

**Minutes
Village of Arlington Heights
Senior Citizens Commission
Commissions Room-33 S Arlington Heights Road, A.H. 60005
November 17 ,2025
7 PM**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Vogt called the meeting to order at 7 PM. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Sharon Adams

Tim Carter

Corinne Drew

Steve Raminiak

Gary Wood

Fred Vogt, Chair

Ellyn Zimmerman

Fred Feldman

Sue Viecegli

Also Present: ☐

Tracey Colagrossi, Liaison

Not Present:

George Motto

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

September 15, 2025, Minutes

CHAIRPERSON VOGT REQUESTED A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 20, 2025, BE ACCEPTED. COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION AND WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FELDMAN. ALL WERE IN FAVOR AND THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 20, 2025, WERE ACCEPTED.

IV. REPORTS

A. Chairpersons Report

Chairperson Vogt had nothing to report.

B. Liaison Report

October 21, the students from St. Viator came to provide a service day. They cleaned the garden beds with gardening volunteers, made videos for the Athletic Club equipment and help clean lending closet equipment.

October 22, The Health and Human Services department provided an orientation to the newest trustee, Colin Gilbert.

The Senior Center team participated in the Park District's Trunk or Treat event on Saturday, October 25. The staff dressed as characters from Clue game and gave treats to over 500 children.

The HHS Department created a food donation event, provided information for local food pantries in response to the government shut down and the pause on SNAP benefits. Age Options came in on October 27 to conduct a listening session on food service.

Sarah Adelphia and I met with the Executive Director of Metropolis to collaborate on a new schedule for next year encompassing classes on music and acting.

Sarah attended the recreation associations talent day to seek entertainment for the Senior Center in 2026 (11/05)

Tracey participated in Endeavor Health's Magnet Assessment on 11/12

Tracey met with Pastor Jenny of the St. Simon's Episcopal Church on November 13. The church as some vacant space they are looking to do something with and discussed the needs of the community.

At this time, there are 125 Student Snow Shovelers for the Referral Program. Letters and emails went out to 399 residents that signed up to receive the information.

The Arlington Heights Ministerial Association is meeting with members of Health and Human Services on Wednesday, November 18.

The Arlington Heights Park District has partnered with the Senior Center (Village) to have a Friendsgiving event tomorrow at 12. Games, prizes, food and all the fixings will be served in the Senior Center.

Door Decorating will begin soon; folks can vote on December 1 through December 19.

488 Facebook followers since last meeting.

C. Non-for-Profit Corporation

The Inc. Foundation did not meet this month. The next scheduled meeting is on Wednesday, December 10, 2025.

D. Senior Center Advisory Council

Halloween Party was well attended, which participants donated food for the food pantries. Next event is the New Years Eve party is scheduled on Tuesday, December 30 with Jeorge Holmes and Viva. The party is scheduled December 30 from 1:30 to 3 pm. The party will also have students from Enesco to help serve and interact with party attendees.

E. Legislation

Senate Bill 2111, basically eliminating the fiscal cliff for the RTA. The bill has two major effects and basically provides funding for mass transit in northern Illinois called the Northern Illinois Transit Authority, which will have complete authority over both CTA, METRA, and PACE. Their stated goal is to integrate schedules and standardized fares and provide for capital improvements for all of the operating systems. It establishes a fund of \$1.5 billion to be expended over the next three years in support of operations for Metro, Pace and the CTA. They plan to get this money by diverting motor fuel sales tax to public transit, allocating interest from the road fund to public transit, increasing the sales tax in Cook and the five collar counties between a quarter of one percent up to one and a quarter percent for Cook County. The other counties pay a quarter of a percent more. And they're also authorizing a 45% increase in tolls automobile tolls to cover the revenue which the toll road loses due to motor fuel tax and which they can make up by increasing the totals. They

plan no fare increases and increased schedule stops and had modest capital improvements. The bill will go into effect on June 1st of 2026, assuming that the governor signs it.

Senate Bill 009 started as sanitary food preparation procedures and wound up being passed again on October 31st as Senate Bill 1950. This is the End-of-Life Options Act that was passed by both houses, sent to the governor who has expressed certain misgivings about it. The bill allows mentally capable adults, terminally ill, with six months or less to live, to obtain a prescription for medication that will allow them to end their suffering peacefully. That one too would go into effect on June 1st of 2026 if it's signed.

