

LITCHFIELD PARK DISTRICT

August Meeting Minutes

Regular Monthly Meeting on September 2, 2026

7:00 PM REGULARLY SCHEDULED MONTHLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS for the Litchfield Park District, 1100 South State St, Litchfield, IL called to order by President Jeff Heyen.

Roll Call: Jeff Heyen x Katie Cross x Brian Kulick x Sherry Bergshneider A Christopher Bates x Jaylynn Taylor x Jennifer Cearlock x

Public Comment:

Recognize guest: Amy Patton of Patton & Company, P.C. took the floor to report on the audit conducted at the close of most recent fiscal year ending April 30, 2026.

A motion to accept the minutes from the August 5, 2026 meetings.

Motion made by Commissioner Cross and seconded by Commissioner Taylor to accept the August 5, 2026 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

A motion to accept all financial reports for August 31, 2026.

Monthly Balances.

Cash Receipts Deposit Detail.

Cash Disbursements / Bills.

Monthly & YTD Profit & Loss.

Profit Loss Between Fiscal Years.

Motion made by Commissioner Kulick and seconded by Commissioner Bates to accept the August 31, 2026 financial reports. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Park Maintenance by Jennifer Cearlock

Report on Walton Park “rock” donation: The class of 1976 donated a dedication rock to Walton Park; it is at the entrance of the park. The rock was engraved on site; Director Bryant shared a picture of the completed dedicated rock.

Ball Parks by Sherry Bergschneider – President Heyen presented in Commissioner Bergschneider’s absence

No Report.

Community Center by Katie Cross

Tardis Structure update: The Concession stand is now complete and in operation; LYSA has it stocked, and it was opened for business on Saturday, August 29th (the first day of soccer). Per the health department, we had to add a door closer to the concession door; we also installed an ice machine, refrigerator, drink cooler, and microwave, and have 2 soap dispensers on order for the bathrooms, which should arrive this week.

Recreation / Reinvesting by Jaylynn Taylor

Monthly concert update: The final concert of the season is Friday, September 11; the Big Shake Daddies will be performing, sponsored by Litchfield National Bank; Sweet P's will be offering food and drink for sale.

Report on TLC/LCP activities: The cat program is moving forward developing a plan to trap / alter / release. Also, the Smart Buddies mentoring program at LES is gearing up with both adult and high school mentoring partnerships.

Financial by Brian Kulick

Report on audit review: Commissioner Cross requested we look at an alternative option for funds to earn additional interest and flexibility through IPRA/IAPD. General discussion of possible scenarios for funding and use; consensus was to further research and testing the fund with a starter account from the corporate fund.

Pool by Christopher Bates – President Heyen presented in Commissioner Bates's absence

Monthly Pool update: The pool season is now closed; overall pool operations went okay. The low diving board was condemned; additionally, the high diving board broke this year. Both will need to be replaced before the start of next year's pool season; Director Bryant has spoken to Capri Pools, and they are going to provide options for replacing both boards. The pool operated at an approximately \$23,800 loss, and we will be exploring options for minimizing the loss next year, which may include increasing entry fees and concession prices. Discussion commenced regarding potential pricing for a diving board versus a low dive and slide; Capri Pools indicated the cost of a slide would be upwards of \$90k plus getting water to the slide structure. The dive board height will depend on the curvature, angle, and depth of the pool diving well.

Old Business:

Update on Princess Party: Commissioner Cross reported that the Princess Party is set for Sunday, October 11 from 4:00-5:15 PM with Brittain's Princess Parties; the event is on the

Zeffy platform; Director Bryant has reached out to the Chamber royalty to potentially help with the event.

Update on OSLAD Grant submission: Commissioner Kulick reported grant was submitted at noon on Monday, August 31st; the determination will not be received until April 2027.

Discuss and take action on the Davis Park sidewalk: A sidewalk placed in Davis Park was discussed last month as a potential use for the Duff fund, but the Board decided to go in another direction with the Duff grant application. We have the funds to cover the cost of the proposed sidewalk; Commissioner Kulick made a motion and Commissioner Cearlock seconded to approve funding a sidewalk as Commissioner Cross proposed and sketched out on her phone. Motion carried.

New Business:

Discuss possible placement of personal picnic table pavilions: Commissioner Cross suggested the idea of placing a few personal picnic table pavilions at the soccer field; Director Bryant shared a potential design to the Board and presented the option of approaching the building and trades class at SCI to construct them as a class project; Director Bryant will introduce himself to the new SCI director and present the opportunity to him and report back to the Board next month.

Discuss purchase of an iPad for office / event use: It has been suggested that we purchase an iPad for the office to be used at even such as the upcoming Princess Party; based on his research, Director Bryant report an 11-inch basic iPad with WIFI capabilities is on Labor Day special for just under \$500; Commissioner Bates is going to provide information regarding a retail store that works with refurbished electronics for less and offers a 1-year warranty to establish pricing that may be less.

Executive Session:

Adjournment:

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 PM by Commissioner Bates, seconded by Commissioner Kulick. Motion carried.