



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS  
ARLINGTON HEIGHTS PARK DISTRICT  
Administration Center  
410 N. Arlington Heights Road  
January 13, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.

President Leno called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

President Leno led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL OF COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioners Present

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

Commissioners Absent

R. Nesvacil

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

Other Staff Present: Janna Witt, Lindsey Robertson, Kristy McCann, Stephenie Gualano, Marco Galassini, Erin Hookana, Josie Finney, Cari Boyle, Sheila Cruz, Chance Andell, and Matt Georgoulis (Intern)

Visitors: Resident Rebecca Clemens-Evans, 420 N Drury Lane

**NEW STAFF INTRODUCTIONS**

Director Meyer introduced Matt Georgoulis as the new Recreation intern. Matt will graduate from Illinois State University in May. Matt has previously completed internships at Carol Stream Park District and Rolling Meadows Park District.

Deputy Director Myers introduced Stephenie Gualano as the new Superintendent of HR. Stephenie previously worked for the Skokie Park District and Glenview Park District.

President Leno welcomed both Matt and Stephenie to the Arlington Heights Park District.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Vice President Gelinas moved, seconded by Commissioner Supplitt, to approve the October 25, 2025 Joint Meeting with the Library minutes; the November 11, 2025 minutes of the Public Hearing Tax Park Bonds; the November 11, 2025 Regular Meeting minutes, and the December 9, 2025 Regular Meeting minutes.

Roll was called with:

Ayes – Gelinas, Supplitt, Owen, Leno

Nays – None

Absent – Nesvacil

Ayes – 4; Nays – 0; **MOTION CARRIED**

President Leno asked for a motion to move up Old Business agenda item 7b:100<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary update.

Vice President Gelinis moved, seconded by Commissioner Owen to move up agenda item 7b: 100<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary Update. On a voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

### 100<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY PRESENTATION

Director Lewandowski shared a PowerPoint presentation highlighting many of the events and initiatives of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. She recognized the staff that made up the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee stating the committee is made up of members from every department of the District.

On behalf of the Board and residents, President Leno thanked Director Lewandowski as well as all the committee members for their time and effort put in to the 100<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary Celebration.

### PRESENTATION AND INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

#### SUMMER SEASONAL REPORT

Commissioner Owen questioned one item from the Activities Success Rate chart. Director Meyer explained many of the programs now been moved to Athletics.

Commissioner Supplitt inquired about the success of gymnastics for 2025/26. Director Meyer said staff have done a good job working with Rolling Meadows and sharing rosters.

#### ARC ULTRAVOILET DISINFECTION EQUIPMENT DESIGN

Director Kramer stated this item is a companion piece to the larger 2026-27 Capital budget. One of the current disinfection systems is no longer reliable and parts are now unavailable. An IDPH permit is required to replace this system, and there is an estimated four-month permit approval time, so staff would like to move forward with the permit process for this project.

#### REVIEW OF PROPOSED CAPITAL PROJECTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-27

Deputy Director Myers gave an overview of the proposed Capital projects for the Fiscal Year 2026-27. Staff will be recommending approximately \$11.2 million in capital projects. Of that amount, \$7.7 million is related to existing grants that the District applied for leaving around \$3.5 million for capital projects for other initiatives. Any projects carried over at the end of the fiscal year will be added into this dollar amount.

Director Kramer shared a breakdown of the proposed capital projects and answered questions from the Board relating to these projects. In addition, Director Kramer provided a summary of the 55 projects that will cost less than \$30,000.

President Leno would like the report to include the year built/installed along with saying "end of life".

The consensus of the Board included the proposed entrance gates for Recreation Park to be pushed back and the pump track installation moved up in the timeline.

Resident Rebecca Clemens-Evans shared her thoughts on the proposed upgrade to the holiday lighting and displays for North School Park.

#### SALARY STUDY

Executive Director Fullerton stated the last full time salary study was done three years ago and industry standards is to conduct a review every three years. Staff would like to use HR Source again to conduct this study with an estimated cost of \$20,000. President Leno explained the process to Commissioner Supplitt since he was not on the Board the last time this study was completed.

#### OCTOBER 2025 AND NOVEMBER 2025 FINANCIALS

Deputy Director Myers answered a question Commissioner Supplitt had regarding the money market funds and the delayed Cook County tax payment.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **DRYDEN PICKLEBALL**

Executive Director Fullerton stated the resident that expressed concerns about the pickleball courts was informed that this item would be on the agenda for discussion.

Executive Director Fullerton shared four options that staff came up with to help rectify this situation. The options include not making any changes; adding additional signage and lockable gate with a code patrons would receive for their permitted time; convert the six pickleball courts into two and add an additional tennis court; remove all existing pickleball courts and replace with two tennis courts. After discussion, the consensus of the Board was to go with option 2: Additional signage and lockable gate with a code patrons would receive for their permitted time.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 742 TAX PARK BONDS**

Vice President Gelinias moved, seconded by Commissioner Owen, to approve Ordinance No. 742: An ordinance providing for the issue of \$1,843,990 Taxable General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds, Series 2026, of the Arlington Heights Park District, Cook and Lake Counties, Illinois, for the purpose of providing for the payment of land for parks, for the building, maintaining, improving and protecting of the same and the existing land and facilities of said Park District and for the payment of expenses incident thereto, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal and interest on said bonds and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the District's Corporate Fund.

