

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**TUESDAY, June 10, 2025**  
**FRANKFORT, IL – FOUNDERS COMMUNITY CENTER**  
**7:28 p.m.**

- I. Call Committee to Order – President McCarey called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.  
Attendance: Commissioners Ruvoli, Barz, McCarey, Barz, Gentry;  
Executive Director, Gina Hassett; and Mary Strand, Recording Secretary.  
Absent: Commissioner Ponton  
Guest: None
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Public Comment –None
- IV. Facility & Property Update –
  - A. Indoor Recreation Center
    - i. Open House – An Open House was held on May 28th at 6:30. A save-the-date went out to the residents. Gina gave an overview of the feedback she has received from both residents and non-residents of FPD. The meeting was held in the gym. There was a slide show presentation. There was also an online participation, but after 25 votes were cast the online connection was terminated. There were 112 eligible to vote and 91 paper votes were collected. 18% voted for no new taxes. 38% supported a new recreation facility. The results are online and a FAQ page will go out to all of those who participated in the town hall. The plan is to be at the Park Parties to hand out materials. A statistical survey could be sent out in the fall. By the end of this summer a decision should be made on whether to move forward. Paul at Beyond Base told Gina that Option A, that was the most expensive, is too big of an ask. Discussion of other properties were held. School District facility, North High School, was discussed. \$35 million was discussed as the sweet spot but the people have to vote.  
Discussion of the Patriot Center was held.  
Questions that are arising is what the cost of using the facilities after the tax increase. Also affects to traffic have been voiced by residents. Heritage Knolls was discussed because the park property is at one end of their subdivision. The Village Mayor was invited. Discussion was held. The idea of Parking Meters in the parks was put forth as a means to raise funds and discussed. The cost of the efforts to put it to referendum was discussed.

B. Fort Frankfort –

- i. Naming Pavillion –Gina will talk to Sarah to see if the family is interested in it. Harry DeErcola, Enricos, says he wants to be part of honoring Phil Simmons.

C. Five Oaks Park – None

D. DCEO Grant – State of Illinois passed their budget. Senator Hastings informed FPD that he may have \$350,000 for consideration for parking at Lincoln Meadows and/or Windy Hill. There are some other line items in the State Budget, a significant chunk of money for capital improvements. Senator Hastings informed FPD that \$7.5 million dollars has been approved the parks, not necessarily the buildings. He wants to get the Frankfort athletics involved. He said he wants to show people if you have proper funding look what you can do. Commissioners Park needs a lot of work, and it is in the Master Plan to be done. Gina summarized the meeting they had with the senator. When the grant is finalized, the agreements with the sports organizations need to be reworked. Ideas will need to be prioritized.

V. Recreation –

VI. Miscellaneous –

- A. There is no meeting on June 24<sup>th</sup>.

VII. Executive Session – None

VIII. Adjournment – With nothing further to discuss, President McCarey closed the Committee Meeting at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary T. Strand

Board Minutes Secretary