



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
ARLINGTON HEIGHTS PARK DISTRICT
Administration Center
410 N. Arlington Heights Road
August 25, 2026 at 6:30pm

President Leno called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 6:31pm

President Leno led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL OF COMMISSIONERS

Commissioners Present

M. Leno
T. Gelinas
R. Nesvacil (arrived 7:59pm)
B. Owen
J. Supplitt

Commissioners Absent

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; Stephenie Gualano, Director of Human Resources; and Kathy Lydon, Recording Secretary.

Other Staff in attendance: Matt Turinsky, Terry Wiltshire, Kristy McCann, Lindsey Robertson

Visitors: Monica Goshorn-Maroney, RVI; Louissaint Minett Sr., Musco Lighting

Residents: Frank Ress, Doug Zabrin, Kathy Mazzoni, Colin Colbert, Scott Faber

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS & CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

NEW STAFF INTRODUCTIONS

Superintendent Turinsky introduced Terry Wiltshire as the Operations Supervisor of Grounds. Terry started part-time with the District in 2022 before stepping into this full-time position this past June. President Leno congratulated Terry on his new role with the District.

Resident Frank Ress shared his thoughts on keeping the former Arlington Park racetrack property as open space and the potential partnership with other communities surrounding that property. President Leno stated he appreciates Mr. Ress' feedback but since none of that property is within the Arlington Heights Park District boundaries that would not be an option at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice President Gelinas moved, seconded by Commissioner Owen, to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2026 Regular Meeting minutes. On a voice vote, the motion was approved 3-0 with Commissioner Supplitt abstaining.

Vice President Gelinas moved, seconded by Commissioner Owen, to approve the August 11, 2026 Closed Session minutes. On a voice vote, the motion was approved 3-0 with Commissioner Supplitt abstaining.

PRESENTATIONS & INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

YEAR END REPORT

Commissioner Supplitt inquired about the current Center programs success rate compared to last year. Director Meyer replied that that discrepancy was because several ARC programs were pulled from the Center programs by mistake, but this has now been corrected internally.

Commissioner Supplitt asked what caused the irrigation leaks at Arlington Lakes Golf Club. Director Meyer replied it was mostly due to pipe connections. A design and development plan to eventually replace the outdated system at both golf clubs is included in the Capital Plan.

GFOA BUDGET AWARD

Deputy Director Myers said this is the 25th time the District has received this award, and the first time receiving special recognition for reporting on Financial Policies.

President Leno acknowledged the Finance team's effort that goes into receiving this award as well as all the work that goes into enabling the District to do capital projects without going to referendum.

OSLAD PHASE I RECAP

Deputy Director Myers said with the completion of Phase I of the Recreation Park project, the District has received the full \$600,000 OSLAD grant reimbursement from the State of IL. He shared a breakdown of the funds used for the project and stated that the project came in under budget. Deputy Director Myers said Phase II is still underway, so staff will report back to the Board once that phase has been completed.

APPROVAL OF MAY 2026, JUNE 2026, AND JULY 2026 FINANCIALS

Deputy Director Myers said he was able to answer questions that Commissioner Supplitt had regarding the financials. Adjustments related to his questions were made and shared with the Board.

Deputy Director Myers said property tax bills should be sent out around September 1 so the District should start seeing proceeds in late September.

OLD BUSINESS

CENTENNIAL PARK DISCUSSION

Executive Director Fullerton said tonight's presentation is a follow-up to the Board's request to research potential lighting, drainage, and screening improvements at Centennial park. Tonight's presentation will cover the potential lighting only.

Director Kramer introduced Monica Goshorn-Maroney from RVi and Loussaint Minett from Musco Lighting who prepared a power point presentation addressing the existing lighting on the fields at Centennial Park.

Monica Goshorn-Maroney shared a diagram of the existing lighting along with a photometric of the field itself. She also explained the evolution of lighting over the years and shared options of potential lighting improvements while answering questions from the Board during her presentation.

Loussaint Minett further explained the standard of candela for little league fields and showed which of the lighting diagrams most resembles the existing lighting on the softball field. Loussaint stated factors such as how high the poles are and how the fixtures are angled determines the trajectory of the light source. Loussaint shared potential options for lighting at Centennial Park. He then answered questions the Board had pertaining to the information he shared.

