

**MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING OF THE ARLINGTON HEIGHTS PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND THE ARLINGTON HEIGHTS MEMORIAL LIBRARY BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES HELD ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2019.**

09.19.01 A joint breakfast meeting of the Arlington Heights Park District Board of Commissioners and the Arlington Heights Memorial Library Board of Library Trustees was called to order in the Cardinal Room of the Arlington Heights Memorial Library on Saturday, September 21, 2019, at 8:30 a.m. by Board of Library Trustees President Greg Zyck.

**PRESENT:** Park District Commissioners Leno, Owen, Nesvacil and Ploger; Library Trustees Ruhl, Medal, Smart, Tangney, Thanopoulos and Zyck

**ABSENT:** Park District Commissioner Gelinis and Library Trustee Supplitt

**ALSO PRESENT:** Steve Scholten, Park District Interim Executive Director; Brian Meyer, Park District Director of Recreation and Facilities; Ben Rea, Park District Director of Parks and Planning; Steve Neill, Park District Superintendent of Recreation Facilities; Mike Driskell, Library Executive Director; Shannon Distel, Library Deputy Director; Donna Ekl, Library Director of Finance; Janet Moravec, Library Business Office Administrator; Julie Doren, Library Business Office Assistant; Ki Kaden, Resident; Margaret Kaden, Resident; Emma Kaden, Resident.

09.19.02 **LIBRARY TRUSTEES' TOPICS OF INTEREST** – Mr. Driskell highlighted:

**One Book, One Village** Community Read – *The Feather Thief* by Kirk Wallace Johnson  
For the first time, the Arlington Heights community selected the book for One Book, One Village (OBOV) from three book titles. OBOV 2019 will culminate with a visit by the author on Thursday, October 10.

**Strategic Plan 2018-2022**

*Community Connections:* Foster increased connections across and throughout our varied communities.

This past year, the library has participated in many community events and organizations:

- National Night Out
- Picnic in the Park
- Arlington Heights Farmer's Market
- Mane Event
- Backstretch
- Autism Home Support Services (AHSS)

In addition, the library has created a new position, community engagement liaison, to increase community connections.

*Digital Directions:* Refine digital and technology services to enhance ease of use and raise the Library's profile as a technology leader in the community.

The Arlington Heights Memorial Library acquired the original library building located at 112 North Belmont Avenue to create a technology-oriented makerspace to meet the needs of a broader range of audiences.

### **Library and Park District Partnerships in 2019**

- Star Parties at Nickol Knoll in July and August
- Backyard BBQ cooking demonstration
- Piloted tandem book discussion group with Arlington Heights Historical Society
- Yoga in the Park on the lawn at the Arlington Heights Historical Museum
- Movies in the Park
- Arlington Heights Garden Club Walk and Unique Boutique
- Storytimes in the Park held at Pioneer and Frontier Parks
- Bookmobile visits at local parks and events
- Arlington Heights Fitness Expo at Camelot Park
- Lake Arlington's Migratory Bird Day

### **Potential Future Park District Partnerships**

In 2020, library staff are interested in developing additional opportunities:

- Podcast: *This Big Village* focusing on Arlington Heights' history, including episodes featuring Arlington Heights Park District's history
- Coaching Pack: a list of intramural coaching resources at the library
- Summer Reading Challenge and library card sign-ups at Arlington Heights Park District locations

### **Additional Park District Partnership Opportunity**

Additional park district partnership opportunities may arise as library staff develop the Belmont makerspace project

09.19.03 **PARK DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS' TOPICS OF INTEREST** – Mr. Meyer and Mr. Rea highlighted:

**Arlington Ridge Center (formerly Olympic Indoor Swim Center)** - Soft opening in December, programming begins January 2020

Park District staff gave an overview of the renovations at the Arlington Ridge Center (ARC)

- Aquatic center will have upgraded heated pools with LED lighting
- New – Wellness/Instructional Pool kept at 92 degrees and will offer programming for swim lessons, water exercise, and open swim time
- New – Double Gymnasium featuring two regulation sized high school basketball courts
- Ridge Fitness will offer over 5,000 square feet of state-of-the-art equipment
- Indoor Walking/Running Track
- Childcare will be available at no additional cost to members
- Concession area

Charter rates will be available until 30 days after ARC opens; target date January 2020

### **Recreation Park**

Park District staff also talked about possible improvements to Recreation Park through an Illinois Department of Natural Resources OSLAD Grant. Possible improvements include:

- Inclusive playground
- Fitness equipment
- Creation of a complete six-foot wide trail loop
- Relocating the basketball courts
- Planting beds for native plants
- Relocate skate park previously at Olympic Recreation Center

09.19.04 There were no **OTHER** items to be discussed.

There being no further business to be discussed, Trustee Smart moved **ADJOURNMENT.**  
Trustee Thanopoulos seconded. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 9:32 a.m.

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Carole Medal, Vice President/Secretary

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Janet Moravec, Recorder