

FRANKFORT SQUARE PARK DISTRICT
DECENNIAL COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY
September 21, 2023

The following are Minutes of a meeting of the Frankfort Square Park District Decennial Committee on Local Government Efficiency, held at the Park District Administration Building, 7540 W. Braemar Lane, Frankfort, Illinois.

I. Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order at 7:45 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Present were: Ken Blackburn, Phil Cherry, Frank Florentine, Ryan Holley, Pam Kohlbacher, Dave Macek, Craig Maksymiak, Denis Moore, and Bonnie Roach.

Absent was: Audrey Marcquenski

Also present was: Linda Mitchell, Recording Secretary.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Public Input

No members of the public were present for input.

V. Committee Member Introductions

The Park District's Decennial Committee on Local Government Efficiency consists of its elected Park Board Members and Board-appointed Executive Director, Audrey Marcquenski:

- Ken Blackburn, Park Board President is a 46-year resident whose children have all attended Park District programming.
- Phil Cherry is a 38-year resident and previous Park District employee.
- Frank Florentine is a 23-year resident whose children attended Park District programming.
- Ryan Holley grew up in Frankfort but he and his wife who is a lifelong Frankfort Square resident, are now raising their family in Frankfort Square.
- Dave Macek is a 32-year resident who has been serving on the Park Board since 2005 and has been active in the Frankfort Square community by volunteering on the SHSD School Board and FSBL, and also coached basketball for the Park District.
- Craig Maksymiak is a 26-year resident and has been serving on the Park Board for the past twelve years.
- Denis Moore, is a 35-year resident and was also involved in Frankfort Square youth sports.

The Park Board appointed two Park District residents to serve on the committee:

- Pam Kohlbacher, retired Frankfort Square educator, and upon retirement, served as the Park District's preschool Director and was also a longtime Park Board Member.
- Bonnie Roach, 35-year resident and retired Park District employee.

Ken Blackburn shall preside over the Local Government Efficiency Committee as its Chairman.

VI. Overview of Committee Purpose

The Decennial Committees on Local Government Efficiency Act requires units of local government that levy any tax to form a committee to study efficiencies.

The Park District's committee is required to meet three times and provide a report to both Will and Cook Counties in which the Frankfort Square Park District resides.

The Illinois Association of Park Districts drafted a template to support agencies' efforts and consistency. The IAPD is an advocacy group in Springfield for Park Districts, and they plan to use our results when talking with legislators.

The Frankfort Square Park District is in a fortunate position, as it has been operating in a fiscally responsible manner for the past 50 years of its existence, working with all local units of government to best serve our residents without duplicating services or tax dollars.

VII. Review of Park District Documentation Pertinent to Study Efficiencies

The committee reviewed the first draft of its Efficiency Report, and committee members shared their thoughts on important information that should be included and/or details that need to be corrected or refined. Staff noted all suggestions and will provide a second draft for further review and discussion during upcoming committee meetings. Below is a brief summary of the sections that were reviewed in session.

A. Governing Statutes

The Park District was established in 1974 by a referendum that was initiated and approved by the voters within the corporate borders of the District, and as all Illinois park districts, the Frankfort Square Park District is governed by the Park district Code, 70 ICS 1205/1 *et seq.*

B. – F. Ordinances

The Committee reviewed a list of ordinances that have been adopted over the years and are available for public inspection at the Park District office that include rules, procedures, powers, and jurisdiction of the District.

G. Shared Services

To ensure the Park District provides the best possible programs, services and facilities to its communities in a financially responsible manner to individuals of all abilities, it partners with the Lincolnway Special Recreation Association (LWSRA). Membership in the LWSRA enables other local communities that form the 7-member Board to effectively and efficiently deliver successful opportunities to community members who have special needs.

H. Intergovernmental Agreements

The Park District has long operated with the understanding that intergovernmental with local school districts, Lincoln-Way Community High School District 210 and Summit Hill School District 161 opens the door to maximizing benefits provided by the respective districts while minimizing duplication of facilities and programs.

Additionally, the Park District was approved for membership in Park District Risk Management Association (PDRMA), in 2014. PDRMA is a risk management pool that partners with its 160 members to manage risk and promote wellness in a cost-savings manner.

I. Interrelationships with Local Governmental Units and the State of Illinois

Throughout the years, the Park District has maintained strong relationships with local governmental agencies to save taxpayer dollars through elimination of redundancy by actively working with the Frankfort Township Highway Department, the Villages of Frankfort and Tinley Park Public Works Departments, with the understanding that all serve the same residents and helping others succeed is beneficial to the agencies and residents alike.

Identifying the needs of its residents is a fundamental goal of the Frankfort Square Park District as it strives to service all individuals seeking recreational opportunities.

Through public input, intergovernmental agency cooperation, ever-expanding facilities and equipment, and working with its State Senators and Representatives to secure grant funding for needed improvements, the FSPD has and continues to provide the resources necessary to fulfill those needs.

VIII. New Business

As no members of the public were in attendance, it will not be necessary to post the survey to the District's website.

The committee agreed to schedule the second meeting of the Park District's Decennial Committee on Local Government Efficiency for the 4th day of December, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.

IX. Adjournment

Dave Macek made Motion 23-001 to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 p.m. Craig Maksymiak seconded. Motion carried in a vote by voice.

Respectfully submitted:
Linda Mitchell