

MINUTES OF THE JOINT BOARD MEETING
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
ARLINGTON HEIGHTS PARK DISTRICT &
ARLINGTON HEIGHTS MEMORIAL LIBRARY
Via Zoom - Meeting ID 81165163059 - Passcode: 854520
December 5, 2020 - 8:30 a.m.

Arlington Heights Park District President Maryfran Leno called the meeting to order at 8:36 a.m.

Commissioners Present

R. Nesvacil
W. Ploger
T. Gelinias
M. Leno

Commissioners Absent

B. Owen

Library Board Present

D. Smart
J. Supplitt
C. Medal
C. Tangney
G. Zyck

Library Board Absent

A. Ruhl

STAFF PRESENT: Carrie Fullerton, Executive Director; Brian Meyer, Director of Recreation and Facilities; Ben Rea, Director of Parks and Planning; Jason Myers, Director of Finance and Personnel; Mike Driskell, Library Executive Director; Shannon Distel, Library Deputy Director; Donna Ekl, Library Director of Finance; Mary Hastings, Library Director of Communications & Marketing; Janet Moravec, Library Business Office Administrator; Julie Doren, Library Business Office Assistance; and Ki Kaden, Residents.

PRESENTATIONS AND INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

Park District Commissioners' Topics of Interest

Executive Director Fullerton highlighted:

- Update on the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) Open Space Land Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) grant and the status of the proposed Recreation Park project
- Update on the status of Grandt's Shell Station
- Finalist for the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) National Gold Medal Award
- Arlington Ridge Center (ARC) success with over 10,000 memberships since opening in January
- Recipient of the 2020 Alan F. Bombick Award for Excellence in Design for the ARC
- Supporting the Village's Storm Water Project at Happiness Park

- Currently in the accreditation process of the Illinois Association of Park Districts (IAPD)/Illinois Park and Recreation Association (IPRA) Distinguished Accreditation program
- Impact of COVID-19 on the budget, staffing and services
- Essential use of parks and outside spaces during pandemic
- Virtual holiday tree lighting at North School Park

Collaborative Projects in 2020

- Storywalk at Lake Arlington
- Storytime at Kaleidoscope Camp

Potential Future Library Partnerships

- Permanent Storywalks at select parks with rotating books
- Little Libraries at select parks
- Recreation Park parking lot
- Northside presence as part of the future Frontier Park Recreation Center renovation
- Arlington Heights Historical Society

Library Trustees' Topics of Interest

Executive Director Driskell highlighted:

Library and Park District Partnerships in 2020

- Storywalk at Lake Arlington
- Storytime in the Park held at Pioneer, Frontier, Lake Terramere and Creekside Parks
- *Yoga in the Park* series, both virtual and in person, at the Arlington Heights Historical Museum
- *Outdoor Composting* program in person with social distancing at North School Park
- In person discussion with social distancing of the *One Book, One Village* selection, *The Secrets We Kept* by Lara Prescott at North School Park

Makerspace Project Update

- New exterior light fixtures on front of building donated by the Questers
- Updated conceptual drawings of the main floor makerspace, kitchen and lower level art space
- Proposed schedule for construction to begin in December, 2020

Potential Future Park District Partnerships

In 2021, library staff are interested in developing additional opportunities:

- Community conversation series around diversity, equity and inclusion
- Removing barriers to library services in the community through implementation of fine free and the creation of a Senior and Accessible Services Department
- Possible library presence at the renovated Frontier Park

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be discussed, Comr. Nesvacil moved, seconded by Comr. Gelinas, to adjourn at 9:54 a.m.

Maryfran H. Leno, President
Board of Commissioners
Arlington Heights Park District

Carrie A. Fullerton, Secretary
Board of Commissioners
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Date Approved