F. Age-Friendly Community Certification

Liaison Colagrossi reported AARP has recognized the Progress Report and Action plan submitted last month with a Plaque that will be presented to the Board next year. The commissioners discussed having Commissioner Motto present as he is the chairperson of the Age-Friendly Subcommittee.

1. Transportation/Affordable Housing Report

See Legislative Report for Transportation updates.

Affordable Housing

The Housing Transportation Subcommittee did not meet this month due to lack of a quorum.

Commissioner Raminiak and Chairperson Vogt advised that they will be attending the next Housing Commission meeting scheduled this week. They requested that Liaison Colagrossi check with the Housing Commission Liaison to see if they received the memo. Liaison Colagrossi advised that she check and report back.

2. Communications

Liaison Colagrossi finalized the communications plan for next year, 2026. It's very comprehensive, including communication channels through Facebook. They're going to do a posting every day. E-Blasts at least monthly, plus a mid-month update. The newsletter will continue bimonthly. The March/April issue will be extended to 32 pages moving forward.

G. Kenneth Hood Award

Chairperson Vogt reported nothing new at this time. Commissioner Zimmerman brought in a magazine, The Stroll, that had a photo of the Senior Citizens Commission presenting the award to Albert and Donna Kunz. Chairperson Vogt stated that the Award Committee will meet sometime in February.

H. Intergenerational Outreach

Commissioner Zimmerman reported on the past month student related activities with the Senior Center Volunteers

-Saint Viator sent a crew of students to the Senior Center for their Day of Service in October, and the students cleared out our garden, made videos for the Athletic Center, and cleared out

closets in the Nurse's Lending Closet.

- Two groups of Senior Center volunteers will be traveling to Hersey High School this week to act as jurors for Hersey's law class. Their volunteers sat the jury, deliberated the case, and awarded the students with outstanding performance awards.

- The snow shoveling opportunity with students from Rolling Meadows High School, Prospect High School, Hersey High School, Forest View, Saint Viator, and ESCO students, and we have students signed up from each school - more than we have ever had before.

- Hersey High School students came to the Senior Center in October to participate in an Escape Room activity with our patrons, and they will be returning on Dec 11 for a gingerbread house decorating contest.

V. OLD BUSINESS

No old business was discussed.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Zimmerman proposed that the Senior Citizens Commission does not meet in December; as much business has been completed for now.

CHAIRPERSON VOGT CALLED FOR A MOTION TO CANCEL THE DECEMBER 15 MEETING. COMMISSIONER ZIMMERMAN MADE THE MOTION AND COMMISSIONER CARTER SECONDED. ALL WERE IN FAVOR OF THE DECEMBER 13 MEETING BEING CANCELED.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

The next Senior Citizens Commission meeting will be on Monday, January 26 at 7 pm.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

CHAIRPERSON VOGT REQUESTED A MOTION TO ADJORN. COMMISSIONER CARTER MADE A MOTION AND WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FELDMAN. ALL WERE IN FAVOR AND THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:56 PM.

MEMORANDUM

To: Arlington Heights Board of Trustees

From: Senior Citizens Commission

Date: Tuesday, September 23, 2025

Subject: Recommendations on E-Bikes and E-Scooters in Arlington Heights

The Senior Citizens Commission has reviewed the Village's new ordinance on motorized mobility devices, including e-bikes and e-scooters and discussed at the Monday, September 15 Commission meeting. While the ordinance is comprehensive, commissioners raised several safety and education concerns that we believe merit further consideration:

Rider Limitations – We recommend clarifying that only one rider is permitted on e-scooters or e-bikes unless the device is specifically designed for multiple passengers. Observations in our community show frequent instances of children and adults carrying additional riders, which presents significant safety risks.

· Helmet Use – Helmets should be strongly encouraged—and where possible, required—for all riders, regardless of age.

· Visibility and Safety Equipment – Many devices lack horns, lights, or reflective striping. Requiring basic safety features would improve pedestrian and driver awareness.

· Speed Limits – We recommend considering lower maximum speeds for these devices to reduce the risk of accidents in residential areas.

· Education and Awareness – Regulations alone will not prevent accidents. We strongly support ongoing education efforts directed at parents, middle school, and high school students about safe ridership, helmet use, and traffic awareness.

· Regional Consistency – We suggest consulting the Northwest Municipal Conference to align Arlington Heights' regulations with those of nearby communities, ensuring consistency and clarity for residents and visitors.

The Commission emphasizes that education, coupled with enforceable safety measures, is essential to prevent injuries and promote safe use of e-bikes and e-scooters in Arlington Heights.