Resident Doug Zabrin thanked the Board and staff for completing the research so quickly. He asked whether the existing fixtures could accommodate LED bulbs with repositioned angles to help mitigate some of the glare. Loussaint Minett explained that making bulb changes to the current lighting would compromise the integrity of the ball field and leave it unplayable. Mr. Zabrin stated that he hoped staff would not add lights to the other fields in the park.

Resident Scott Faber stated as the coordinator of Fast Pitch travel softball, he is in favor of adding lights to the other fields to accommodate later practice times for the softball teams.

Resident Kathy Mazzoni questioned if the new proposed lighting will comply with the Illinois Responsible Outdoor Control Act. President Leno informed her that she will have staff look into that.

Colin Gilbert, a board member of AHYAA, voiced his support for installing lights on additional fields to increase the availability for games to be played after sundown.

President Leno asked Deputy Director Myers if there were funds available it were decided to move forward with upgrading the lights. Deputy Director Myers replied if this were a priority of the Board, he can look at capital projects and determine if this could be moved ahead of other projects already on the list. He added that he is a little cautious that the District could afford it this fiscal year but could potentially have enough resources to start the process.

Vice President Gelinas suggested looking at LED grants or partnerships to help fund the cost.

President Leno requested staff discuss this project with the Village and bring the information back to the Board at the September 22 Board meeting.

APPROVAL OF CENTENNIAL PARK CHANGE ORDER

Director Kramer stated this change order is for the replacement of the underdrains that were found to be in poor condition during the demolition of the existing playground.

Commissioner Supplitt moved, seconded by Commissioner Nesvacil, to approve Centennial Park Playground OSLAD Improvements Project Change Order # 7 as presented.

Roll was called with:

Ayes – Supplitt, Nesvacil, Gelinas, Owen, Leno

Nays – None

Absent – None

Ayes – 5; Nays – 0; MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF RECREATION PARK PHASE 3 CHANGE ORDERS

Director Kramer explained the purpose of the change orders. One change order pertained to the removal of two southwest berms. Director Kramer responded to Commissioner Supplitt's questions regarding the berms and explained how their removal could improve overall drainage. Commissioner Supplitt stated that he did not agree with removing the berms at this time and preferred that staff focus on addressing the flooding issue.

Roll was called with:

Ayes – Gelinas, Nesvacil, Owen, Leno

Nays – Supplitt

Absent – None

Ayes – 4; Nays – 1; MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF VEHICLE PURCHASE

Superintendent Turinsky shared information on the proposed vehicle purchase through Sourcewell Co-op to replace three aging vehicles. He stated that the cost of all vehicles is within budget. Superintendent Turinsky answered questions the Board had regarding these vehicle purchases.

Vice President Gelinas moved, seconded by Commissioner Nesvacil, to approve the purchase of a 2026 Ford F450 11ft stainless steel dump truck for \$92,861.70 from Rush Enterprises in Lyons, Illinois, using the Sourcewell Contract, number 032824-RTG with a project budget of \$99,926.69.

and

Move to approve the purchase of a 2027 Ford Transit 350 Van for \$75,000 from Rush Enterprises in Lyons, Illinois, using the Sourcewell Contract, number 032824-RTG with a project budget of \$75,000.

and

Move to approve the purchase of a 2027 Ford F350 9ft stainless steel dump truck for \$80,743 from Rush Enterprises in Lyons, Illinois, using the Sourcewell Contract, number 032824-RTG with a project budget of \$84,042.

Roll was called with:

Ayes – Gelinias, Nesvacil, Owen, Supplitt, Leno

Nays – None

Absent – None

Ayes – 5; Nays – 0; MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF DRYDEN PARKING LOT REPLACEMENT

Director Kramer said the replacement of the Dryden parking lot is not in this year's budget, but considering the poor condition and TIPS Cooperative pricing, he is seeking Board approval to replace the parking lot this year.

Vice President Gelinias moved, seconded by Commissioner Supplitt, to approve the proposal from Patriot Pavement Maintenance for parking lot maintenance at Dryden Park using the TIPS Cooperative Purchasing Cooperative #11364 in the amount of \$34,310 with a project budget of \$38,000.

