



WILMETTE PARK DISTRICT

Annual Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 12, 2025

7:30 p.m. – Village Hall Council Chambers

PRESENT

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

Secretary/Interim Executive Director: Margaret Resnick

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

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

A. Roll Call Taken

2.0 OATH OF OFFICE

President Kosloskus asks for a motion to amend the agenda to allow for Oath of Office to be taken prior to Election of Officers.

Vice President Duffy moves and Commissioner Frazier seconds the motion. By a voice vote; **motion carried.**

Interim Director Resnick reads the Code of Ethics for Board Members and then administers Oath of Office to the four newly elected officials.

3.0 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

3.1 PRESIDENT

Interim Director Resnick entertains nominations for the office of President. Commissioner Murdock nominates Commissioner Duffy. Commissioner Frazier nominates Commissioner Lahey. A motion and second are taken to close nominations.

Commissioner Murdock moves and Commissioner Duffy seconds a motion for Patrick Duffy for the office of President.

Commissioner Murdock states that he would like to highlight that Commissioner Duffy is the current Vice President, who has been unanimously elected two times by the board. Commissioner Duffy has tremendous experience running public meetings, having done it as Vice President of this board and nearly five years as the chair of the Zoning Board for the Village of Wilmette. Commissioner Duffy has an excellent relationship with the Village, given his past history and experience. Commissioner Murdock believes this will be important given the tasks we will primarily be undertaking over the next two years; we will also have many upcoming interactions with the Village regarding the temporary and permanent police stations, and how we ultimately program Big Tree Lane.

Commissioner Duffy adds that he supports the nomination of himself as Vice President. He helped facilitate Elmwood Dunes becoming a new park in Wilmette. The relationship with the Village and the partnership he has forged with members of the Village staff being on the Zoning Board and working on the creation of Elmwood Dunes will be important in the upcoming years. He also reiterates his experience in leadership roles, not only in the Village, but outside of it as well. He thinks it makes sense for a natural transition from Vice President to President of the board. Commissioner Murdock encourages commissioners to give reasons they do not support Commissioner Duffy's candidacy for President after having voted for him twice as Vice President.

Commissioner Kosloskus states that she has served for two years as President and she appreciates Commissioner Duffy's partnership over the two years they have worked together.

By a roll call vote for Commissioner Duffy as President, voting Yes, Commissioners: Murdock and Duffy. Voting No, Commissioners: Lahey, Frazier, Clarke, Goebel, and Kosloskus. Absent: None; **motion fails**.

Commissioner Frazier moves and Commissioner Kosloskus seconds a motion for Patrick Lahey for the office of President.

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

3.2 VICE PRESIDENT

Commissioner Lahey assumes the role of President and entertains nominations for the Office of Vice President.

Commissioner Murdock nominates Commissioner Duffy, and Commissioner Goebel nominates Commissioner Frazier for the office of Vice President. Commissioner Murdock moves and Commissioner Duffy seconds a motion to close nominations for the office of Vice President. A short discussion ensues.

Commissioner Murdock moves and Commissioner Duffy seconds a motion to vote for Commissioner Duffy for the office of Vice President.

By a roll call vote for Commissioner Duffy as Vice President, voting Yes, Commissioners: Murdock and Duffy. Voting No, Commissioners: Lahey, Frazier, Clarke, Goebel, and Kosloskus. Absent: None; **motion fails**.

Commissioner Murdock moves and Commissioner Lahey seconds a motion to vote for Commissioner Frazier for the office of Vice President.

By a roll call vote for Commissioner Frazier for Vice President, voting Yes,

Commissioners: Lahey, Frazier, Clarke, Goebel, Murdock and Kosloskus. Voting No, Commissioners: Duffy. Absent: None; **motion carried.**

By a voice vote; **motion carried.**

4.0 APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

4.1 SECRETARY

4.2 ASSISTANT SECRETARY

4.3 TREASURER

Commissioner Kosloskus moves and Commissioner Goebel seconds a motion to approve the appointment of Margaret Resnick for the office of Secretary, Michelle Parson as Assistant Secretary and Sheila Foy as Treasurer.

By a voice vote; **motion carried.**

5.0 APPOINTMENT OF PARK DISTRICT LEGAL COUNSEL

Commissioner Murdock moved and Commissioner Frazier seconded a motion to approve the appointment of Tressler LLP as the Wilmette Park District's legal counsel.

By a voice vote; **motion carried.**

6.0 ADJOURNMENT

With all officers being elected, Commissioner Clarke moves and Commissioner Kosloskus seconds a motion to adjourn the Annual Board Meeting.

By a voice vote; **motion carried.**

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