



REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Board of Park Commissioners

July 13, 2026

7:30 PM – Village Hall Council Chambers

Present

Commissioners: President Patrick Lahey, Allison Frazier, Julie Adrianopoli, Cecilia Clarke, Patrick Duffy, Mike Murdock, Vice President Julia Goebel (via phone)

Secretary/Executive Director: Chris Lindgren

Visitors: Heather Oliver, Mary Smoley, Alan Golden, Lindsay Anderson, A.L. Christoff, Ken Sohn, Scott Krone, Gail Eisenberg, Andy J. Olson, Jeanne Rosser, Rom Poplanski

1.0 Meeting Called to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m.

1.1 Motion to bring Vice President Goebel into the meeting via phone

Commissioner Murdock moves and Commissioner Frazier seconds a motion to bring Vice President Goebel into the meeting via phone.

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

2.0 Consent Agenda

Commissioner Frazier moves and Commissioner Murdock seconds a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Consent agenda is amended to omit 2.1, 2.2 and 2.5. President Lahey states that the board has requested changes to the minutes and these minutes are being pulled so the board has enough time to review the changes.

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

3.0 Communications and Correspondence

Everything the board received is included the packet.

4.0 Public Comment/Recognition of Visitors

Rom Poplanski – Mr. Poplanski comments about the signage at Gillson Park.

Alan Golden – Mr. Golden comments about the safety of the water at the sailing beach.

Scott Krone – Mr. Krone comments about the sailing shack project.



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Anna Lynn Christoff – Ms. Christoff comments about parking at the beach.

Ken Song – Mr. Song comments about parking at the beach.

New Trier Township

Gail Eisenberg and Jeanne Rosser from the New Trier Township present the financial aid award from the Township to the scholarship families of the Park District. They highlight the history of the program, the partnership of two government entities and the dramatic increase in families with need over the years of the program, namely since covid.

Ouilmette Foundation

Lindsay Anderson, President of the Ouilmette Foundation, presents the Foundation's gift to the Park District for the scholarship program. She highlights the background of the Foundation, past and upcoming fundraising events, and past projects the foundation has helped fund. She presents a check for \$25,000 to the park board.

President Lahey gives a short speech thanking the district's partners for their generosity and support.

5.0 Old Business

5.1 Consideration of the Pool Slide Bid for Centennial Pool

Commissioner Clarke moves and Commissioner Murdock seconds a motion to approve the Pool Slide Bid for Centennial Pool for \$56,704.

Director Lindgren explains that staffing challenges alongside deferred maintenance are the reason for the pool season ending after September 7th this year. Commissioner Duffy asks for explanation of base bid versus Alternate 1. Superintendent Wallace says the base bid was to resurface the inside and outside of all four slides. Alternate 1 was to not do the interior of three of the slides because the current gel coating on the interior of three slides is still in good shape. Commissioner Duffy points out that the difference between resurfacing the interior of all four slides and resurfacing only one slide was \$3,000. Director Lindgren explains that the contractor will wax and buff the inside of those slides, but they will not replace the manufacturer coating, which is the best product. So there is still labor involved with all four slides.

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



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6.0 New Business

6.1 Consideration of Golf Course Irrigation Well Repair

Commissioner Duffy moves and Commissioner Clarke seconds a motion to approve the Golf Course Irrigation Well Repair for \$54,163. Director Lindgren explains that the bid came in over budget due to the budgeted numbers not being increased each year the project is on the capital list. This is the same company that helped us out in a pinch last year when the other well broke unexpectedly.

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

6.2 Consideration of Golf Cart Lease

Commissioner Adrianopoli moves and Commissioner Duffy seconds a motion to approve the Golf Cart Lease in the amount of \$77,973 per year for the next six years. Director Lindgren explains that the cart fleet is made up of 70 golf carts. It was on our capital plan to replace the carts in 2027. The current carts have had been maintained as far as their useful life will take them. The vendor reached out saying there was another course that purchased the carts and backed out of their deal at the last minute. Because of that, the vendor offered us a discount of \$10,000 per year of the lease (\$60,000 total).

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

7.0 Staff Reports

7.1 Executive Director Report

Director Lindgren gives his report to the board.

RECREATION FEASIBILITY STUDY

We have finalized the contract with Wight & Company for the Comprehensive Recreation Facilities Feasibility Study and have a kick-off meeting on July 15th. We are excited to start this process and have already set up a dedicated page on our website specific to this process for residents to stay informed and updated.

SUMMER SEASON UPDATES

The 3rd of July day of event was unfortunately cut short due to the storms that rolled in that afternoon and evening. The morning Race was sold out and filled with many runners smiling as they ran through the finish line. A big thank you to all of the staff that put in all of the planning and work before, during and after the event. We have been actively engaging our key partners for alternative community engagement and expect to update the community this week.



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The Ouilmette Foundation is hosting a “Sunset Over the Beach” event on August 1, from 7-9:30pm at Gillson. The Block Party is scheduled for August 29th from noon to 10pm, mark your calendars!

COMPENSATION STUDY

We are partnering with the Glenview Park District to issue a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) joint classification and compensation study. This process will allow us to learn more about our staffing and compensation alongside our neighbors in Glenview. We will gain added information and save on the cost by working with another agency.

NEW TRIER TOWNSHIP & OUILMETTE FOUNDATION

Tonight we will have updates from our partners with the Township and Foundation. These are two key, supportive partners whose efforts allow us to be able to serve families in our community that need it the most. The impact of their partnership is valued and greatly appreciated.

STAFF REPORTS

Parks & Planning:

Centennial Cooling Tower Project will start this week with the new ComEd service and transformer upgrade at the site. Currently the cooling tower is set to be delivered to the site in October.

Parks crews remain focused on peak-season operations and park improvements such as wayfinding signage, storm cleanup and landscape maintenance.

Building Servies completed LED light upgrades at Centennial, pool mechanical repairs, sailing shack stairs, platform tennis deck repairs and much more.

Golf:

Golf operations remain very strong despite rain on more than half the days in June. The course is in excellent condition, tee sheets are full on playable days, and revenues continuing to outperform budget. Wilmette successfully hosted a U.S. Women’s Amateur qualifier with competitors from around the world. Staff also performed driving range renovations in-house.

Recreation:

Summer programming is in full swing, with camps operating successfully across the District and strong enrollment growth in several programs, including Early Childhood Camps, Camp Innovation, Teen Camp, T-Ball, and Sports Camp.



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Recreation facilities and programs continue to evolve, including a successful Sensory Swim program, strong ice programming, a new partnership with the New Trier Girls Hockey Team, and improvements to tennis, pickleball, arts, dance, and fitness offerings.

The beach and pool are active and overall we have had strong pass sales this far into the season. The vigilance of our aquatics and beach staff has been outstanding this summer. Well done, team!

Operations:

Alongside the summer training and onboarding, a group of key staff attended a village-wide reunification training with all of our community partners.

MARCOM has aided in the sellout of key summer events and continues to see an increase in engagement from the website, social media and email performance.

Finance:

The District remains in a strong financial position, finishing ahead of budget, driven by lower-than-budget expenses and continued strength in memberships and rentals despite delayed property tax collections.

Finance and Technology completed several key initiatives, including finalizing and filing the 2025 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report, developing a Capital Reserve Funding Procedure for Board consideration, upgrading District technology systems, and preparing equipment for summer operations.

8.o Adjournment to Closed Session

Commissioner Duffy moves and Commissioner Murdock seconds a motion to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting.

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

Minutes approved on: **August 10, 2026.**