Roll was called with:

Ayes – Gelinias, Supplitt, Owen, Nesvacil, Leno

Nays – None

Absent – None

Ayes – 5; Nays – 0; MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF PERFECT TURF PURCHASE

Director Kramer stated this purchase is to replace the playground surface in the swing area at both Dryden Park and Sunset Meadows Park with synthetic turf safety surfacing.

Commissioner Nesvacil moved, seconded by Vice President Gelinias, to approve the softile replacement project to Perfect Turf, LLC., using the OMNIA Contract # R230201 in the amount of \$41,000 with a project budget of \$42,600.

Roll was called with:

Ayes – Nesvacil, Gelinias, Owen, Supplitt, Leno

Nays – None

Absent – None

Ayes – 5; Nays – 0; MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF CREEKSIDE PARK AND CAREFREE PARK PLAYGROUND REPLACEMENT

Director Kramer said both playgrounds are slated to be replaced in the 2026/27 capital budget. He shared preliminary designs from NuToys Leisure Products with the Board for approval. Once approved, the designs will be presented to the public to select the color scheme. Director Kramer answered questions the Board had related to the proposed designs.

Commissioner Nesvacil moved, seconded by Vice President Gelinias, to approve the purchase and installation of playground equipment and allow the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with NuToys Leisure Products, Inc for Carefree Park. Staff are requesting the project budget of \$175,000.

and

Move to approve the purchase and installation of playground equipment and allow the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with NuToys Leisure Products, Inc for Creekside Park. Staff are requesting the project budget of \$265,000.

Roll was called with:

Ayes –Nesvacil, Gelinas, Owen, Supplitt , Leno

Nays – None

Absent – None

Ayes – 5; Nays – 0; MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF ANNUAL NWSRA ASSESSMENT AND RESOLUTION R-4-26

Executive Director Fullerton said this is for the annual assessment of NWSRA. Staff concur and are comfortable with this year's increase.

Commissioner Supplitt moved, seconded by Commissioner Nesvacil, to approve the Northwest Special Recreation Association Assessment Resolution for Calendar Year 2027 from 2026 taxes in the amount of \$603,433.41.

Roll was called with:

Ayes – Supplitt, Nesvacil, Gelinas, Owen, Leno

Nays – None

Absent – None

Ayes – 5; Nays – 0; MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MAY 2026, JUNE 2026, AND JULY 2026 VOUCHERS

Deputy Director Myers stated he was able to answer Commissioner Supplitt's questions regarding apparel prior to the meeting.

Commissioner Supplitt moved, seconded by Commissioner Nesvacil, to approve the Voucher Listing for the month of May, 2026, in the amount of \$1,799,326.35 and the payroll and payroll related expense distribution for the month of May, 2026 for \$2,032,038.05.

Roll was called with:

Ayes – Supplitt, Nesvacil, Gelinas, Owen, Leno

Nays – None

Absent – None

Ayes – 5; Nays – 0; MOTION CARRIED

Commissioner Supplitt moved, seconded by Commissioner Nesvacil, to approve the Voucher Listing for the month of June, 2026, in the amount of \$4,889,629.49 and the payroll and payroll related expense distribution for the month of June, 2026 for \$1,880,820.72.

Roll was called with:

Ayes – Supplitt, Nesvacil, Gelinas, Owen, Leno

Nays – None

Absent – None

Ayes – 5; Nays – 0; MOTION CARRIED

Commissioner Supplitt moved, seconded by Commissioner Nesvacil, to approve the Voucher Listing for the month of July, 2026, in the amount of \$4,530,302.12 and the payroll and payroll related expense distribution for the month of July, 2026 for \$1,943,070.33.

