

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, DECEMBER 5, 2020.

12.20.01 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 on Saturday, December 5, 2020, at 8:36 a.m. by Park District President Maryfran Leno. The meeting was held virtually and hosted via Zoom for public viewing, in response to the State of Illinois' Tier 3 COVID-19 resurgence mitigations.

PRESENT: Park District Commissioners Leno, Gelinas, Nesvacil and Ploger; Library Trustees Medal, Smart, Supplitt, Tangney and Zyck

ABSENT: Park District Commissioner Owen and Library Trustee Ruhl

ALSO PRESENT: Carrie Fullerton, Park District Executive Director; Jason Myers, Park District Director of Finance and Personnel; Brian Meyer, Park District Director of Recreation and Facilities; Ben Rea, Park District Director of Parks and Planning; Michael Driskell, Library Executive Director; Shannon Distel, Library Deputy Director; Donna Ekl, Library Director of Finance; Mary Hastings, Library Director of Communications and Marketing; Janet Moravec, Library Business Office Administrator; Julie Doren, Library Business Office Assistant.

12.20.02 **PARK DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS' TOPICS OF INTEREST** – Executive Director Carrie Fullerton highlighted:

- Update on the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) Open Space Land Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) grant and the status of the proposed Recreation Park project
- Update on the status of Grandt's Shell Station
- Finalist for the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) National Gold Medal Award
- Arlington Ridge Center (ARC) success with over 10,000 memberships since opening in January
- Recipient of the 2020 Alan F. Bombick Award for Excellence in Design for the ARC
- Supporting the Village's Storm Water Project at Happiness Park
- In the accreditation process of the Illinois Association of Park Districts (IAPD)/Illinois Park and Recreation Association (IPRA) Distinguished Accreditation program
- Impact of COVID-19 on the budget, staffing and services
- Essential use of parks and outside spaces during pandemic
- Virtual holiday tree lighting at North School Park

Collaborative Projects in 2020

- Storywalk at Lake Arlington
- Storytime at Kaleidoscope Camp

Potential Future Library Partnerships

- Permanent Storywalks at select parks with rotating books
- Little Libraries at select parks
- Recreation Park parking lot
- Northside presence as part of the future Frontier Park Recreation Center renovation
- Arlington Heights Historical Society

12.20.03 **LIBRARY TRUSTEES' TOPICS OF INTEREST** – Executive Director Michael Driskell highlighted:

Library and Park District Partnerships in 2020

- Storywalk at Lake Arlington
- Storytime in the Park held at Pioneer, Frontier, Lake Terramere and Creekside Parks
- *Yoga in the Park* series, both virtual and in person, at the Arlington Heights Historical Museum
- *Outdoor Composting* program in person with social distancing at North School Park
- In person discussion with social distancing of the *One Book, One Village* selection, *The Secrets We Kept* by Lara Prescott at North School Park

Makerspace Project Update

- New exterior light fixtures on front of building donated by the Questers
- Updated conceptual drawings of the main floor makerspace, kitchen and lower level art space
- Proposed schedule for construction to begin in December

Potential Future Park District Partnerships

In 2021, library staff are interested in developing additional opportunities:

- Community conversation series around diversity, equity and inclusion
- Removing barriers to library services in the community through implementation of fine free and the creation of a Senior and Accessible Services Department
- Possible library presence at the renovated Frontier Park

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

There being no further business to be discussed, Commissioner Nesvacil moved **ADJOURNMENT**. Commissioner Gelinis seconded. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 9:54 a.m.

Carole Medal, Vice President/Secretary

Janet Moravec, Recorder