

TOLONO SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

COMBINED MEETING OF TOLONO BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND TOLONO PARK DISTRICT

July 29, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 p.m. Present were President Stuber and Trustees Adair, Goad, Robbins, Grady and Swigart. Absent were Trustee Buffo and Clerk Dalton. Also present was Attorney Marc Miller and the Tolono Park District members Bree Ocasio, Delina Long, Pamela Steele, and Jessica Robbins. Each body was responsible for its own minutes.

President Stuber and President Ocasio led the group in the pledge of allegiance and invocation.

The floor was opened to public comment. There was none.

There was clarification by both Presidents that both Boards are not looking at past agreements and are preparing groundwork for a new working relationship with better communication.

The Park District is now using a private mowing service which saves it money.

The Park leans towards contracting out for mowing, using its own crews for ballfield preparation, and using volunteers to winterize plumbing. The parties worked their way through the various needs of the Park District reducing the Village's role to mowing, weed application, tree removal and trimming, and repairs. The Village would do all of it at one price. The cost of parts would be added on top of the contract price. The Village would have part authority up to \$250.00 per event, but require Park District approval on parts or excess.

It is likely any contract would be for the next fiscal year. The Village is willing to do work in the interim on an as-needed basis for time and materials.

The Village proposed to take down trees for the balance of this fiscal year for \$4000.00.

There was a motion by Trustee Grady to enter Executive Session for the limited purpose of discussing the acquisition of land pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (5) with a second by Trustee Robbins. Roll call vote: Adair--Aye, Grady—Aye, Goad—Aye, Robbins—Aye and Swigart—Aye. The motion carried. The Board entered into Executive Session at 8:12 p.m. The Park District also voted to enter into Executive Session.

Trustee Robbins motioned to return to open session with a second by Trustee Grady. Roll call vote: Stuber—Aye; Adair—Aye; Goad—Aye; Robbins—Aye; Grady—Aye; and Swigart—Aye.

The Board returned to Open Session at 8:19 p.m. The Park District also returned to Open Session.

Trustee Grady motioned to adjourn with a second by Trustee Buffo. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.