

**JOINT VILLAGE-PARK DISTRICT MEETING
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TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF ARLINGTON HEIGHTS AND THE
ARLINGTON HEIGHTS PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS SENIOR CENTER

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2025 8:30 A.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: President Hayes; Trustees: Baldino, Bertucci,
Grasse, LaBedz, Tinaglia

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Shirley, Dunnington, Schwingbeck

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Randy Recklaus, Village Manager; Tracy
Colagrossi, Senior Center Manager

OTHERS PRESENT: Arlington Heights Park District Board President
Maryfran Leno; Vice President Tim Gelinas;
Commissioner John Supplitt; Executive Director
Carrie Fullerton; Director of Finance and
Personnel Jason Myers; Director of Parks and
Planning John Kramer

SUBJECTS:

Update from the Village of Arlington Heights

Update from the Arlington Heights Park District

Other Business

Public Comment

Adjournment

Mayor Tom Hayes called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Presidents Hayes and Leno made introductory comments commending the level of intergovernmental cooperation present in Arlington Heights. Mayor Hayes acknowledged that this would be his last such meeting. He reflected on his years of service and acknowledged the contributions of Trustees Grasse and Baldino for whom this was the final meeting as well. Trustees Grasse and Baldino both reflected on what an honor it had been for them to serve the Village and that they enjoyed the cooperation with the Park District and other taxing bodies.

Village Topics of Interest

Village Manager Recklaus further highlighted joint efforts between the agencies, noting that the Senior Center is a good example of these joint efforts. He described the many leadership changes occurring at the department head and elected official level in the Village.

Recklaus then went on to discuss the increasing calls for service in the Fire Department and the need for, and plans to implement, a 5th ambulance. He also described reducing crime rates in the community, but discussed how the types and durations of calls have increased, putting a strain on police officers. He also pointed out how difficult it is to recruit officers in today's environment. Recklaus went on to show how successful the department has been in reducing traffic accidents in the community over the past 10 years.

Next, Recklaus outlined the new lead service line replacement program and how it will impact residents. He also discussed the recent Memorandum of Understanding executed with the Chicago Bears Football Club and School Districts 15, 211, and 214. Lastly, he mentioned the new Facebook page for the Senior Center.

Park District Topics of Interest

Executive Director Fullerton discussed the scope and schedule for the Rec Park Improvement plan including a reorientation of the pool, the construction of a new bathhouse facility, renovations to the community center, and other changes. The Park District received roughly \$4.5 million in grants and donations to help fund the project. Construction will begin in 2025.

Fullerton went on to discuss the planned renovations to the Arc Center including improved locker rooms, a second level fitness studio and other changes with construction to begin in 2025.

Fullerton also highlighted other smaller projects underway such as the new community sign on the corner of Euclid and Northwest Highway and awards that had been won by the Park District in the past year.

Finally, it was noted that the Park District is turning 100 years old.

After the presentations, Village Manager Recklaus and Park District Executive Director Fullerton answered questions from the Commissioners and Trustees. Multiple Park Commissioners expressed frustration with negative feedback given to the Park District from Village Staff about the Recreation Park Bathhouse during the

ongoing review process. Trustees Tinaglia and Bertucci asked clarifying questions about the review process. Recklaus and Mayor Hayes indicated that the process would play itself out and that the Park District had opportunities to make its case to both the Design Commission and Village Board before the process was over, but that the Village will continue to work with the Park District on finding common ground.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Public Comment

No members of the public provided comment.

Adjournment

Mayor Hayes adjourned the meeting at 9:53 am.