

Minutes of the Freeport Park District Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Held on Sept. 16, 2025.

1. In attendance were Commissioners Schwartz, Petersen, Stewart, Yarzak, and McIlwain, Executive Director Cubberley, Secretary Bellows, Superintendent of Parks and Natural Resources Jackson, and Merry Blake.
2. The meeting was called to order by President Petersen at 6:30 P.M. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Petersen, Aye: Yarzak, Aye: McIlwain.
3. On a motion by Commissioner Stewart and second by Commissioner Yarzak to approve the meeting agenda for September 16, 2025, Regular meeting of the Freeport Park District Board of Commissioners. Roll call vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Petersen, Aye: Yarzak, Aye: McIlwain.
4. There were no Public Comments
5. On a motion by Commissioner Yarzak and second by Commissioner Schwartz to approve the minutes from the August 19, 2025, Regular Meeting of the Freeport Park District Board of Commissioners. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Petersen, Aye: Yarzak, Aye: McIlwain.
6. On a motion by Commissioner Stewart and second by Commissioner McIlwain to approve the minutes of the closed session from the August 19, 2025, Regular Meeting of the Freeport Park District Board of Commissioners. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Petersen, Aye: Yarzak, Aye: McIlwain.
7. On a motion by Commissioner Stewart and second by Commissioner McIlwain to approve the bills for September 2025, totaling \$461,537.46, including \$195,586.77 in payroll and \$265,950.69 in vouchers. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Petersen, Aye: Yarzak, Aye: McIlwain.
8. On a motion by Commissioner Stewart and second by Commissioner Yarzak to receive and place on file the reports. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Petersen, Aye: Yarzak, Aye: McIlwain.
9. There were no discussion items.
10. On a motion by Commissioner Stewart and second by Commissioner Schwartz to approve the Audit and Financial Report for the 2024-25 Fiscal Year. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Petersen. Aye: Yarzak, Aye: McIlwain.
11. On a motion by Commissioner Stewart and second by Commissioner Yarzak to approve Resolution 25-09-16A accepting the property donation from Mr. Ted Fritz. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Petersen, Aye: Yarzak, Aye: McIlwain.
12. On a motion by Commissioner Stewart and second by Commissioner McIlwain to approve Resolution 25-09-16B authorizing support and commitment of funds for a grant application to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources for an Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development Grant. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Petersen, Aye: Yarzak, Aye: McIlwain.
13. On a motion by Commissioner Stewart and second by Commissioner McIlwain to approve Resolution 25-09-16C accepting jurisdiction over a portion of roadway and adjacent property from the Stephenson County Highway Department. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Petersen, Aye: Yarzak, Aye: McIlwain.

14. On a motion by Commissioner Stewart and a second by Commissioner Yarzak to award the contract for pruning deadwood from trees in Krape Park to Red Oak Tree Service in the amount of \$23, 370.00. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Petersen, Aye: Yarzak, Aye: McIlwain.
15. On a motion by Commissioner Stewart and a second by Commissioner Yarzak to approve the Park Hills Golf Course Pro Shop commission payment in the amount of \$1975.00 to Golf Course Manager Hartman. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Petersen, Aye: Yarzak, Aye: McIlwain.
16. On a motion by Commissioner Stewart and second by Commissioner McIlwain to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:53 P.M. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye: Petersen, Aye: Yarzak, Aye: McIlwain.