Roll was called with:

Ayes – Gelinias, Owen, Supplitt, Leno

Nays – None

Absent – Nesvacil

Ayes – 4; Nays – 0; MOTION CARRIED

### **APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 2025 AND NOVEMBER 2025 VOUCHERS**

Commissioner Owen moved, seconded by Vice President Gelinias, to approve the Voucher Listing for the month of October, 2025, in the amount of \$2,890,719.17 and the payroll and payroll related expense distribution for the month of October, 2025 for \$ 1,842,920.53.

Roll was called with:

Ayes – Owen, Gelinias, Supplitt, Leno

Nays – None

Absent – Nesvacil

Ayes – 4; Nays – 0; MOTION CARRIED

Commissioner Owen moved, seconded by Vice President Gelinias, to approve the Voucher Listing for the month of November, 2025, in the amount of \$4,282,913.24 and the payroll and payroll related expense distribution for the month of November, 2025 for \$ 1,420,994.56.

Roll was called with:

Ayes – Owen, Gelinias, Supplitt, Leno

Nays – None

Absent – Nesvacil

Ayes – 4; Nays – 0; MOTION CARRIED

### **APPROVAL OF ARC/750 NORTHWEST HIGHWAY ELECTRONIC SIGN ELECTRIC INSTALLATION**

Director Kramer explained this is the last of the sub-primed contracts for this project.

Commissioner Supplitt moved, seconded by Commissioner Owen, to approve the Arlington Ridge Center/750 NW HWY Electronic Sign electric installation to Associated Electrical Contractors, with a base bid amount of \$48,800.

Roll was called with:

Ayes – Supplitt, Owen, Gelinas, Leno

Nays – None

Absent – Nesvacil

Ayes – 4; Nays – 0; MOTION CARRIED

### APPROVAL OF IAPD/IPRA CONFERENCE EXPENSES

Commissioner Supplitt moved, seconded by Commissioner Owen, to approve \$932.61 in expenses associated with Vice President Gelinas' travel to the 2026 IAPD/IPRA Soaring to New Heights Conference to obtain professional development and training opportunities; \$932.61 in expenses associated with Commissioner Nesvacil's travel to the 2026 IAPD/IPRA Soaring to New Heights Conference to obtain professional development and training opportunities; \$932.61 in expenses associated with Commissioner Owen's travel to the 2026 IAPD/IPRA Soaring to New Heights Conference to obtain professional development and training opportunities; AND \$640.30 in expenses associated with Commissioner Supplitt's travel to the 2026 IAPD/IPRA Soaring to New Heights Conference to obtain professional development and training opportunities.

Roll was called with:

Ayes – Supplitt, Owen, Gelinas, Leno

Nays – None

Absent – Nesvacil

Ayes – 4; Nays – 0; MOTION CARRIED

### PARK FOUNDATION REPORT

Director Lewandowski shared that a new member was selected at the October Foundation meeting. She will bring his application to the next Park Board meeting.

### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Executive Director Fullerton shared the following information:

- The new sauna for the ARC was delivered today.
- The ribbon cutting for the ARC addition is February 24 at 5:30 pm, followed by the Board meeting at the same location.
- There is an open house at Representative Mary Beth Canty's office On January 15 at 4:00 pm.
- Schaumburg Park District is hosting a legislative breakfast on February 28 at 8:00am.
- Hearts of Gold is on February 22, if anyone is interested in attending.
- Regarding Centennial Park project, the Village's required PUD process will extend the timeline of the project.
- A lift station may be necessary at Recreation Park. Director Kramer explained to the Board why this may be necessary and answered questions.
- The Legacy Wall meeting in February will be via zoom.
- Thank you to Commissioner Supplitt for attending the Chamber meeting on January 30.
- Congratulations to Jason Myers on his new title of Deputy Director.
- NWSRA has a new Executive Director. The consensus of the Board was to invite the new Executive Director to a Board meeting.

### COMMISSIONER REPORTS

- Vice President Gelinas said he heard many compliments regarding the holiday decorations at North School Park.
- Commissioner Supplitt stated he is excited to attend the upcoming conference.
- Commissioner Owen said the Chili Open at Arlington Lakes Golf Club was a great time.

- President Leno echoed Vice President Gelinas about the holiday decorations adding the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary float was a great addition.

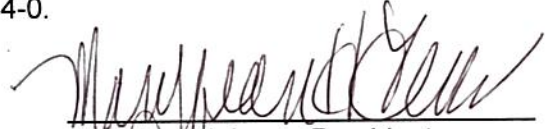
Resident Rebecca Clemens-Evans suggested staff consider installing artificial grass a potential solution to the Camelot tennis courts. President Leno replied staff will look into this.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Vice President Gelinas moved, seconded by Commissioner Owen, to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:53 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

2/10/26

Date Approved