



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS  
ARLINGTON HEIGHTS PARK DISTRICT  
Administration Center  
410 N. Arlington Heights Road  
November 26, 2024 at 6:30pm

President Leno called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

President Leno led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL OF COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioners Present

M. Leno  
T. Gelinias  
B. Owen  
J. Supplitt

Commissioners Absent

R. Nesvacil

Staff Present: Carrie Fullerton, Executive Director; Brian Meyer, Director of Recreation and Facilities; Jason Myers, Director of Finance and Personnel; Amy Lewandowski, Director of Marketing and Community Engagement; John Kramer, Director of Parks and Planning; and Kathy Lydon, Recording Secretary.

Other Staff Present: Jennifer Rogers, Janna Witt, Kristy McCann, Teemu Marjalaakso, Bill McCarthy, Tim Eckel

Other Guests: Tim Eckel's family; John Dzarnowski and Maggie Krieger, FGM Architects; Tom McGrath, Lamp Inc.

Residents: Vivian Menzies, Sophia Carroll, Rosann Carroll, Lynn Werke, Gregg and Kearin Hansen, Jeanne Stefanowski, Douglas Fashing

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS & CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Vice President Gelinias moved, seconded by Commissioner Owen, to approve the November 12, 2024 Regular Meeting minutes. On a voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

**PRESENTATION AND INFORMATIONAL REPORTS**

**OCTOBER 2024 FINANCIALS**

Director Myers said that Commissioner Supplitt asked a few questions via email that staff were able to answer prior to the meeting.

**10-YEAR FINANCIAL FORECAST**

Director Myers provided an update on the District's 10-year Financial Forecast.

**ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT CARD**

Director Kramer stated this is a customary report as part of the Distinguished Accreditation process, and answered questions the Board had regarding this report.

## SUMMER 2024 SEASONAL REPORT

Director Meyer shared the seasonal report that staff prepared of the summer programs.

President Leno asked for a motion to move up agenda items 8e and 8f.

Vice President Gelinas moved, seconded by Commissioner Owen, to move up agenda items 8e and 8f. On a voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

### APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION R-9-24: RECOGNIZING 29 YEARS OF SERVICE- JENNIFER ROGERS

Vice President Gelinas moved, seconded by Commissioner Owen to approve Resolution R-9-24 honoring Jennifer Roger's 29-years of dedicated service to the Arlington Heights Park District. On a voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

### APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION R-10-24: RECOGNIZING 22 YEARS OF SERVICE-TIM ECKEL

Vice President Gelinas moved, seconded by Commissioner Owen to approve Resolution R-10-24 honoring Tim Eckel's 22-years of dedicated service to the Arlington Heights Park District. On a voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

President Leno read the Resolutions for Jennifer Rogers and Tim Eckel, and thanked them both for their contributions to the park district over the years.

## OLD BUSINESS

### RECREATION PARK POOL / BATHHOUSE

Executive Director Fullerton said the District is in a very good financial position, and this project can be done without going to referendum or issuing additional debt. The plans that will be presented tonight will cost approximately \$24.7 million, which includes a \$1.8 million contingency.

John Dzarnowski stated tonight's presentation is the end of design development phase that Tom McGraff, Lamp, Inc. used for cost estimates. Mr. Dzarnowski reviewed the layout of the current site plan and the updates that were made to the pool and elevator since the last presentation. He addressed questions and concerns that the Board had regarding the latest designs. As Mr. Dzarnowski reviewed the updates to the exterior of the community building, President Leno asked him explain to the residents why the elevator was moved to the outside of the building.

Mr. Dzarnowski shared new drawings that included a lowered height of raised deck of the Community building. He also explained changes to the exterior of the bathhouse. Commissioner Supplitt stated the elimination of the four columns makes the building look industrial and suggested doing something in that space to soften the look. Mr. Dzarnowski suggested a free standing canopy with columns to achieve the same look.

President Leno is not in favor of reducing the size of the multi-purpose room stating that is the only space in the building that can be used year round.

There was a discussion on a wading pool versus a splashpad, and a lengthy discussion on the depth of the main pool with concerns that the shallow end was too deep.

President Leno asked for Board and resident input on the following topics:

1. The 3' wall versus an 8' wall for the raised deck
2. The size of the multi-purpose room in the Bathhouse
3. Wading pool vs Splash Pad
4. Estimated cost of the project.

Vivian Menzes, 212 W. Fremont, shared her thoughts on the project:

1. The wading pool is necessary.
2. The depth of the shallow end of the pool has to be much lower than what was presented.
3. Thanked the Board and Staff for their responsiveness to resident concerns.
4. The elevator addition is amazing and likes the look of the bathhouse land overhang as-is.
5. Make sure the windows are high quality and keep the original look of the building.
6. Not a fan of the 8' raised deck.

Greg Hansen, 304 N Haddow, shared his thoughts on the project:

1. Thanked the Board, Staff and the Architects for all the work they have done, and for reaching out to the community.
2. Agrees with the need for a wading pool to help kids transition to the big pool.
3. Likes the 8' raised deck to separate the pool from other activities in the building, and thinks it will be a plus for people observing swim meets.
4. The elevator is great but will take away from the original design of the WPA building. He suggested brick work in place of stucco to blend it in with the building.
5. Make the multi-purpose room larger saying the space will always be used.

