

MINUTES OF THE JOINT BOARD MEETING
ARLINGTON HEIGHTS PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS AND
ARLINGTON HEIGHTS MEMORIAL LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

ARLINGTON LAKES GOLF CLUB
1211 S, NEW WILKE RD.
OCTOBER 5, 2024 – 8:30 A.M.

Park Board President Leno called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Park District Commissioners present: President Leno, Vice President Gelinas, Commissioner Nesvacil, and Commissioner Supplitt

Library Trustees present: President Somary, Trustee Zyck, Trustee Borrell, and Trustee Medal

Park District Staff present: Carrie Fullerton, Executive Director; Jason Myers, Director of Finance and Personnel; Amy Lewandowski, Director of Marketing and Community Engagement; John Kramer, Director of Parks and Planning, and Kathy Lydon

Library Staff present: Mike Driskell, Executive Director; Dana Revilla, Deputy Director; and Sasha Vasilic, Director of Communications and Marketing

PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' TOPICS OF INTEREST

Executive Director Fullerton listed the awards that the Park District received this year:

- 2024 GFOA Outstanding Budget and Audit Award
- 2024 Daily Herald Reader's Choice Award in the Best Park District Category
- IPRA Exceptional Workplace Award

Executive Director Fullerton shared recently completed infrastructure improvements at various parks and facilities. She also shared the master plan for Recreation Park, as well as the renovation project at ARC. Executive Director Fullerton also shared some of the agency's initiatives.

The Arlington Heights Park District will be celebrating its 100th Year Anniversary. The celebration will kick off at Picnic in the Park in June 2025, and will run through May 2026. The 100th Anniversary Committee is planning a wide range of special events and community initiatives.

Trustee Zyck complimented the Park District stating the buildings and infrastructure do not look 100 years old. He recently joined the ARC and said it is an incredible facility.

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES TOPICS OF INTEREST

Executive Director Driskell highlighted some of the Library's accomplishments this past year:

- 2024 Daily Herald Reader's Choice Award in the Best Library category
- Recognized in Chicago Parent magazine as the Best Children's Library in the North/Northwest suburbs
- Received the Inclusion Award by C.I.T.Y. of Support, which is an organization that helps families with children in therapy
- Recognized in ILA Reporter magazine for the Kids' World project
- Selected as the IAPD Best of the Best 2024 Intergovernmental Cooperation Award recipient with the Arlington Heights Park District. The Park District submitted the nomination for this award. Executive Director Driskell expressed his appreciation for being included in this award nomination.

Executive Director Driskell talked about the partnerships between the Library and Park District that benefit the residents of Arlington Heights. He also discussed the intergovernmental agreements for the shared parking lot for patrons of Recreation Park and Makerplace, the new

Story Walk at Recreation Park, and the two 24/7 book lockers at Camelot and Heritage Parks. Library Board President Somary suggested if additional Story Walks are added to other parks, they should reflect the theme of that park.

Executive Director Driskell stated the book selected for this year's One Book One Village community read initiative is The Collected Regrets of Clover, and shared success stories of Makerplace users.

Lastly, Executive Director Driskell said the Library will soon be going out to bid to design a new book mobile to replace the current 15 year old vehicle in the next year or two.

FINAL COMMENTS

Park Board Commissioner Supplitt asked for an explanation on how the Library is protecting the first amendment rights, and what is being done to make sure their book collection is inclusive and representative of the entire community. Executive Director Driskell replied that they do an assessment regularly and look at subjects in the titles of books that they have. They also have a list of subjects to ensure are represented in their book collection. Deputy Director Revilla added that the Library follows a very intensive and inclusive criteria, and are constantly responding to customer feedback, the Library's Ideas Team, and have a Strategic Plan to make sure they are representing all of Arlington Heights.

The meeting ended after a short discussion on tax levy and broadcasting meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

Park Board Commissioner Nesvacil motioned, seconded by Park Board Vice President Gelinas, to adjourn the meeting to adjourn at 9:36 a.m. On a voice vote the motion was approved 8-0.

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

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

Date Approved