# JPAC October 5, 2026, Monthly Meeting Minutes

**Michael Scott, JPAC President**, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. A quorum of at least seven voting members was present. President Scott greeted members and guests, asked if there were any additions to the agenda or modifications. There were no changes and the members approved the agenda. September 14. 2026 meeting minutes were unanimously approved. No park district personnel were present to report.

**Treasurer report** Eric Rogers, treasurer, reported an account balance of $4184.08 with no change since the previous report.

**Jim Blissitt, III Lakeside Lawn Bowling Club Committee Chair**, informed the members that the tournament between Jackson Park and Fort Wayne, Indiana Lawn Bowling Clubs, was cancelled.

**Mary Ann Cronin** informed the members that all trees within Jackson Park have been surveyed in accordance with the terms of the contract. A summary of the project scope was provided. A request has been made for the Chicago Park District to present a report on the results of the survey.

**Nomination of Officers** Michael Scott, President, and Eric Rogers, Treasure, are nominating themselves for their respective positions. Russell Pike, Secretary, is accepting nomination to become Vice President. A request for nomination from the floor was extended and Mary Anton nominated herself for the position of Secretary. Avi Schwab also accepted a nomination for the position of Secretary. The election will take place during the November 2nd meeting. Nominations from the floor will be accepted at that meeting.

**Chicago Department of Transportation (CDOT)** Tanera Adams of CDOT and Arsalan Khan presented an update about the Darrow Bridge project. CDOT is pursuing a preservation approach for restoring the rather than the previous replacement approach. A technical study of the limestone and the underlying soil, etc. to a depth of 100 feet, is being analyzed to determine whether it will be able to support the structure of the bridge. This study should be completed by the end of October, and a draft of the study should be available by early 2027. It is anticipated that various Consulting Parties including JPAC will have the ability to review the findings during the first quarter of 2027. The bridge will be designed to occasionally accommodate an emergency vehicle like an ambulance, but not a fire truck. A request to construct a temporary bridge was made, but is not in the scope of any current project.

**Obama Presidential Center (OPC)** A representative from the OPC was not present. There was a discussion regarding the hours that the grounds of the OPC would be open to the public. It was initially stated that access to the OPC grounds would be the same as that for Jackson Park, which is 11:00 p.m. However, the security officers on site at the OPC indicated that the grounds are closed to the public at 9:00 p.m. Maurice Robinson of the Chicago Park District volunteered to investigate the disconnect in closure hours pertaining to the OPC and other areas within the Park.

**Mary Ann Cronin, Earth Day** Current proposal for Earth Day is to clean the areas adjacent to LaRabida and Jackson Park Harbor. Members were requested to submit other suggestions of areas to consider as well. Area to be cleaned will be finalized later this year so the cleanup can be promoted more widely.

President Scott requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was moved, seconded, and unanimously approved at 7:58 p.m.

Attendance will be updated at a later date.

Respectfully Submitted.
Russell Pike, JPAC Secretary