MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
ARLINGTON HEIGHTS PARK DISTRICT
Administration Center
410 N. Arlington Heights Road
October 27, 2026 at 6:30pm

Vice President Gelinas called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 6:33pm.

Vice President Gelinas led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL OF COMMISSIONERS

Commissioners Present
T. Gelinas
R. Nesvacil
B. Owen
J. Supplitt

Commissioners Absent
M. Leno

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: Lindsey Robertson, Kristy McCann, Edith Garcia

Visitors: John Stuart, Stumm Insurance; Ben Owen, AHYAA board member; Jeff Bransford, Consultant Zec Eight Insights (virtual)

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS & CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Supplitt moved, seconded by Commissioner Owen, to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2026 Regular Meeting minutes. On a voice vote, the motion was approved 3-0 with Commissioner Nesvacil abstaining.

Commissioner Supplitt moved, seconded by Commissioner Owen, to approve, but not release the minutes of the October 13, 2026 Closed Session Meeting minutes. On a voice vote, the motion was approved 3-0 with Commissioner Nesvacil abstaining.

PRESENTATIONS & INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

2027 HEALTH INSURANCE UPDATE

Director Gualano said staff have been working with Stumm Insurance for the upcoming 2027 health insurance renewal. The District was initially quoted a renewal increase of 17.9% from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois, but Stumm was able to negotiate it down to 8.1%. Stumm received quotes from other health care providers that were significantly higher ranging from 14.3% to almost 50%. Staff is in the process of surveying other Districts to obtain their renewal information. These results will be presented to the Board at the November 10 Board meeting.

John Stuart of Stumm Insurance provided insight into how the market is currently, and shared that the average increase for Blue Cross Blue Shield is 20%. Mr. Stuart answered questions the Board had relating to health insurance.

FOREST VIEW RACQUET & FITNESS CLUB FEASIBILITY STUDY

Executive Director Fullerton said one of the Comprehensive Master Plan initiatives was to conduct a feasibility study of the Forest View Racquet and Fitness facility for potential future uses. The District hired Zec Eight Insights to conduct this study.

Superintendent Robertson introduced Jeff Bransford, a consultant for Zec Eight Insights. Jeff joined the meeting virtually to share the study findings, and answer questions the Board had relating to this study.

FREEDOM OF SPEECH LOCATION DISCUSSION

The discussion for this agenda item was tabled.

POPULAR ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

Deputy Director Myers said this report was created that takes the audit and simplifies it to submit for the GFOA's Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR) award. Currently, there are only four park districts identified in Illinois that have received all three of the PAFR, Budget and Audit awards. He is hopeful that the Arlington Heights Park District will be successful in achieving the PAFR award this year for the first time.

OLD BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF RECREATION PARK PHASE 3 CHANGE ORDERS

Director Kramer said these change orders relate to the reconstruction of the front entry stairs of the community building and upgrading the electrical service for the entire site.

Commissioner Nesvacil moved, seconded by Commissioner Owen, to approve Recreation Park Phase 3 Change Orders #'s 47, 61, and 96 as presented.

Roll was called with:
Ayes – Nesvacil, Owen, Supplitt, Gelinas
Nays – None
Absent – Leno
Ayes – 4; Nays – 0; MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF CENTENNIAL PARK CHANGE ORDERS

Director Kramer said these change orders are for pavement improvements to the walking path after it was determined to be in poor condition. Deputy Director Myers said the cost of these change orders falls within the project budget.

Commissioner Nesvacil moved, seconded by Commissioner Owen, to approve Centennial Park Change Order # 9 and 11 in the amount of $80,994.51.

Roll was called with:
Ayes – Nesvacil, Owen, Supplitt, Gelinas
Nays – None
Absent – Leno
Ayes – 4; Nays – 0; MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF AFFILIATE GROUP POLICY

Director Meyer said he worked with Attorney Paine to make the requested changes from the Board and shared the new language with them. The consensus of the Board was to approve the affiliate group policy with pending the minor changes discussed tonight.

Commissioner Nesvacil moved, seconded by Commissioner Supplitt, to approve the revised Affiliate Group Policy with additional amendments. On a voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION R-6-26: EMERGENCY PURCHASE OF HVAC UNIT

Director Kramer said two of the four roof top units at the administration building are in need of replacement. Initially two of the units were scheduled for replacement next year, but those units did not hold up. Attorney Paine informed Director Kramer that these replacements can be made as an emergency purchase.

Commissioner Owen moved, seconded by Commissioner Nesvacil, to approve Resolution R-6-26 for the Administration Center Rooftop Unit replacement project with an overall not to exceed approved project budget of $70,000.

Roll was called with:
Ayes – Owen, Nesvacil Supplitt, Gelinas
Nays – None
Absent – Leno
Ayes – 4; Nays – 0; MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF ELECTRIC CAR CHARGERS SITE AGREEMENTS

Director Kramer said these agreements pertain to the ten sites identified to have electric charging stations installed. The District was awarded grant money to put towards the purchase and installation of these charging stations. The District will pay 20% of the total cost of the purchase and installation.

