sheila Foy

Visitors: Walter Keats, Alexandra Lichtor, Malka Lichtor, Terry Lichtor, Herman Lichtor

1.0 Committee of the Whole Meeting Called to Order

Vice President Goebel calls the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

2.0 Communications and Correspondence

All emails received are in the packet.

3.0 Public Comment and Recognition of Visitors

Malka and Alexandra Lichtor – The Lichtors comment about the pool schedule.

4.0 Old Business

None.

5.0 New Business

5.1 June 2026 Financial Update

Superintendent Foy gives a high level explanation of the finances for the district. The district is ahead of budget by about \$1.9M. There are some permanent differences in miscellaneous revenue, including the \$250,000 grant for the Centennial Cooling project. We are also ahead of budget on some of the sponsorship revenue. Expenses are still trailing budget and not all of it will be permanent. There is a permanent variance on salary of around \$300,000 because of full-time positions being open.

President Lahey says that the information given for capital spend for each area is difficult to comprehend. He asks about the CRC Operations account specifically. He would like an explanation of the \$5M capital number. Superintendent Foy says that Fund 70, which is capital, comes from recreation. We don't currently have a process in place to distribute it throughout recreation (Fund 20), which



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includes all the other facilities, so it sits at the top of recreation in the CRC Operations fund. We do an allocation to cover capital projects so the fund doesn't go into the negative, and that is budgeted for \$5M this year. President Lahey asks for a paragraph explaining this next time so the public is aware of the explanation. Vice President Goebel asks for a summary table with each bottom line and the detail behind it. Commissioner Duffy asks for a list of significant variances. He also asks if transfers show up on these tables. Superintendent Foy explains that traditionally each program is not tagged individually for their capital expenditures. She is working on gathering data for each facility going back to 2017 so the board can see how much capital money is spent at each facility and within each program. Commissioner Duffy asks where the pool leak is budgeted, as he does not see a line item for fixing the leak. Superintendent Foy says that will be a line item in the next version of the capital spreadsheet. Director Lindgren adds that we don't have an estimate for the project yet because it has yet to be investigated. Commissioner Adrianopoli asks for a list of capital projects that have been completed from the Special Rec Fund for the Committee of the Whole in September. Commissioner Clarke asks about Big Tree Lane being under budget. Superintendent Foy explains that the contract was finished after the budget and so it is a little off.

Vice President Goebel asks Director Lindgren for an explanation on why the pool is closing after September 7th this year. Director Lindgren explains the temperatures that are needed in order to make repairs if a leak is found in the pool. Commissioner Duffy further explains the history of the pool and the extension into the fall. Commissioner Adrianopoli asks staff to put together some information including month-by-month utilization and historical closing dates.

5.2 Recreation Intern Presentations - Kylie Fitzgerald, Jakub Winkowski, Violet Harvel

Each Recreation Intern gives an overview of what they did this summer and the experience they gained. Each presentation is available to be viewed on the meeting recording on the park district website.

5.3 Langdon Shoreline Protection & Gillson Infrastructure Project Closeouts

Superintendent Wallace gives a high-level presentation of the Langdon and Gillson project closeouts to the board. He says there is only a retainage of \$12,006 left on the project, which has been updated since the presentation. Based on final budget numbers, we budgeted \$2,070,000 and came in \$8,812 under budget. The full presentation is available on the park district website.

Commissioner Duffy says Commissioner Murdock sent information regarding change orders totaling around \$102,000 earlier today. He asks for details on the change orders. Director Lindgren says with a project of this scale, the engineers specify a cut and a depth and there are always some unknowns with compaction and estimating the right amount of stone. No one on staff was at the district when the change orders took place, so limited information is available. Vice President Goebel says that the change orders amount to 5% of the overall budget, so she is not alarmed by the change order information. The



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board asks for detailed information regarding what all the change orders were. Commissioner Adrianopoli points out that the district was under budget on both projects. Director Lindgren says there was confusion over what the budget number was because the budgeted amount changed each year in the capital plan.

5.4 District Service Provider Policy Discussion

Director Lindgren states that the district looked at current practices of different departments who bring in vendors. Superintendent Thomas looked at what other districts are doing and created a draft policy with some procedures to have an accountable process to bring vendors into the district to provide services for the community.

Superintendent Thomas explains that each service provider must have an agreement and a Certificate of Insurance on file with the park district prior to providing services. The new agreement limits how vendors can use participant information.

[At this point, Commissioner Murdock joins the meeting via phone.]

Vice President Goebel asks for a motion to admit Commissioner Murdock to the meeting via phone. Commissioner Clarke moves and Commissioner Duffy seconds the motion.

Commissioner Duffy clarifies that the district has already been following a procedure, but this just creates a policy. Commissioner Adrianopoli asks if this was connected to the conversation had regarding the sauna. She asks what criteria should be clarified to allow vendors to operate on park district property. Superintendent Thomas explains that there will be a procedure that outlines who can be a service provider. She also states that information will be on the park district website that gives vendors information regarding becoming a park district partner, including marketing of their programs and financial information. Commissioner Clarke says that she thought the policy was thorough. She would like staff to add that the district can market for the program, which is not currently provided for in the contract. Commissioner Adrianopoli asks if service providers are required to provide services to special needs populations served through the park district and if there are additional requirements expected of vendors. Superintendent Thomas answers that the intake form that is being created includes the question of how a vendor would adjust the program to accommodate for someone with a disability. If they aren't sure, the district would happily help a vendor make their program more accessible.

6.o Adjournment to Closed Session

President Lahey moves and Commissioner Duffy seconds a motion to adjourn to closed session for the discussion of the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the Park District, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired as well as the setting



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of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body, in accordance with Sections 2(c)5 and 2(c)6 of the Open Meetings Act; and

For the discussion of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of a specific employee of the district, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the district or against legal counsel to determine its validity, in accordance with Section 2(c)1 of the Open Meetings Act.

By a voice vote; **motion carried.**

Minutes approved on: **August 10, 2026**