

**ADDISON PARK DISTRICT**  
**PUBLIC COMMENT RULES**

Addison Park District recognizes all individual's rights under the first Amendment to the United States Constitution. Accordingly, individuals will be given the opportunity to address the Park District during the time set aside in the Park District Meetings for Public Comment. The Rules for Public Comment set forth herein are in accordance with the Illinois Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/2.06(g), and are designed to afford every individual the right to speak at Park Board Meetings. These Rules shall apply to all Park Board Meetings, Committee Meetings and any and all other Public Meetings of subsidiary bodies of the Park District, unless otherwise noted in the Rules.

1. Public Comment shall be allowed at every Public Meeting.
2. An individual desiring to address the Park Board, in order that there is a clear record for the Meeting Minutes, is required to complete a Public Comment Card, which indicates the name of the Speaker, identifies the topic to be discussed and describes the action, if any, the Speaker is requesting the Park District to take. Said Public Comment Card should be completed prior to the Public Comment, however, the Board President or Chair may allow the individual to make a Public Comment without first completing the Public Comment Card, as long as the individual submits the Public Comment Card prior to the conclusion of the Meeting.
3. Each individual wishing to make a Public Comment shall first be recognized by the Board President or Chair of the Meeting, prior to making such Public Comment. The Board President or the Chair may determine the order in which individuals are recognized for purposes of Public Comment, provided all individuals seeking to make Public Comment are entitled to do so at that Meeting.
4. The individual requesting to address the Park Board shall give his or her name in an audible tone of voice, for the Official Record.
5. An individual requesting to address the Park Board may, but is not required to, provide an address.
6. Public Comment shall be limited to three (3) minutes per person, which time shall include any questions or responses to the individual.
7. Public Comment shall be limited to a total of thirty (30) minutes at any Public Meeting, in order to allow the Park District to address the Public Business scheduled on a particular Meeting Agenda.

8. All Public Comments shall be directed to the Board President, or Chair of the Meeting.

9. Public Comment shall be brief and concise and remarks shall address topics directly relevant to Park District business.

10. Personal attacks are prohibited. Comments of the following nature are also prohibited: derogatory, defamatory, racist, sexist, profane, vulgar, obnoxious, slanderous, ethnic, sexual orientation, religious affiliation or similar remarks.

11. Threats of any kind, including threats of violence, are prohibited.

12. Electioneering, for or against, any Candidate or Public Question is prohibited.

13. Public Comment which interferes with the orderly conduct of a Meeting, or otherwise disrupts or interferes with Park District business, or impacts the order or decorum of the Meeting, is prohibited.

14. An individual who violates these rules and is found to be Out of Order, may be prohibited from further remarks and may be removed by the Board President or the Chair at the Meeting in which the finding that the individual is out of order is made.

15. The Ruling or determination by the Board President, or the Chair, may be overridden upon a two thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Commissioners present at the Meeting in which the Ruling that said individual was Out of Order is made.

16. Any individual, during Public Comment, who seeks to present any written materials, photographs, diagrams or other documents during Public Comment, shall submit said documents to the Executive Director, or the Minute Taker, as appropriate.

**NOTHING IN THESE RULES IS DESIGNED OR INTENDED TO IMPOSE ANY LIMITS ON THE CONTENT OF THE PUBLIC COMMENT OR RESTRAIN ANY INDIVIDUAL FROM EXERCISING HIS OR HER FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS.**