REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Board of Park Commissioners

September 14, 2026
7:30 PM – Village Hall Council Chambers

Present

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

Secretary/Executive Director: Chris Lindgren

Visitors: Walter Keats

1.0 Meeting Called to Order

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

2.0 Consent Agenda

Commissioner Murdock moves and Commissioner Clarke seconds a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

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

3.0 Communications and Correspondence

Everything the board received is included the packet. Commissioner Adrianopoli states she received some correspondence about the volleyball location which she forwarded to Director Lindgren.

4.0 Public Comment/Recognition of Visitors

None.

5.0 Old Business

5.1 Consideration of Resolution 2026-R-4: A Resolution Approving an Agreement for Centennial Roof Repairs

Commissioner Clarke moves and Commissioner Duffy seconds a motion to approve Resolution 2026-R-4: A resolution approving the terms and authorizing the execution of a construction manager as constructor agreement with Bulley & Andrews for Centennial roof repairs in the amount of $851,199.

Director Lindgren explains that the cooling tower is currently being pulled off the roof and this is the contract approving the portion of the project that will follow in 2027. Superintendent Wallace explains that the proposed scope includes demolition of the existing mechanical well and cooling tower support structure, new structural steel and roof decking, reconstruction of the mansard roof, new roofing and

drainage, and associated electrical and HVAC work. There will be eight trades involved in this extensive work. Commissioner Clarke states that this work is essential and the board was pleased with the quote that came in so far under budget. Commissioner Duffy asks if there was a public bid for this work. Director Lindgren explains that each part of the work will be bid publicly. Vice President Goebel says this is an opportunity to offset deferred maintenance, as there have been several significant issues at Centennial. Commissioner Adrianopoli asks if this project would allow the district to consider another implementation of solar. Superintendent Wallace explains that a company did assess Centennial for solar and it is not aligned or constructed to support solar. However, the district is pursuing a second opinion with a different manufacturer. President Lahey adds that the district has received a $250,000 grant to offset the price of this project.

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

5.2 Consideration of the 2026 Golf Master Plan Proposal

Commissioner Adrianopoli moves and Commissioner Duffy seconds a motion to authorize the Executive Director to sign the Golf Master Plan proposal with Quitno Golf Designs in the amount of $36,000.

Commissioner Duffy asks how future projects will be prioritized once the information is received from the Master Plan. He asks if they would be prioritized based on need and age. Adam Kwiatkoski, Golf Course General Manager, answers that in his review of other master plans, each project was broken down with costs associated with each project. Once the renovation requires course closure, there is a significant loss for the community and also not being able to take revenue. When the course is closed, the district would want to get as much done during the closure as possible. Commissioner Duffy asks if irrigation is high on the priority list. Nick Marfise, Golf Course Superintendent, answers that yes, at 30 years old, the irrigation system should be a big priority moving forward. An irrigation consultant would be a separate position and the district would put out a request for proposal for any work of that type. Once the Master Plan is done there will be a list of projects for the capital plan for the golf course.

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

6.0 New Business

6.1 Consideration of Contract with Nimec for Natural Gas Commodity

Commissioner Duffy moves and Commissioner Adrianopoli seconds a motion to authorize the Executive Director to sign a contract with Interstate Gas Supply LLC for natural gas commodity for 36 months.

Director Lindgren explains that there are three options for contracts in the memo in the packet. Commissioner Duffy explains that for one year, the price would decrease by 11% per therm. For two

years, the price would decrease by 2.89%. While the three-year contract would increase the price per therm by 1.3%. Since the last gas contract was signed, prices per therm have decreased, so he hesitates to sign a three year contract. He would prefer a two year contract with a slight decrease in cost, rather than signing a three year contract and paying more per therm again. President Lahey says he could support this logic, however he asks to hear what Superintendent Foy has to say about the 24 versus 36 month contract. Superintendent Foy says she is in favor of a 36-month contract because it leaves the district's increases at 1% for the next 36 months. Commissioner Adrianopoli asks if we only did the 24-month contract, what the rates would be after that time. Superintendent Foy answers that the rates would be whatever the cash market is 24 months from now. Commissioner Murdock says he could support two or three years. The chart shows how much gas we are buying and if we don't use all of that gas we don't get a rebate, and if we use more than that amount of gas we then have to go to the spot markets. If the next three years are extremely warm, we may not use all of the gas we purchase or vice versa. There is some benefit to knowing how much the district would spend over the next three years. President Lahey says he can support a 36-month contract to lock in prices for three years.

