



AGENDA
Special Events Commission
Commissions Room
Arlington Heights Village Hall, 33 S. Arlington Heights Rd., AH 60005
January 14, 2026
7:00 PM

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - A. Special Events Commission Minutes: Dec. 10, 2025
- IV. REPORTS
- V. OLD BUSINESS
 - A. Hearts of Gold 2026
- VI. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Swing into Spring 2026
- VII. OTHER BUSINESS
 - A. Announcements / Correspondence
- VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Anyone wishing to speak on a subject not on the Agenda may speak at this time. Please limit your comments to three minutes.

- IX. ADJOURNMENT

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Minutes for Special Events Commission Meeting on December 10, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Commission Chair Brad Katz

Commissioners in attendance included Cari Boyle, Jennifer Eichorn, Matt Fink, Steve Fromm, Colleen Gaughan, Diane Jamieson, Brad Katz, Laurie Mitchell, Kevin Seifert, Kerri Stanley, and Tripp Turchik

Also present: Staff Liaison Avis Meade

Commissioners Absent: Kelly Barash, Michelle Harris

A motion to approve minutes from November 19th was made by Kevin Seifert with a second from Tripp Turchik.

OLD BUSINESS

Tree Lighting 2025

The 2025 Tree Lighting at North School Park and Festive Fun at Harmony Park took place on Nov. 28th, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. Feedback from the event was positive overall. Attendance in the parks dropped off, likely due to cold weather and a Bears game. Evergreen & Eastman needs a light prior to the lighting of the park.

Hearts of Gold 2026

The event will take place at Rolling Green Country Club on Sunday, Feb. 22nd, 12 - 4 p.m. Bios for winners will be submitted for printing of display boards. A QR code will be provided on tables to link to digital programs and a limited number of printed programs will be made. Staff will coordinate online tickets. Invitations will be brought to Village Hall for mailing. Logistics involving the event were coordinated and responsibilities were assigned.

NEW BUSINESS:

Swing into Spring 2026

Commissioners have begun to research vendor options and book vendors for Swing into Spring, scheduled for Saturday, May 9th, 2026, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. at North School Park. The Bicycle & Pedestrian Commission will also be hosting their Community Bike Ride on the morning of the event as well, with their start and finish destination located on Eastman Street. This is the third year that these two events have been planned in tandem and have worked symbiotically in support of one another both in terms of event awareness and attendance.

OTHER

Sponsorship Program

The commission will continue with the 2026 Sponsorship Program as status quo. Research of comparable sponsorships will be conducted and will be considered prior to the 2027 Sponsorship Program roll out. Due to weather conditions and limited lighting during Tree Lighting, on site participation in Tree Lighting will not be included in the 2026 program.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to end the meeting was made at 7:48 p.m. by Colleen Gaughan with a second from Diane Jamieson.



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Item: Swing into Spring 2026

Department: Integrated Services

Item Description:

ATTACHMENTS:

None