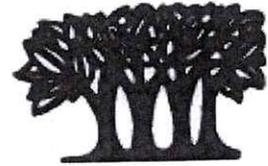


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Minutes of the Budget & Appropriation Public Hearing

December 17, 2025

Held at the Prairie View Community Center

I. Roll Call:

Commissioners Present: Paul Minx, Bill Polyak, Kelly Russell, and Lisa Rathunde.

Commissioners Absent: John Liston, with notice.

Staff Present: Jeffrey Wait, Executive Director; Sue Braubach, Superintendent of Recreation; Martin O'Brien, Superintendent of Finance; Kieth Gorczyca, Superintendent of Parks and Maintenance; and Luisa Brown, Recording Secretary.

II. Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

III. Explanation of Hearing: The Board of Park Commissioners shall formally present an ordinance providing the Combined Annual Budget and Appropriation for the period beginning January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2026 available to the public.

IV. Public Comment: None

V. Adjournment: Commissioner Minx made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Russell, to adjourn the Budget & Appropriation Public Hearing. **The motion was carried by voice vote.**

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**Minutes of the 888th Board Meeting
December 17, 2025
Held at Prairie View Community Center**

- I. **Call meeting to order:** The regular board meeting was called to order at 6:40 pm.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited at the Budget & Appropriation hearing.
- III. **Additions/Changes to the Agenda:** A closed session was added to the agenda.
- IV. **Appointment of a President Pro Tempore:** Commissioner Minx made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Russell, to appoint Vice President Lisa Rathunde to serve as President Pro Tempore for the duration of the meeting.
Ayes: Commissioner Russell, Minx, Polyak, and Rathunde. Nays: 0. Motion carried.
- V. **Citizens' Comments on Agenda Items/Correspondence:** None
- VI. **Consent Agenda:**
Commissioner Minx made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Polyak, to approve:
 - a. The minutes from the Board Meeting held on November 12, 2025.
 - b. The Financial Reports:
 1. The Cash Summary and Revenue and Expenditure Report dated November 30, 2025.
 2. The Invoice Distribution Report for the period ending November 30, 2025, in the amount of \$21,109.68.
 3. Monthly Budget to Actual report dated November 30, 2025.
 4. Card Service Report dated November 30, 2025.**Ayes: Commissioner Minx, Polyak, Russell, and Rathunde. Nays: 0. Motion carried.**
- VII. **Director's Report:** Director Wait stated that the district had a wonderful turnout at the "Light up the Park" event. Wait thanked the recreation staff for organizing the dancers to perform at the event and the maintenance staff for helping with setup and takedown. Wait also announced that the "Santa Claus Comes to Town" event was a big success, and the district passed out around 332 toys this year. Lastly, Wait wished everyone a happy holiday season and a wonderful New Year.
- VIII. **Attorney's Report:** Was sent electronically.
- IX. **Village Liaison Report:** None
- X. **Department Heads' Report:** Superintendent Braubach stated that the Recreation Department has had a busy month, including the district's "Santa's Stocking Delivery" and "Gingerbread House Workshop" event. Braubach mentioned that the last December event, "Breakfast with the Grinch," will be Saturday, December 20th. Braubach continued by mentioning that the dance program's winter showcase will also be held on December 20th. Lastly, Braubach introduced the new fitness recreation supervisor, MaryKate Welch.

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XIII. Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Minx: Thanked Superintendent Gorczyca and Braubach and their staff for everything they did for the Santa Claus Comes to Town event.

Commissioner Polyak: Thanked everyone for their help with the Santa Claus Comes to Town event and the tree lighting event.

Commissioner Russell: Stated that the entire staff does such an amazing job with all the December events.

Commissioner Rathunde: Thanked everyone for all their hard work keeping all the winter events running.

XIV. Closed Session: Commissioner Minx made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Polyak, for the Board to move into closed session in accordance with the Open Meetings Act section 120/2(c)(1) and section 120/2(c)(21).

Ayes: Commissioners Rathunde, Polyak, Minx, and Russell. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Entered closed session at 6:56 pm.

Returned to open session at 7:30 pm.

XV. Adjournment: Commissioner Russell made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Minx, to adjourn the meeting.

The motion was carried by voice vote.

The meeting ended at approximately 7:31 pm.



Board President Pro Tempore, Lisa Rathunde



Board Secretary, Jeffrey Wait