



REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Board of Park Commissioners

April 13, 2026

7:30 PM – Village Hall Council Chambers

Present

Commissioners: President Patrick Lahey, Vice President Allison Frazier, Julia Goebel, Julie Adrianopoli, Patrick Duffy, Mike Murdock

Absent: Cecilia Clarke

Secretary/Executive Director: Chris Lindgren

Visitors: Alan Golden

1.0 Meeting Called to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 p.m.

2.0 Consent Agenda

Commissioner Adrianopoli moves and Vice President Frazier seconds a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

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

3.0 Communications and Correspondence

Everything the board received is included the packet.

4.0 Public Comment/Recognition of Visitors

Alan Golden – Mr. Golden comments on the sailing beach.

5.0 Staff Reports

5.1 Executive Director Report

Director Lindgren gives his report to the board.

Golf Maintenance Asphalt Lot Restoration

The existing parking lot is in poor shape and we are going to do re-do the asphalt to improve the lot, which is on our capital improvement plan.



Updated Signage

We are updating some signage, making it clear that our parks are for play and not immigration enforcement.

We are also updating information at each of our facilities to educate the public so they know their rights when it comes to immigration enforcement.

Feasibility Study

We issued a request for proposals for the recreation feasibility study, which includes the future of the Big Tree Lane site, Centennial and the CRC. We will look at the infrastructure needs at those facilities as well as how we are utilizing those spaces currently. Proposals are due on April 21st.

Allergy Signage

In a response to resident requests, we are adding new signage to our parks regarding allergens. We are also providing signs to the school districts across the Village.

Staff Spotlight

Illinois Parks and Recreation Association (IPRA) held a Supervisor Symposium on April 10th for parks and recreation, forest preserve and conservation districts statewide to learn skills needed to succeed at supervising in our field. Eric Gonzalez, HR Assistant, helped create this symposium. We had several staff present sessions as well.

Parks & Planning

- Major capital projects (Gillson, Langdon Shoreline Protection, CRC) are nearing completion, with final closeout and punch list work underway into spring.
- Hibbard Park construction is substantially complete, with final surface replacement scheduled for Spring 2026.
- Seasonal transition is in full swing, with crews shifting from winter storm response to spring setup and maintenance.
- District-wide field and facility readiness is underway, including installation of athletic equipment, site cleanup, and landscaping prep.

Recreation Department

- Strong transition from winter to spring programming, with high registration, increased participation, and continued growth in internal programs.
- Key events (Egg Hunt, Bunny Brunch, Spring Break Camp) saw solid attendance and community engagement, with some increases year-over-year.



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- Summer hiring and seasonal staffing remain a top priority, with significant progress across camps, lakefront, and aquatic operations.
- Continued program innovation and partnerships (e.g., USTA certification, new classes, expanded offerings) enhancing service delivery and participation.
- In addition, Director Lindgren highlights the new WISE Workshop, created by Superintendent Merrill and Doug Bundy.

Operations Department

- District-wide signage, safety messaging, and DEI initiatives are being expanded to improve communication, compliance, and community awareness.
- Active hiring across multiple full-time and seasonal roles, with HR supporting recruitment, onboarding, and workforce development.
- Marketing efforts drove strong engagement during spring registration, with high website traffic, email performance, and social media reach.
- Sustainability initiatives continue to grow, including increased composting participation, launch of anti-idling campaign, and implementation of resource-saving projects.

Finance Department

- Year-to-date financial performance is favorable, with a \$469K positive variance driven largely by timing differences in revenues and expenses.
- Expense savings are primarily due to delayed hiring, lower utility costs, and timing of supply expenditures, while revenues remain generally aligned with budget.
- Capital spending is trending behind budget due to project timing (CRC, equipment purchases, software), not scope changes.

Key initiatives include near-completion of the annual audit, ongoing recruitment for an Accounting Manager, and IT infrastructure upgrades to support operations and registration demand.

At this point, President Lahey thanks Go Green Wilmette for setting up beach cleaning events after the recent storms.

5.3 Golf Report

Adam Kwiatkoski gives his report to the board. President Lahey asks about golf master planning and how Adam sees the course aging over the next 10 years. Adam answers that eventually the irrigation system will need to be replaced, since it is between 25 and 30 years old. In many cases, this would involve closing for a year, which may not be the case for us. We are looking at an irrigation project as part of our master planning. Commissioner Adrianopoli asks if the public can still use the restaurant when there are golf outings. Adam answers that they allow buyouts during the off-season from October thru April



in the main space. To accommodate golf outings, they put a tent up behind #10 so the outing can be in the tent and people can still be in the restaurant. There are occasionally events that are moved inside due to weather, but generally they always try to have space for diners. President Lahey highlights that the golf course is truly a community-based golf course. He gives credit to the staff and management of the course for its success.

6.0 Unfinished Business

None.

7.0 New Business

7.1 Consideration of the Paving Contract for the Golf Maintenance Building Parking Lot

Commissioner Murdock moves and Vice President Frazier seconds a motion to approve the contract with Patriot Paving in the amount of \$109,222.20.

Director Lindgren explains why the work needs to be done. He also explains the conditions under which paving is done. President Lahey asks about the timing of the work and how long it will take. Superintendent Wallace answers that the work will take place in May and it will take about a week. He adds that ideally they would wait and do this work at the end of the season, but with the fluctuation in fuel costs the district is concerned about rising cost of the project. Currently, the vendor will hold the price for us until the end of May or beginning of June, even if fuel prices continue to rise. Commissioner Duffy expresses concern over the disruption to play right at the beginning of the season when golfers are eager to get out and play. Superintendent Wallace agrees with this concern, but stresses that the other bid we received was \$120,000 more, and significantly over the budgeted amount. If we wait to do the work, we also risk damaging the new equipment recently purchased. Commissioner Goebel adds that golf games will be disrupted for members only one or two times during the construction, although she agrees with Commissioner Duffy's concerns as well. She agrees with staff's concern about the budget and stresses communication about the construction work with the golf community. Vice President Frazier trusts the judgement of the General Manager of the Golf Course. Adam Kwiatkoski adds that the golf team would prefer the work be done in October, however he understands the finances involved. Commissioner Murdock suggests splitting the project between now and the end of the season; taking out the asphalt now and placing compacted gravel, then laying asphalt at the end of the season. Director Lindgren says this could be an option and Superintendent Wallace says that he will look into it.

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



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8.0 Adjournment

Vice President Frazier moves and Commissioner Duffy seconds a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners.

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

Minutes approved on: **May 11, 2026**