



**Minutes  
Youth Commission  
Village Hall, Commissions Room  
33 S. Arlington Heights Rd.  
October 16, 2025  
6:00 PM**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Son called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**II. ROLL CALL**

**Present**

Alice Son, Chair

Taryn Holdman

Matt Healy

Alejandria Galarza

Afroz Hafeez

Maria Georgakopoulos

Christopher Hong

Alejandria Galarza

Sydney Galla

Colin Smith

**Also Present**

Mila Tsagalis, Liaison

Kimberly Witt, Administrative Assistant

**Absent**

Riley Phillips

Aleena Patel

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A. Minutes from September 18, 2025**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2025 meeting, seconded by Commissioner McQuade and approved by unanimous consent.**

**IV. REPORTS**

**A. Library**

Ms. Galarza reported that the library attended several high school football events, including the homecoming games at Buffalo Grove High School and Rolling Meadows High

School, where they engaged with over 400 students. She will attend Hersey High School this Friday. She noted that the recent K-Pop Demon Hunters event also drew over 400 students. The library continues to host tinker days at the schools. The Teen Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for Sunday from 1:00–2:30 PM, and student volunteer participation has been strong.

**B. Park District**

No report.

**C. Police Department**

Commissioner Holdman reported they are seeking applicants interested in police service to help fill vacancies created by retirements.

**D. Schools**

No report.

**E. Members at Large**

Commissioner Gala from Prospect High School reported that the school experienced a lockdown yesterday.

Commissioner McQuade from Hersey High School reported that there have been two recent incidents in which the fire alarm was activated, requiring the school to be evacuated. She noted that ROTC is progressing well. They recently held their advancements and awards night, where new cadets received their J-bars, summer awards were presented, and staff enjoyed ice cream afterward.

Commissioner Smith from St. Viator reported that he has just returned from five days off. He noted that the school's football team is currently 1–6. The Viator Day of Service is scheduled for next week, during which homeroom groups will participate in service projects at various locations. His homeroom is assigned to complete their service in Aurora. He also noted an increase in police activity in the area, with more vehicles being pulled over recently.

Commissioners Hong and Georgakopoulos from Buffalo Grove High School reported that the first quarter has concluded and fall sports are wrapping up. They noted that the football team has not been performing well. Students recently completed the PSAT and SAT exams.

**V. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Teen Job Fair**

Chair Son stated that today's agenda includes reviewing the list of potential businesses and signing up businesses. Printed copies of the letter were provided for attendees, along with folders for organization. She noted that the QR code had been suggested at the last meeting to make it easier for recipients to access the information. A digital copy will be sent tonight. Chair Son also discussed promoting the initiative, noting that the Village can assist, and she will work with the library's graphics department to create a flyer for businesses to share on social media.

Chair Son created a sheet to track businesses, which she will share with members; however, it will not be editable. Commissioners who identify new businesses should email Chair Son, who will update the sheet. This year, the Commission is starting with a fresh

sheet. The Commission collaborated to review the businesses while Chair Son updated the sheet, assigning Commissioners to specific businesses to contact.

Chair Son suggested that Commissioners try to reach out to some businesses by the next meeting on December 5, and complete the remaining outreach after finals and before the January meeting. She noted that the deadline for businesses to submit the form is February 1, allowing time for decisions. If demand exceeds capacity, it may be necessary to limit the list.

## **B. E-bikes and Scooters**

Liaison Mila Tsagalis reported on the recent Village Committee of the Whole meeting regarding E-bike regulations. This meeting, which is open to the public, focused on strengthening the E-bike ordinance beyond the initial version, particularly addressing speed, weight, age limits, and safety concerns.

Ms. Tsagalis noted that reports from the Youth Commission, Senior Citizens' Commission, Board of Health, and Bicycle and Testing Commission were submitted and referenced by trustees. The police provided a clear summary of these reports, highlighting areas of agreement and prioritization. Public comment included concerns about E-bike accidents causing property damage and questions regarding insurance coverage for minors. Discussion included appropriate age limits for different classes of E-bikes and the potential for education initiatives, such as flyers or interactive online content.

Key points included:

- Any E-bike exceeding 28 mph may require a separate classification.
- Speed limits are a primary consideration, more so than age, though age and driver education were also discussed.
- Trustees emphasized the value of Youth Commission feedback, especially regarding education for younger riders.
- There are plans to draft a stronger ordinance in the coming weeks, which will return to the Board for approval.
- Insurance coverage for E-bike accidents remains unclear and is dependent on the circumstances; some discussion suggested exploring optional insurance for minors to encourage responsibility.
- Education and safety measures, including proper use of sidewalks, streets, lights, and safety equipment, remain important topics.

Ms. Tsagalis concluded that the meeting provided a productive discussion, and the Commission's input was well-received and influential in the board's considerations. The ordinance is expected to return for further review and possible approval in the coming weeks.

## **C. Lawn Mowing & Snow Shoveling Referral Program**

Ms. Tsagalis reported that recruitment is currently underway and the list will be distributed around November 1. The Youth Commission should continue recruiting until that time. Many participants from last year are returning, but additional volunteers are still needed. Ms. Tsagalis will provide an update at the next meeting on the number of participants for the lawn mowing program.

Chair Son shared that a combined program flyer is being developed. The existing snow-shoveling flyer will continue to be used for this season, and the new combined version will be available by the next meeting.

Members discussed the process for updating and combining online forms, confirming that staff will follow up with the appropriate Village website contact. There was agreement that the form should include language noting that participants do not need to be Arlington Heights residents, since many students come from outside the village.

Members also talked about ways to promote the program, including posting flyers on school bulletin boards where permitted. Members noted that policies vary by school, but most allow flyers on general community boards. Promotion through Village social media will continue.

Chair Son will send members the current digital flyer, the standard flyer used for distribution, the program letter, and the updated Google sheet.

## **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

## **VII. OTHER BUSINESS**

### **A. Announcements / Correspondence**

## **VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT**

## **IX. ADJOURNMENT**

**Commissioner Hafeez, seconded by Commissioner McQuade, moved to adjourn at 7:22 p.m. all concurred and the motion carried unanimously.**