Commissioner Nesvacil inquired about recognizing the Park Foundation for their contribution to the cost of the charging stations. Director Lewandowski replied they are in the process of exploring options at this time.

Commissioner Supplitt moved, seconded by Commissioner Nesvacil, to approve the budgets between the Illinois Finance Authority and the Arlington Heights Park District for the Northern Illinois Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Community Charging Program and allow the Executive Director to enter into site host agreements. On a voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

APPROVAL OF SUNDEK WORK AT CAMELOT AND RECREATION PARK BATHHOUSES

Director Kramer said this approval is for epoxy type flooring at both facilities.

Commissioner Owen moved, seconded by Commissioner Nesvacil to approve the Camelot Park and Recreation Park Pool Flooring Improvements in the amount of $77,684 with a project budget of $80,000 to SUNDEK of Illinois.

Roll was called with:
Ayes – Owen, Nesvacil Supplitt, Gelinas
Nays – None
Absent – Leno
Ayes – 4; Nays – 0; MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF PERRY WEATHER AGREEMENT WITH MT. PROSPECT PARK DISTRICT

Superintendent Robertson said previously the Board approved the installation of the Perry Weather system at ten locations throughout the District, with Melas Park being one of the locations. Since Melas Park is shared by both the Arlington Heights and Mt Prospect Park Districts, staff from each agency discussed sharing the cost of the Perry Weather system at that location. An Intergovernmental Agreement has been drafted outlining the terms of the agreement for both parties.

Director Meyer shared that the Mt Prospect Park District Board has approved this agreement at their last Board meeting.

Commissioner Nesvacil moved, seconded by Commissioner Owen, to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with Mt. Prospect Park District for the Perry Weather System. On a voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 744 – TAX LEVY

Deputy Director Myers stated staff is recommending a 4.99% increase to allow for any growth or expansion in the community, but the full amount will not be obtained. CPI is 2.7%.

Commissioner Nesvacil moved, seconded by Commissioner Owen that the Ordinance No. 744, "An Ordinance Levying Taxes for the Arlington Heights Park District, County of Cook and State of Illinois for the Year 2026", be adopted and passed.

Roll was called with:
Ayes – Nesvacil, Owen, Supplitt, Gelinas
Nays – None
Absent – Leno
Ayes – 4; Nays – 0; MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 745 – PTELL REDUCTION FORMULA

Commissioner Nesvacil moved, seconded by Commissioner Owen, that the Ordinance No. 745, "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 2026 If It Exceeds The Tax Cap Limitations, be adopted and passed.

Roll was called with:
Ayes – Nesvacil, Owen, Supplitt, Gelinas
Nays – None
Absent – Leno
Ayes – 4; Nays – 0; MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF 2027 IAPD CREDENTIALS CERTIFICATE

Executive Director Fullerton said this certificate has to be completed annually prior to the January IAPD/IPRA conference.

Commissioner Supplitt moved, seconded by Commissioner Owen, to adopt a Resolution on CREDENTIALS, appointing President Maryfran Leno as Delegate to the Illinois Association of Park Districts Annual Business Meeting, with Vice-President Tim Gelinas as 1st Alternate, Robert Nesvacil as 2nd Alternate, and Executive Director Carrie Fullerton as 3rd Alternate.

Roll was called with:
Ayes – Supplitt, Owen, Nesvacil Gelinas
Nays – None
Absent – Leno
Ayes – 4; Nays – 0; MOTION CARRIED

PARK FOUNDATION REPORT

- Director Lewandowski gave the following update:
- The Foundation board voted last week to move forward with Ripple. Participating in this will give people the ability to donate a portion of their bill to the Park Foundation.
- The golf outing netted approximately a $32,000 profit.
- Frank Lesniak will remain president and Nancy Prosser will continue as Vice President of the Park Foundation for another year.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Executive Director Fullerton updated the Board on the following:

- AHYAA has given a verbal commitment to contribute $200,000 for the Centennial Park lights and staff are working on a memorandum of understanding (MOU).
- A few emails were received expressing concern about installing turf, not wood chips at Centennial Park playground
- The ribbon cutting for the Recreation Park Community building is November 7. The Park Board can tour the facility at 9:30am prior to the ribbon cutting.
- Vice President Gelinas has a 5:15 headshot appointment prior to the Joint Meeting with the Library on October 29. A light meal will be served at 5:30 followed by the meeting at 6:00pm
- Happy Birthday to Director Meyer
- All Commissioners are invited to the Senior Center's Holiday Cheer lunch

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

- Commissioner Nesvacil mentioned that the roof top unit at Heritage Park was making a noise
- Commissioner Supplitt said the NWSRA event was phenomenal and serves a great cause
- Commissioner Supplitt also said how nice the Trunk or Treat event was
- Vice President Gelinas also commented on how nice the NWSRA event was and said he loves the interaction of the participants

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Supplitt moved, seconded by Commissioner Nesvacil, to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:26 p.m. On a voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

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

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

11/10/26
Date Approved