



WILMETTE PARK DISTRICT

Regular Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 12, 2025
7:30 p.m. – Village Hall Council Chambers

PRESENT

Commissioners: President Patrick Lahey, Vice President Allison Frazier, Kara Kosloskus, Patrick Duffy, Cecilia Clarke, Julia Goebel and Mike Murdock

Staff: Interim Executive Director Margaret Resnick, Michelle Parson

Visitor: Alan Golden, Walter Keats, Susan Hemeren, Paul McKinley, Connie Siegel

1.0 REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:46 p.m.

1.1 ROLL CALL

2.0 CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Clarke moves and Commissioner Duffy seconds the motion to approve the Consent Agenda of May 12, 2025.

Commissioner Duffy states that, prior to the meeting, he asked Director Resnick and Superintendent Foy to clarify questions related to the Purchasing Policy, which they did.

By a roll call vote, voting Yes, Commissioners: Kosloskus, Duffy, Clarke, Goebel, Murdock, Frazier and Lahey. Voting No, none. Absent: None; **motion carried.**

3.0 COMMUNICATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE

President Lahey states that everything received prior to the packet being published is included in the packet.

4.0 PUBLIC COMMENT/RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

President Lahey explains public comment to the audience and states that the policy is located on page three of the packet.

Alan Golden – Comments about the sailing beach and thanks staff for having the beach in excellent condition.

Susan Hemeren – Comments about South Beach access for those with disability.

Connie Siegel – Comments about South Beach and hours.

Public comment is closed.

5.0 STAFF REPORTS

5.1 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Interim Executive Director Resnick states that the Canal Shores Lease Amendment was approved on the Consent Agenda. She goes on to give a few other highlights from her report.

Commissioner Kosloskus was recognized by the IAPD in their monthly magazine for being a “Notable Board Member,” which means she took extra steps to go to workshops, seminars and read books on boardsmanship. Congratulations to Commissioner Kosloskus!

Interim Director Resnick then reads a statement:

On Friday, April 4, 2025, Cook County Circuit Court Judge Michael B. Barrett dismissed with prejudice a civil lawsuit filed by Kevin Cox, Administrator of the Estate of Elizabeth Cox, against the Wilmette Park District and former executive director Steve Wilson.

This marks the second time the court has ruled against the plaintiff's claims, the first of which was dismissed on October 31, 2024, with leave to amend. Following the filing of an amended complaint, the court has now issued a final dismissal with prejudice—meaning the case is permanently closed and cannot be refiled on the same grounds.

The matter is officially resolved now that more than 30 days have passed without further legal action. The Wilmette Park District is pleased by the court's decision to dismiss the case and is grateful to move forward. The District appreciates the clarity and finality provided by the court's ruling.

5.2 PARKS AND PLANNING REPORT

The Parks and Planning report is given by the new Superintendent of Parks and Planning, Josh Wallace.

Pools

Pools have been cleaned and filled for the start of the season. The pool heaters were started up successfully. We are on track and ready for the season opening.

Gillson

Barriers have been installed to protect the dunes. Memorial benches and trees have been ordered and installed/planted. Paving was started on the roadways this week and is scheduled for substantial completion by the end of the week.

CRC Solar

Materials have been delivered for the solar project installation. This supports the district's sustainability initiatives.

5.3 GOLF REPORT

Adam Kwiatkoski, Golf Course General Manager, gives his report to the board.

A detailed presentation will be given to the board at the upcoming Committee of the Whole meeting. The presentation will include photos and an update of current course conditions.

The golf season has begun and is going well, despite unseasonably cool conditions. We have had 2,000 rounds so far.

RECREATION REPORT

Superintendent Merrill presents the Rec report to the board.

Dance Alliance did well at their competition. The month of April was spent preparing for summer camps.

Commissioner Kosloskus mentions the library passes, which are free daily passes for the main swimming beach that can be reserved at the Wilmette Library. This includes residents of Wilmette, Niles, Skokie and Evanston. Superintendent Merrill highlights staff, Conor McCormick, who made the library passes a reality. The talks that have taken place with the library have opened up more ideas about how we partner with the library.

OPERATIONS REPORT

Superintendent Thomas gives the board highlights from the Operations Report.

Director Resnick, Superintendent Foy and Superintendent Thomas all went to Springfield for the Legislative Conference.

Annual Report

The Annual Report has been added into the May edition of Explore More. Those will be delivered the week of May 19th.

Sustainability

New Compost drop-off pilot program is being implemented with informative signage. This program will allow residents to drop off compost at the Village, if they do not prefer to have the composting program at their home.

W.O.W. Swim

The Foundation is hosting the Wilmette Open Water (WOW) swim on June 14th. The towels have been delivered and we are very excited about the color this year.

Back the Bowl Bash

The Bash is happening June 28th. Tickets are available online. This year, we have an all-inclusive ticket, which includes food and drink.

Shout-outs to Staff

Commissioner Kosloskus highlights the Ice Bucket Challenge that brings attention to mental health. A couple of staff members were brave enough to do the challenge.

Commissioner Frazier highlights the work of JP McNamara, the Marketing Department Manager, who has done a great job of defining the district's communications.

FINANCE REPORT

Superintendent Foy gives highlights of the Finance Report to the board.

March financials were ahead of budget because of the acceleration of camp payments by one month. We should see the timing even out by the end of May.

Capital expenditures are ahead of budget due to payments made for the Lakefront, Langdon and Hibbard.

The electricity commodity price we agreed to is 4.26 cents/kWh (\$0.04266/kWh). All the contracts are signed. Commissioner Duffy asks what the rate was that we had been paying prior to now. Superintendent Foy answers that the consolidated rate we had been paying was \$0.0636. However, the new bids for contract rates were coming in at \$0.081/kWh (commodity and delivery fee) so we decided to sign the contract for the commodity price only and pay the delivery costs separately to ComEd. Under the new contract, we will pay the electric commodity to AEP and the delivery charge to ComEd. Superintendent Foy hopes the combination of those two is less than \$0.081, and hence, saving us money by paying the delivery costs directly.

Purchase Cards

We are getting all new purchase cards for the district (pcards) and staff are working on the roll-out plan for that, as we move from JP Morgan to Fifth Third Bank.

New Staff

We have a new accounting manager, Diane Hinze, who comes to us from school district 65. We are excited to have her.

Commissioner Duffy asks questions regarding the electricity commodity. Superintendent Foy gives an explanation and answers further questions.

6.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

7.0 NEW BUSINESS

7.1 CONSIDERATION OF STAFF RECOMMENDATION REGARDING HIBBARD PARK OSLAD DEVELOPMENT BIDS

Commissioner Kosloskus moves and Vice President Frazier seconds a motion to approve the staff recommendation of the low bid for the Hibbard Park OSLAD Development.

Commissioner Murdock asks if we could review what Alternates 1 & 2 are. Director Resnick states that Alternate 1 is adding new fencing (as opposed to repurposing the fencing we have), and Alternate 2 is to use sod instead of seed for the baseball fields. In terms of the location of the fencing, Director Resnick will find out and report back to the board.

By a roll call vote, voting Yes, Commissioners: Kosloskus, Duffy, Clarke, Goebel, Murdock, Frazier and Lahey. Voting No, none. Absent: None; **motion carried.**

8.0 ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION

There being no further business to conduct, Vice President Frazier moves and Commissioner Duffy seconds a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting.

By a voice vote; **Motion Carried.**

Minutes Approved on: **August 11, 2025.**