



ARLINGTON HEIGHTS PARK BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND  
THE MAYOR AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE VILLAGE OF ARLINGTON HEIGHTS  
JOINT MEETING MINUTES  
ARLINGTON RIDGE CENTER  
APRIL 14, 2026  
5:00 p.m.



Park Board President Leno called the meeting to order at 5:07 P.M. and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Park District Commissioners present: Maryfran Leno, Tim Gelinas, Brian Owen, and John Supplitt.

Mayor Jim Tinaglia and Village Trustees present: Bill Manganaro, Robin LaBedz, Carina Santa Maria, Wendy Dunnington, Thomas Schwingbeck, Colin Gilbert, and Jim Bertucci

Park District Staff present: Carrie Fullerton, Jason Myers, Brian Meyer, Amy Lewandowski, John Kramer, and Kathy Lydon

Village Staff present: Randy Recklaus

Others in Attendance: Kristy McCann, Lindsey Robertson, Janna Witt, and Stephenie Gualano

President Leno welcomed everyone to the meeting.

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS PARK DISTRICT ITEMS TO SHARE

Executive Director Fullerton welcomed everyone to the new addition of the Arlington Ridge Center. She shared that the District has been celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary beginning June 9, 2025 with special activities throughout the year.

Executive Director Fullerton highlighted the following Park District information:

- Additional upgrades that are coming to Recreation Park
- The completed renovation at Arlington Ridge Center
- OSLAD grant awards for Centennial Park and Flentie Park
- New electronic sign installation at Arlington Ridge Center
- Upcoming Infrastructure Capital Projects
- Awards including President Leno receiving the Harper College Distinguished Alumni Award; Park Foundation President, Frank Lesniak receiving the IAPD citizen volunteer of the year award; and the District receiving the GFOA outstanding budget & audit awards.

In closing, Executive Director Fullerton shared the Agency Initiatives and answered questions the Village Trustees had regarding the topics presented.

VILLAGE OF ARLINGTON HEIGHTS ITEMS TO SHARE

Village Manager Recklaus highlighted the following Village information:

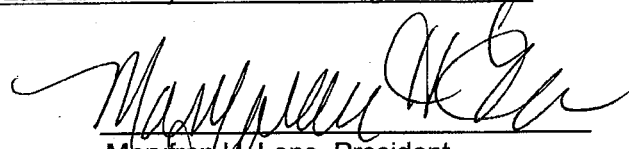
- The Village has gone through several leadership changes this past year. They have a new mayor, four new trustees, and four new department directors.
- 2026/27 Strategic Priorities
- Village discussion on the following topics:
  1. Consideration of allowing video gaming
  2. Establishment of a Historic Preservation Taskforce
  3. Short-term rental regulations
  4. Senior Center renovation/relocation
  5. Village Sustainability Plan

- Village Manager Recklaus shared a chart depicting the increase in fire calls for service over the past 10 years requiring a new ambulance and the hiring of six new firefighters
- New regulations in effect for E-bikes and scooters
- An update on the potential of a Bears stadium being built on the property where the racetrack once was
- In cooperation with Frontier Days, the Village will be having an America's 250<sup>th</sup> birthday sky show extravaganza using drones on July 2

Village Manager Recklaus answered questions the Park Board and staff had regarding the topics he presented.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Tinaglia moved, seconded by Trustee LaBedz to adjourn the meeting at 6:32 p.m. On a voice vote, the motion was approved.



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



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

5/12/26

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Date Approved