Roll was called with:

Ayes – Supplitt, Nesvacil, Gelinas, Owen, Leno

Nays – None

Absent – None

Ayes – 5; Nays – 0; MOTION CARRIED

PARK FOUNDATION REPORT

Director Lewandowski said Foundation members are planning for the annual golf outing on September 24. She invited the Board to participate in this event by golfing or by selling raffle tickets. President Leno asked for all past commissioners to be invited to this event.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Executive Director Fullerton updated the Board on the following:

- A tentative date for the joint meeting with the Library is October 29
- The September 8 Board meeting has been cancelled
- A meeting has been scheduled with Village Manager Recklaus to discuss the potential joint ice rink IGA
- There will be a closed session meeting tonight to discuss real estate and to review the closed session minutes
- The Best of the Best Gala will be on October 9 at Chevy Chase Country Club. President Leno will be recognized for her 25 years on the Park Board
- Staff received a rental application to hold a No Kings Event on October 17. Executive Director Fullerton has scheduled a meeting with the requestor, staff, and the Chief of police to go over the details
- Recognition was given to Stephenie Gualano in her new position as Director of Human Resources
- Director Kramer volunteered to be a part of a team to write a Clean Certification manual for American Public Works Association
- Congratulations to Deputy Director Myers on receiving the GFOA Budget Award and the special recognition he received. She also acknowledged the long hours he put into producing a spectacular budget document

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

- Commissioner Owen congratulated Deputy Director Myers and his team on the GFOA Budget Award
- President Leno shared Executive Director Fullerton and Director Kramer took former commissioners on a tour of Recreation Park. She also attended the tour
- President Leno, Vice President Gelinas and Executive Director Fullerton met with Mayor Tinaglia and Village Manager Recklaus last week to discuss the potential joint ice rink. They presented opinions on sharing the cost as well as recognition of the potential partnership between the two agencies. Vice President Gelinas said it is important to let the public know that even if the ice rink is installed by the Tree Lighting ceremony, it may not be ready to skate on because it is weather dependent to freeze the rink
- President Leno thanked the Rec staff for keeping the pools open

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

Commissioner Nesvacil moved, seconded by Commissioner Owen, to hold Closed Session for personnel matters involving specific employees of the AHPD – 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1) and 5ILCS 120/2(c)(2); potential acquisition of real estate 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5) and 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6); and for the Semi-Annual review of Closed Session minutes – 5 ILCS 120/2 (2)(21) at 9:09pm.

Roll was called with:

Ayes – Nesvacil, Owen, Gelinas, Supplitt, Leno

Nays – None

Absent – None

Ayes – 5; Nays – 0; **MOTION CARRIED**

RECONVENED TO OPEN SESSION

At 9:35pm the Regular Meeting was reconvened and the following were present:

Board: Leno, Gelinas, Nesvacil, Supplitt, Owen
Staff: Fullerton, Kramer

**APPROVAL OF SEMI-ANNUAL REVIEW OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES FOR
DESTRUCTION / RELEASE**

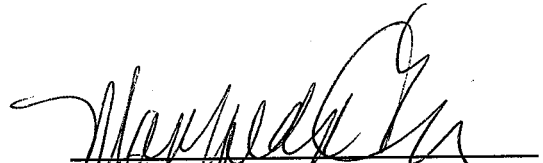
1. Commissioner Owen moved, seconded by Vice President Gelinas, that the Board has conducted the semi-annual review of closed session records, and that the verbatim (audio) recordings from August 13, 2024, August 27, 2024, October 22, 2024, November 12, 2024, February 24, 2025 can be destroyed.
2. Commissioner Owen moved, seconded by Vice President Gelinas to not release the approved Closed Session minutes of November 13, 2018, December 11, 2018, July 16, 2019, August 13, 2019, August 27, 2019, October 2, 2019, October 8, 2019, October 22, 2019, April 12, 2022, May 10, 2022, May 24, 2022, June 14, 2022, July 12, 2022, July 26, 2022, August 23, 2022, September 13, 2022, October 11, 2022, October 25, 2022, November 22, 2022, January 10, 2023, May 9, 2023, July 18, 2023, April 23, 2024, July 9, 2024, August 13, 2024, October 22, 2024 and November 12, 2024, May 13, 2025, June 10, 2025, June 24, 2025, August 26, 2025, October 28, 2025, February 10, 2026 and March 10, 2026 due to personnel, and unfinished business.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice President Gelinas moved, seconded by Commissioner Owen to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:36pm. On a voice vote, the motion was approved 5-0.



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


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

9/23/26

Date Approved