

**LINDENHURST PARK DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
March 10, 2026, 6:00PM – Lippert Community Center**

CALL TO ORDER: The Regular Board Meeting was called to order by Vice President McCabe at 6:00PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Vice President McCabe led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Commissioners Present: Victoria McCabe Vice President
James Stout Treasurer
Sean Smith Commissioner
Sheri Chapman Commissioner

Park District Staff: David Mohr, Jr. Executive Director
Katie Kozuch Director of Recreation

Others Present: Lauren Schulz Recording Secretary

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the agenda as presented.
Commissioner Stout seconded the motion. Vice President McCabe declared motion unanimously carried on a voice vote 4-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular Board Meeting Minutes of February 10, 2026.
Commissioner Stout made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners of February 10, 2026; Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Vice President McCabe declared motion unanimously carried on a voice vote 4-0.

Regular Board Meeting Minutes of February 24, 2026.
Commissioner Stout made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners of February 24, 2026; Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Vice President McCabe declared motion unanimously carried on a voice vote 4-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Motion to discuss and approve bills presented for this meeting.
Commissioner Stout presented the bill list for February 1 through February 28 in the total amount of \$443,256.32. Commissioner Stout made a motion to approve the bills presented for this meeting; Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: McCabe Aye
Stout Aye
Smith Aye
Chapman Aye

Vice President McCabe declared the motion unanimously carried on a roll call vote 4-0.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

DEPT. REPORTS: Finance and Personnel
Jake Kohler, Director of Finance & Personnel, reported final pay app made for Lewis Park project to D&J. Preplanning audit meeting set for this week. Rental fees for facilities have been lowered.

Marketing and Communications

Kathy Kohler, Director of Marketing and Communications, reported Spring 2026 program guide is live, summer camp guide and registration are open, summer program guide is expected to be live April 27. Live Music in the Parks schedule is out! LPD visited Prince of Peace to promote summer camp.

Parks and Facilities Department

Dennis Carroll, Jr., Director of Parks and Facilities, reported playground inspections completed; latch bolt missing from Lewis Park pickle ball court and damage done. Swing chains replaced at Millennium. Soccer fields being prepped. ILM conducted scheduled prescribed burn at John Janega.

Recreation and Risk Management

Katie Kozuch, Director of Recreation, reported youth sports enrollment is improving; basketball tournament was a huge success. Active Adults Chair Yoga is a huge hit, seeing many new participants. Daddy/Daughter night was successful. Spring Break days off still has openings. Book fair and art show 3/11 @ 5:00-6:30 at Community Center. Participants love the new pickle ball nets!

Incident/Accident Reports – Kids Night In participant bumped head on floor while wrestling with siblings, was OK.

NEW BUSINESS:

Department of Commerce and Economic Grant – Heritage and Auburn Meadows

Director Mohr reported DCEO grant for \$590,000 will be used for capital improvements at Heritage Park for new playground equipment and basketball court; and Auburn Meadows Park for new playground equipment and play surface. Preparing projects for proposals. For Heritage, suggested to use ADA EWF, not PIP, to protect play surface from cleats. Preparing projects to begin in May/June 2026; hope to be completed late Fall 2026.

OLD BUSINESS:

Update on Lewis Park Redevelopment OSLAD Project.

Director Mohr reported there is a deadline of 3/31/26, AUP is currently being conducted by Sikich with review of documents. Will meet deadline to close out project and submit to OSLAD, expected reimbursement May 2026. The tennis court is not holding up; cracking is seen in one corner. Court is under warranty, hoping to meet onsite and correct the issue.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Presentation and general discussion of Second Draft for Proposed Year-End Estimates of Fiscal Year 2025- 2026 and Proposed Fiscal Year 2026-2027 districtwide budget

Director Mohr reported the second draft of the budget shows some minor changes to reflect year to date numbers on accounts as of 3/10/26; including interest to be earned, contractual agreements, utility cost changes, facility rental revenue increase, Engle Junction revenue adjustment, and other miscellaneous increases in revenue. Final draft will be presented at April meeting.

Presentation and general discussion of comprehensive review and updates to Personnel Policy Manual, including new paid parental leave policy.

Director Mohr reported comprehensive review completed and workshopped to reflect new laws and acts. Highlights include paid parental leave for full time employees. Asking board to review and will seek approval at April meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Chapman made a motion to adjourn at 6:52PM; Commissioner Stout seconded the motion. Vice President McCabe declared the meeting adjourned on a unanimous voice vote 4-0.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Lauren Schulz
Recording Secretary

David Mohr, Jr., CPRP
Executive Director
Park Board Secretary

Approved by me this 14TH day of April, 2026.

Todd Solbrig
Todd Solbrig - President
Board of Park Commissioners