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

7.1 Executive Director Report

Director Lindgren gives his report to the board.

BUDGET SEASON

Beginning this week, we are reviewing and preparing for the budget talks coming up. Budget meetings will take place in October and November.

BEACH

The beach season officially ended on September 7th. A huge THANK YOU to the people who staffed the beach all summer. We truly appreciate everything you do and hope you had fun this summer. Reminder that parking restrictions will be enforced through October 15th. Also, the beach house bathrooms will be closed starting September 22nd to start the winterization process. Patrons will have access to Lakeview restrooms.

POOL

The last day for lap swimming was Sunday, September 13th. The staff at the pool held a pool member appreciation day on Saturday, September 12th. We had coffee and snacks to celebrate the end of a successful pool season with our staff there to chat and answer questions from pool users.

STAFF REPORTS

Parks & Planning

Centennial Cooling Tower

The contractor has been working on removing concrete and preparing the soil so that the cooling tower pad can be installed.

Hibbard Park

Work has continued on areas of the pickle ball court that require full pavement reconstruction.

Crews removed picnic tables and trash receptacles following the conclusion of summer camps and worked very hard at the Block Party moving tables, emptying trash, and even running the foam party for a while.

Staff set up all the sports fields and modified irrigation to reach the relocated football field at Howard.

Building Services staff upgraded the flooring and cabinets in 107 and 116 at the CRC and repaired the tile in the locker rooms. Staff also completed significant storage cleanouts at multiple facilities. At the Wilmette Golf Club, the cart room was converted to LED lighting.

2026 Green Fleet Award

The Wilmette Park District was recognized by NAFA Fleet Management Association as one of the 2026 Green Fleet Award recipients. The recognition reflects the district's efforts to incorporate sustainable practices into its fleet operations.

Finance

The District is $1.9m ahead of budget through the end of July. Operating expenses continue to trend below budget, including more than $450,000 due to various full-time position vacancies and labor cost reductions from smaller staffing requirements.

The 2027 budget timeline has been issued and published. Budget meetings will be held in October and November. Please check our website for the latest dates and agendas for those meetings.

Our Tech Team worked with a vendor to install and/or replace security cameras throughout various District locations.

Operations

We had a little Block Party out front a couple weeks ago with about 15,000 of our friends. We had 112 volunteers and brought in almost $48,000 in sponsorships, which directly support the expenses of the event. This year we added the Jump Zone and concerts in Ouilmette Way and both were great additions to the event. A HUGE shout out to our Parks team, especially Jack, David and Gonzo, who worked from the moment the stage arrived until the last piece of garbage was picked up off the ground. We are so appreciative of the Village Public Works team, police, and fire for working with us to make this event such a success. And, of course, thanks to the party planners, Lindsay & Monica, for developing this event into what it is today.

Staff from the park district were at the WPD tent talking with the community about the Future of Rec in Wilmette feasibility study. We also had our consultants there gathering information from community members about recreation opportunities that are most important for them to have in Wilmette.

7.4 Recreation Report

Superintendent Merrill gives his report to the board.

Every month is a transition month for the Rec department. There is a camp summary in the packet to preempt the budget process.

Superintendent Merrill gives a presentation he pre-recorded that is photo based about Summer in Wilmette. This presentation is available on the park district website on the meeting video. This presentation of photos is a beautiful summary of all the recreation activities around the district during the summer.

8.0 Adjournment

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

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

Minutes approved on: **October 12, 2026.**