



MINUTES OF THE JOINT BOARD MEETING
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
ARLINGTON HEIGHTS PARK DISTRICT &
ARLINGTON HEIGHTS MEMORIAL LIBRARY
AHML Maker Space, 122 N. Belmont
October 25, 2025 – 8:30 a.m.

Library Board President, Amy Somary called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Commissioners Present

M Leno
T. Gelinas
R. Nesvacil

Commissioners Absent

B Owen
J. Supplitt

Library Board Present

J. Borrell
S. Kelly
D. McClaney
C. Medal
B. Watts
A. Somary

Library Board Absent

S. Galla

ALSO PRESENT: Carrie Fullerton, Park District Executive Director; Jason Myers, Park District Director of Finance and Personnel; Amy Lewandowski, Park District Director of Marketing & Community Engagement; Michael Driskell, Library Executive Director; Sasha Vasilic, Library Communications and Marketing Director; and Megan Maier, Library Administrative Assistant.

Library Board President Somary led the Pledge of Allegiance.

There was no public comment.

Park District Commissioners' Topics of Interest – Executive Director Fullerton highlighted:

Arlington Heights Park District celebrates 100 Year Anniversary

- Participation in the Frontier Days parade with a themed float
- Refreshed 100th Anniversary logo
- Traveling Adirondack chair displayed throughout the community
- Photo contests
- Exhibits featured at the Arlington Heights Memorial Library and Historical Museum

Arlington Heights Park District is the proud recipient of the following awards:

- President Leno – Recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award from Harper College (to be presented November 6, 2025)
- Centennial Park – Awarded a \$600,000 OSLAD Grant from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources
- Park Foundation President Frank Lesniak – Honored with the Volunteer of the Year Award from the Illinois Association of Park Districts

- Arlington Heights Park District – Recipient of the 2025 Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Award for Outstanding Budget and Audit Performance

Infrastructure Capital Projects Completed

- Recreation Park (Phase 1): New playground, renovated tennis courts, skate park enhancements, and a Story Walk in collaboration with community partners
- Centennial Park: \$600,000 grant-funded improvements including a new fishing pier, playground, outdoor fitness equipment, shelter, game tables, upgraded ballfields, pathways, and seating
- Arlington Ridge Center: Renovation of aquatic locker rooms

Infrastructure Capital Projects Replacements in Progress

- Recreation Park (Phase 2 & 3): Ballfield improvements, outdoor restroom, new game tables, updated paths, basketball court, and upcoming pool, bathhouse, and recreation center renovations
- Arlington Ridge Center Expansion: Lobby renovation and addition featuring a second-floor fitness studio, new changing spaces, and relocation of the outdoor basketball court
- Electronic Signage: Installation of an electronic sign and landscaping at the corner of Northwest Highway and Euclid Avenue
- Hasbrook Park: New playground installation
- Melas Park: Dugout shelter replacements
- Additional Infrastructure Upgrades: Vehicle replacements, rooftop repairs, parking lot resurfacing, and hardscape improvements

Other Initiatives

- Implementation of Core values
- Completion of ADA transition plan
- Customer care initiatives
- Infrastructure and sustainability initiatives

LIBRARY TRUSTEES' TOPICS OF INTEREST – Executive Director Driskell highlighted:

Arlington Heights Memorial Library is the proud recipient of the following awards and recognitions.

- Family Place Library – Mr. Driskell highlighted the library was certified as a Family Place Library in 2025. The second library in Illinois to receive the certification.

Monarch Waystation – Mr. Driskell announced the library's butterfly garden is now registered by Monarch Watch on their national registry of pollinator gardens.

20's and 30's Emerging Adults Programming – Mr. Driskell outlined initiatives to focus on programming and partnerships aimed at this demographic.

One Book One Village – Mr. Driskell shared this yearly initiative has been very successful and will end with bestselling author Fiona Davis talking about her book *The Stolen Queen* on Tuesday October 28. The recent One Book One Gala event was a very successful after-hours event.

Second Floor Renovation – Mr. Driskell reported on the multiphase construction project to replace carpeting, lighting, and ceiling tiles. The project is progressing on schedule and going well.

Bookmobile Replacement – Mr. Driskell outlined efforts towards the planning and purchase of a new bookmobile. A new bus has been purchased and is expected to arrive mid-term next year. Mr. Driskell noted longtime Bookmobile Supervisor Ron Moravec's recent retirement.

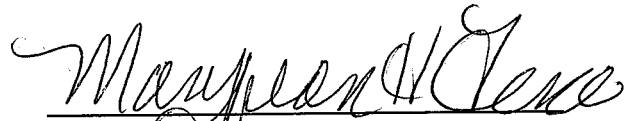
Park District Partnerships – Mr. Driskell highlighted the expanded parking and the addition of the Story Walk at Recreation Park. He also recognized the recently installed 24/7 Pickup Lockers at Camelot and Heritage Parks, noting their popularity and expressing appreciation for the Park District's continued support and partnership.

100 Year Anniversary in 2026 – Mr. Driskell shared the library will celebrate its 100th anniversary in 2026, with an emphasis on community-focused programming. He also highlighted plans for a new bookmobile, a brand refresh, and an updated website.

There being no further business to be discussed, Library Trustee Medal moved, seconded by Library Trustee Borrell to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 a.m.



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



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Board of Commissioners
Arlington Heights Park District

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