



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
 April 13, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Commissioner Sammons

Commissioners Present

Greg Sammons, President
 Jennifer Rogers, Vice-President
 Susan Gould
 Joe Petricca
 Michelle Rushing

Commissioners Absent

Staff Present

Benjamin Rea, Executive Director	Jim Holder, Director of Parks & Planning
Lisa Allie, Park Board Secretary/Executive Assistant	Amy Vito, Superintendent of Parks & Planning
Michelle Eckelberry, Director of District Services	Colleen Palmer, Director of Recreation Facilities
Sonia Austin, Superintendent of Finance	Katie Waszak, Supt. of Recreation Programming
Dayell Houzenga, Superintendent of District Services	Alex Giannikoulis, Superintendent of Trades
Josh Ludolph, Supt. of Recreation Facilities	

Visitors and Citizens Present

Diane Lancour, Palatine Township Senior Center
 Bob Haas, Palatine Township Senior Center

Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Rushing moved, and Commissioner Rogers seconded that the agenda be approved. By a roll call vote, the agenda for the regular meeting of April 13, 2026, was approved. The result of the roll call vote follows:

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

Approval of Consent Agenda

The Board reviewed the previously distributed items posted on the consent agenda. Commissioner Rogers moved and Commissioner Petricca 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 March 23, 2026, and Warrant #3. The motion was approved by a roll call vote; the result follows:

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

Visitors and Citizen’s Comments

None

Palatine Township Senior Citizens Council (PTSCC) Presentation

Diane Lancour, Executive Director of PTSCC, introduced herself and Board Chair Bob Haas. Diane highlighted the importance of their partnership with the park district and shared that they served approximately 2,900 seniors last year: 1,500 through recreation and 1,400 through social services. She noted that the center operates with two distinct teams, one for social services and one for recreation, which is uncommon among senior centers. Diane emphasized that this dual structure is possible because of the district's allocation. She also reported that the Palatine Chamber recognized PTSCC as the Community Organization of the Year and that enrollment since March 1 has reached 262 members. Last year, they had a total of 339 members, along with about 80 non-members who regularly participated in events, trips, and daily activities by paying non-member fees. Diane added that their partnership with the district enables them to co-sponsor some events and the theater playbook. She acknowledged Director Palmer's service on the PTSCC board and the park district's active involvement. Diane concluded by expressing gratitude for the Board's generous contribution and their ongoing partnership. Commissioner Rogers asked about upcoming fundraisers, and Commissioner Sammons complimented the impressive budget report and thanked Diane for her continued hard work.

New Business

The Board reviewed a previously distributed board summary pertaining to approval of the Palatine Township Senior Citizens Council (PTSCC) funding request. Commissioner Rushing moved, and Commissioner Rogers seconded that the Board of Park Commissioners approve the Palatine Township Senior Citizens Council (PTSCC) funding request in the amount of \$270,260.22 for the 2026 year, payable biannually in the amount of \$135,130.22. The motion was approved by a roll call vote; the result follows:

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

The Board reviewed a previously distributed board summary pertaining to approval of the Jaycees Storage Agreement. Commissioner Rushing moved, and Commissioner Petricca seconded that the Board of Park Commissioners move to approve the storage agreement with Palatine Jaycees for use of the facility at 270 E. Palatine Rd. The motion was approved by a roll call vote; the result follows:

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

The Board reviewed a previously distributed board summary pertaining to the approval of the Rotary Club of Palatine Storage Agreement. Commissioner Rushing moved, and Commissioner Rogers seconded that the Board of Park Commissioners move to approve the storage agreement with the Rotary Club of Palatine for use of the facility at 270 E. Palatine Rd. The motion was approved by a roll call vote; the result follows:

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

Executive Director Report

Director Rea reported that the Admin Center bid opening has been pushed back to next week and that over 82 bidders have picked up documents. The Arbor Day event will take place next Friday, 10 am at Winston Campus. Director Rea also updated the Board on proposed legislation from the new Illinois Department of Early Childhood that would require licensure for many of our programs. IAPD is actively fighting this, as park districts have always had a special carve-out that protects us from any special licensure for recreation programs. The new proposal would impose new licensing regulations, which could become extremely burdensome given that we operate thousands of programs. Director Rea has reached out to both of our legislators to discuss with them and just wanted to make the Board aware of all this.

Commissioner Reports/Future Agenda Items

Commissioner Sammons confirmed that he plans to attend the Arbor Day event.

Commissioner Gould mentioned that Menards is once again advertising one of our upcoming events in their promotional emails under their community events section. She thinks this would be valuable to our sponsors and worth mentioning to them. As a sponsor herself, she finds it pretty cool that Menards is doing free advertising for us. Since our events appear in their email fairly frequently, she suggested that we reach out to provide them with the event information by contacting the store manager listed in the email she shared.

Executive Session

President Sammons requested a motion to close the public portion of the meeting and convene in Executive Session for Section 2(c)(5) discussion of the acquisition or lease of real property for the use of the District. Commissioner Petricca moved and Commissioner Rushing seconded that the Board of Park Commissioners go into closed session for discussion of Executive Session Section 2(c)(5) to discuss the acquisition or lease of real property for the use of the District. The motion was approved by a roll call vote; the result follows:

- AYE: Susan Gould, Joe Petricca, Michelle Rushing, Jennifer Rogers, Greg Sammons
 - NAY: None
 - ABSENT: None
- Motion carried at 6:15 p.m.

Return to Open Session

Commissioner Rushing moved to come out of closed session and resume the regular meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners; Commissioner Rogers seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by a roll call vote as follows:

- AYE: Joe Petricca, Michelle Rushing, Jennifer Rogers, Susan Gould, Greg Sammons
 - NAY: None
 - ABSENT: None
- Motion carried at 6:33 p.m.

Action on Matters Considered in Closed Session

Regarding Section 2(c)(5), discussion of the acquisition or lease of real property for the use of the District. No action was taken on matters considered in the closed session.

Adjournment

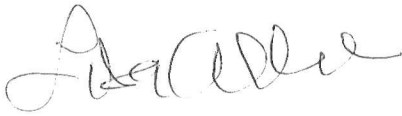
There being no further business to come before the Park Board on this date, Commissioner Rushing moved that the regular meeting be adjourned, and Commissioner Petricca seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a voice vote; the result follows:

AYE: Michelle Rushing, Jennifer Rogers, Susan Gould, Joe Petricca, Greg Sammons
NAY: None
ABSENT: None
Motion carried at 6:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Allie
Park Board Secretary

Attest:



Lisa Allie
Secretary

Approved:



Greg Sammons
President

2026 Park Board Meetings		
April 27, 2026	July 13, 2026	October 12, 2026
May 11, 2026	July 27, 2026	October 26, 2026
May 26, 2026	August 10, 2026	November 9, 2026
June 8, 2026	August 24, 2026	November 23, 2026
June 22, 2026	September 14, 2026	December 14, 2026