Kearin Hansen, 304 N Haddow, added these comments:

1. Does not want to lose the shallow end for the kids.

Doug Fasching, 1905 N Fernandez, shared his thoughts on the project:

1. Stated kids do not learn how to swim in 18" of water. Although a wading pool would be nice, he thinks half a million is a lot of money. He does not think a wading pool is what drives people to pools, rather the high dives, the slides, the swimming and diving wells.
2. Agrees the raised deck should be 8" high.
3. Keep the shallow end at 3'5" to keep the bather load down.
4. Does not agree with the Admissions workflow for employees.
5. Thinks the wading pool would not stay open post season due to staffing.

Jeanne Stefanowski, 213 N Douglas, shared her thoughts on the project:

1. Loves the wading pool and agrees the depth of the water layout should be flipped. President Leno clarified that the deep end of the big pool is already in the plans to be flipped.

President Leno's said based on discussion tonight, staff is going to review the depth of the pool, to make sure it is the same depth in the shallow end as the current pool.

The consensus of the Board was to keep the raised deck at 8', make the multipurpose room larger, and have a wading pool, as long as the bids come in within budget.

The Board will meet again with staff and, FGM Architects and Lamp, Inc. on December 10 to finalize the changes to the building and the depth of the pool.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 734 – TAX LEVY**

Vice President Gelinas moved, seconded by Commissioner Owen, that the Ordinance No. 734, "An Ordinance Levying Taxes for the Arlington Heights Park District, County of Cook and State of Illinois for the Year 2024", be adopted and passed.

Roll was called with:

Ayes – Gelinas, Owen, Supplitt, Leno

Nays – None

Absent – Nesvacil

Ayes – 4; Nays – 0; MOTION CARRIED

### **APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 735 – PTELL REDUCTION FORMULA**

Director Myers said any additional levy was put into the Rec Fund so now he is proposing it be taken out of the Rec Fund.

Vice President Gelinias moved, seconded by Commissioner Owen, that the Ordinance No. 735, "An Ordinance Determining The Formula To Be Used To Reduce The Levy Of Each Fund On The Event The Levy And Assessment Of Taxes Levy Year 2024 If It Exceeds The Tax Cap Limitations, be adopted and passed.

Roll was called with:

Ayes – Gelinias, Owen, Supplitt, Leno

Nays – None

Absent – Nesvacil

Ayes – 4; Nays – 0; MOTION CARRIED

#### APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 2024 VOUCHERS

Commissioner Supplitt moved, seconded by Vice President Gelinias, to approve the Voucher Listing for the month of October, 2024, in the amount of \$2,311,953.67 and the payroll and payroll related expense distribution for the month of October, 2024 for \$ 1,254,435.32.

Roll was called with:

Ayes Supplitt, Gelinias, Owen, Leno

Nays – None

Absent – Nesvacil

Ayes – 4; Nays – 0; MOTION CARRIED

#### IMRF ADDITIONAL PAYMENT

Director Myers said staff is recommending Board approval to allow staff the ability to analyze if an additional payment should be made to IMRF.

Vice President Gelinias moved, seconded by Commissioner Owen, to approve the District making an additional payment to IMRF in the amount not to exceed \$450,000 prior to December 27, 2024 if staff determines it is advantageous to the District to make such payment as presented.

Roll was called with:

Ayes – Gelinias, Owen, Supplitt, Leno

Nays – None

Absent – Nesvacil

Ayes – 4; Nays – 0; MOTION CARRIED

#### PIONEER POOL PUMP REPLACEMENT

Director Kramer said two of the Pioneer pool pumps are in need of replacement. Staff would like to order the pool pumps now due to the lengthy lead time, but will be paid for out of next year's budget. The existing pumps will be usable until the new pumps are installed.

Commissioner Supplitt moved, seconded by Commissioner Owen, to approve the purchase of two (2) Floway replacement pumps from Flow-Technics, Inc., Frankfort, IL, for \$63,945 and approving a project budget of \$70,000 within the 2025/26 operating budget. On a voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

#### APPROVAL OF 2025 HOLIDAY CALENDAR

Executive Director Fullerton shared the staff holiday days off calendar with the Board. No motion was needed.

#### PARK FOUNDATION REPORT

Director Lewandowski had no report.

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Executive Director Fullerton shared the following information:

- The Annual Tree Lighting at North School Park is Friday at 4:30 p.m.
- The Village is proposing a Joint Meeting on February 22, 2025
- Mayor Hayes will be attending the Holiday Cheer
- The online clothing order is due Saturday, November 30
- Director Myers 50<sup>th</sup> birthday is Friday

## COMMISSIONER REPORTS

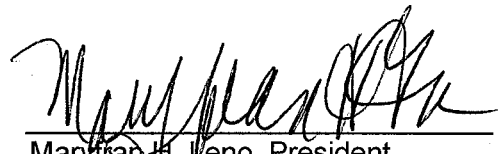
- Vice President Gelinis is looking forward to the Tree Lighting.
- Commissioner Supplitt wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. He is thankful for being a part of this team and is looking forward to another four years.
- Commissioner Owen said the Toys for Tots Cross Country Golf outing is next Friday.
- President Leno asked for an update on the ARC project.

## ADJOURNMENT

Vice President Gelinis moved, seconded by Commissioner Owen, to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:48 p.m. On a voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.



Carrie A. Fullerton, Secretary  
Board of Commissioners  
Arlington Heights Park District



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

1/14/25

Date Approved