



Agenda
Village of Arlington Heights
Youth Commission
Arlington Heights Memorial Library, 500 Dunton Ave, Room I

July 27, 2023
6:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. February 9, 2023 Minutes

IV. REPORTS

- A. Commission Reports
 - 1. Library
 - 2. Park District
 - 3. Police Department
 - 4. Schools
 - 5. Commissioners at Large

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Teen Job Fair
Commissioners will discuss the 2023 Teen Job Fair and provide feedback and insights from presenting the program.
- B. Snow Shoveling Program & Lawn Mowing Program
Commissioners will discuss updates regarding the snow shoveling program and construct an action plan to promote both programs.
- C. Commission-Hosted Dodgeball Tournament
Commissioners will discuss any updates regarding planning this event.
- D. Teen Health Programming
Commissioners will discuss any updates regarding potential teen health programming.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

VIII.PUBLIC COMMENT

IX. ADJOURNMENT

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I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Son called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. The Commission welcomed new member Gabe Cherwin and all introduced themselves.

II. ROLL CALL

Present

Alice Son, Chair

Jennifer Borrell

Matt Healy

Dr. Afroz Hafeez

Taryn Gombar

Owen Smith

Connor Neill

Nathan Georg

Also Present

Mr. James McCalister, Commission Liaison

Absent

Chyrel Moore

Anna Fortas

Gabe Cherwin

John Peter

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Minutes from January 19, 2023

A motion was made by Commissioner Healy to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2023 meeting, seconded by Commissioner Smith and approved by unanimous consent.

IV. REPORTS

A. Commission Reports

1. Library

Chair Son stated that things are ready and planned for spring break in March. She said they are planning summer reading which happens every year. For teenagers they are doing summer volunteer squad, where teens join a squad and meet weekly to do service projects throughout the summer.

2. Park District
Commissioner Healy stated that there are no big events coming up. He said they are gearing up for job recruitment for spring, summer and fall. He said the park district has six to eight jobs that would hire high school age staff. Some of the positions available are CAP which is a year-round position. Lifeguard, cashier, concession and maintenance all have open positions.
3. Police Department
Commissioner Gombar said that they have their annual re-trainer going on. Nothing to report.
4. Schools
No Report
5. Commissioners at Large
Commissioner Georg reported that for Rolling Meadows not much has changed academically. Winter sports are wrapped up. Seniors are getting back college decisions and standardized testing is in full force.
Commissioner Smith reported that for Prospect, winter sports are in full swing and track is starting up.
Commissioner Neill reported that Hersey seniors are getting back college decisions. He said that this upcoming week, Hersey is hosting a roman themed winter dance in the cafeteria.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Snow Shoveling Program

Chair Son received an update from Commissioner Fortas that she was able to get flyers up at Buffalo Grove High School. Commissioner Hafeez asked when do we transition to lawn service? Mr. McCalister replied that the transition begins in April and the grass cutting starts in May. Commissioner Healy asked if the flyer can be updated for the teen job fair. Chair Son will ask Commissioner Fortas to create the lawn service flyer for the job fair. Mr. McCalister will talk to Tracey on an official date of when the lawn mowing program will begin.

B. Teen Health Programming

Chair Son is in contact with the Village social worker, Nicole Espinoza, to get drop in dates for the library. Commissioner Hafeez suggested to start the teen health program during National Public Health Week from April 5th through April 11th. He suggested to start light by distributing health literacy at the library and by doing a quick warm up exercise at the Arlington Ridge Center (ARC). Chair Son said in the past there has been a need for discussing mental health. She said that she can make something work during that week at the library whether it is passing out literature or having a drop-in session. Commissioner Healy said that he will reach out to the fitness instructors and promote it that week on social media. Mr. McCalister offered the services of the Village's nurses and social workers for the event to distribute handouts and discuss health. There was discussion on bringing awareness and promotion through the schools to focus on the teens. Commissioner Gombar said that the police social worker can also provide services for the event. Dr. Hafeez will create a shareable doc to collaborate about the event and Chair son will email the doc to the members.

C. Commission-Hosted Dodgeball Tournament

Chair Son had a question about having a sub-committee for the tournament. Mr. McCalister will find out how many members makes up a sub-committee and will inform Chair Son. There was discussion on an entry fee and the fee will be donated to a health charity. Commissioner Hafeez stated that a sign-up flyer should be made so they can see how many teens are interested in the tournament. Commissioner Healy said that a Friday evening would be best for availability at the ARC. There was also discussion on promoting the tournament through the schools. Youth Commissioners will discuss with the principals of their schools. There was also discussion on sign up, registration, fees and waivers. Commissioner Healy will run all options through HR to find out the easiest way to host this tournament. There was discussion on teams, whether it should be per school or mixed teams and how many teams. It was unanimous that it should be mixed teams. There was also discussion on an entry fee or no fee with a suggested donation. April 14th and April 21st are the dates being considered. Commissioner Healy will send Chair Son a breakdown of how many teams there will be which will determine the number of games to be played and the number of courts needed at the ARC.

D. Teen Job Fair

Chair Son said that the things to consider for the job fair are where the parents' area will be located, a warm up area for the teens, and where the setup for the employers will be. Chair Son sent out a request to all the employers from last year and so far, nine have responded that they are returning. Chair Son will forward the list of previous employers that did not participate in the event last year to the Commissioners to follow up and invite to the job fair. Chair Son provided the official letter inviting employers to the job fair. The job fair is on March 7th from 6 pm – 7:30 pm. Chair Son said there was a link in the letter to employers to provide information on what they are looking for and what the job entails. The employers have done a good job filling it out. This will be provided to the parents so the parents have more information on what the employers are looking for. There was discussion that employers strongly suggested that they would like to interview the teens without the parents present. There was also discussion on how to relay this information to encourage parents to be supportive of their teens but allow their teens to interview on their own. Chair Son said that the library is hosting a program the week before called Get a Job Workshop for Teens. The workshop will cover resume writing and how to prepare for the job fair. She said the flyers for the Job Fair are complete and is asking the student Commissioners to get the schools to put the flyers up. Commissioner Healy will work with his contact at District 214 to promote the job fair. Mr. McCalister asked if there is a goal for the number of employers at the job fair and Chair Son replied that the goal is 25 employers.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

The next meeting is scheduled on March 16, 2023.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Hafeez, seconded by Commissioner Gombar, moved to adjourn at 6:59 p.m. all concurred and the motion carried unanimously.