President Leno called the Joint Board Meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Leno led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners Present
R. Nesvacil
B. Owen
M. Leno
W. Ploger

Commissioners Absent
T. Gelinan

Library Board Present
D. Smart
A. Ruhl
C. Medal
C. Tangney
M. Thanopoulos
G. Zyck

J. Supplitt

STAFF PRESENT: Steve Scholten, Interim Executive Director; Brian Meyer, Director of Recreation and Facilities; Ben Rea, Director of Parks and Planning; Steve Neill, Superintendent of Recreation Facilities; Mike Driskell, Library Executive Director; Shannon Distel, Library Deputy Director; Donna Ekl, Library Director of Finance; Janet Moravec, Library Business Office Administrator; Julie Doren, Library Business Office Assistance; and Ki, Margaret, and Emma Kaden, Residents.

PRESENTATIONS AND INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

Library Trustees’ Topics of Interest
Mr. Driskell highlighted:

- One Book One Village: Community Read – The Feather Thief by Kirk Wallace Johnson. For the first time, the Arlington Heights community selected the book for One Book, One Village (OBOV) from three book titles. OBOV 2019 will culminate with a visit by the author on Thursday, October 10th, 2019.
- **Strategic Plan 2018-2022**
  Community Connections: Foster increased connections across and throughout our varied communities.

This past year, the library has participated in many community events and organizations:
  - National Night Out
  - Picnic in the Park
  - Arlington Heights Farmer’s Market
  - Mane Event
  - Backstretch
  - Autism Home Support Services (AHSS)

In addition, the library has created a new position, community engagement liaison, to increase community connections.

*Digital Directions:* Refine digital and technology services to enhance ease of use and raise the Library’s profile as a technology leader in the community.

The Arlington Heights Memorial Library acquired the original library building located at 112 North Belmont Avenue to create a technology-oriented makerspace to meet the needs of a broader range of audiences.

- **Library and Park District Partnerships in 2019**
  - Star Parties at Nickol Knoll in July & August
  - Backyard BBQ cooking demonstrations
  - Piloted tandem book discussion group with Arlington Heights Historical Museum
  - Yoga in the Park on the lawn at the Arlington Heights Historical Museum
  - Movies in the Park
  - Arlington Heights Garden Club Walk & Unique Boutique
  - Story time in the Park held at Pioneer & Frontier Parks
  - Bookmobile visits at local parks & events
  - Arlington Heights Fitness Expo at Camelot Park
  - Lake Arlington’s Migratory Bird Day

- **Potential Future Park District Partnerships**
  In 2020, library staff are interested in developing additional opportunities:
    - Podcast: *The Big Village* focusing on Arlington Heights’ history, including episodes featuring Arlington Heights Park District’s history
    - Coaching Pack: a list of intramural coaching resources at the library
    - Summer Reading Challenge and library card sign-ups at Arlington Heights Park District locations

- **Additional Park District Partnership Opportunity**
  Additional Park District partnership opportunities may arise as library staff develop the Belmont makerspace project
Park District Commissioners’ Topics of Interest

Dir. Meyer & Dir. Rea highlighted:

- **Arlington Ridge Center** (formerly Olympic Indoor Swim Center)
  - Soft opening December 2019, programming begins January 2020

  Park District gave an overview of the renovations at the Arlington Ridge Center (ARC)
  - Aquatic center will have upgraded heated pools
  - New – Wellness/Instructional pool kept at 92 degrees and will offer programming for swim lessons, water exercise, and open swim time
  - New – Double gymnasium featuring two regulation sized high school basketball courts
  - Ridge Fitness will offer over 5,000 square feet of state-of-the-art equipment
  - Indoor Walking/Running track
  - Childcare will be available at no additional cost to members
  - Concession area

- **Recreation Park**
  - Park District staff also talked about possible improvements to Recreation Park through an Illinois Department of Natural Resources OSLAD Grant. Possible improvements include:
    - Inclusive playground
    - Fitness equipment
    - Creation of a complete six-foot wide trail loop
    - Relocating the basketball courts
    - Planting beds for native plants
    - Relocate skate park previously at Olympic Indoor Swim Center

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be discussed, Trustee Smart moved, seconded by Trustee Thanopoulos, to adjourn at 9:32 a.m.

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

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Jason S. Myers, Assistant Secretary
Board of Commissioners
Arlington Heights Park District

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Date Approved