

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETING OF THE
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
VILLAGE OF ARLINGTON HEIGHTS
May 4, 2026**

President Tinaglia called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: President Tinaglia; Trustees Dunnington, Gilbert, LaBedz, Manganaro, Santa Maria and Zyck

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Trustee Bertucci (arrived at 6:47pm)
Trustee Schwingbeck

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Village Manager Randy Recklaus, Deputy Village Manager Diana Mikula

OTHERS PRESENT: Jeff Thiel, Charles Wilk, Annabelle Finn

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approval of Committee of the Whole Minutes April 6, 2026

Trustee LaBedz moved to approve the Committee of the Whole minutes from the meeting on April 6, 2026. The motion was seconded by Trustee Manganaro.

7 Ayes

0 Nays

The motion passed.

Trustee Bertucci entered the meeting.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Interview of Jeff Thiel for appointment to the Arlington Economic Alliance, term ending April 30, 2029

Mayor Tinaglia explained that for the Arlington Economic Alliance, the Village tries to have representation from different types and sizes of businesses. Jeff Thiel is from the hospital, which is one of the biggest employers in town.

Jeff is the Vice President of Operations and Pharmacy and is a pharmacist by trade and background. Though he lives in Glenview, he spends most of his time here in Arlington Heights and he is excited to serve this community.

Trustee LaBedz asked Jeff if he spends much time in Arlington Heights outside of work. Jeff mentioned that he is familiar with the area due to attending sports-related activities.

Trustee Santa Maria asked Jeff how he sees the hospital system changing economic development in Arlington Heights beyond health care. Jeff noted that they are the largest employer in Arlington Heights. Beyond that, they are looking at opportunities to expand and to serve our residents with services such as the cancer center.

Trustee Manganaro asked about the closure of the inpatient behavior health center. Jeff explained that the closure happened before he was part of the hospital but they significantly expanded the outpatient services.

Trustee Manganaro asked Jeff how he would help with the several empty medical offices here in Arlington Heights. Jeff expressed that he is interested in learning more about that situation and plans to lean on the people who do the market research for their expertise.

Trustee Zyck is curious as to why Jeff is interested in the commission when he is fairly new at the hospital. Jeff responded that the opportunity presented itself and he is interested in helping support the group as he grows into his role.

Trustees thanked Jeff for his willingness to serve our community.

An audience member commented that she heard a few years ago that the support staff at lower pay grades at the hospital were having difficulties getting to work. Jeff said that over the last two years, they have looked at compensation by job code to address turn-over and transportation to make sure they are market competitive.

Trustee LaBedz moved, seconded by Trustee Santa Maria to concur in the Mayor's appointment of Jeff Thiel to the Arlington Economic Alliance, term ending April 30, 2029

The following voice vote was recorded:

8 Ayes

0 Nays

The motion passed.

B. Interview of Charles Wilk for appointment to the Environmental Commission, term ending April 30, 2027

Mayor Tinaglia introduced Charles Wilk. Chuck explained that he has lived in Arlington Heights since 1986 and raised his family here. Chuck has been in the Environmental line of work his entire professional career. Since the fall, he's been to several Environmental Commission meetings to get a sense of what the commission does and how he can contribute. Chuck has a license for Environmental Health Practitioner, has worked extensively in contaminated site remediation and has experience with hazardous waste facility permitting.

Trustee Dunnington asked if there are any sustainability projects or goals that the commission should work on. Chuck noted that the commission is doing quite a bit and is also giving opportunities for individuals to work on sustainability with programs like curbside composting and the recent textile collection. Chuck would like to see the Village ask new businesses, before they open, about their sustainability plans.

Trustee LaBedz asked Chuck about possible mutual acquaintances and specific questions about which departments Chuck worked in while employed at Great Lakes.

Trustee Manganaro noted the symmetry of Chuck having a long career in this field and the next candidate who is looking to begin exploring this field.

Trustees thanked Charles for his willingness to serve on this commission.

Trustee Zyck moved, seconded by Trustee Dunnington to concur in the Mayor's appointment of Charles Wilk to the Environmental Commission, term ending April 30, 2027

The following voice vote was recorded:

8 Ayes

0 Nays

The motion passed.

C. Interview of Annabelle Finn for appointment to the Environmental Commission, term ending April 30, 2027

Mayor Tinaglia introduced Annabelle and invited her to explain her interest in this Commission as a youth member. Annabelle explained that she was intrigued by the Village's 2026 Sustainability Plan. After reading it, she emailed the Planning Department for information on how to get involved and they suggested this role and encouraged her to apply.

Trustee LaBedz applauded Annabelle's effort and initiative and asked Annabelle what her specific plans are for studying Environmental Science. Annabelle said she is looking to study Sustainable Design or Local and Governmental Development and is exploring different colleges and their programs.

Trustee Dunnington asked Annabelle about the conference she is planning to attend. Annabelle mentioned that it is a week-long conference in June exploring many areas of sustainability, careers in the field and practical application.

Trustees thanked Annabelle for her willingness to serve on this Board, complimented her eloquence and her achievements so far and encouraged her to continue to want to make the world a better place.

Trustee LaBedz moved, seconded by Trustee Manganaro to concur in the Mayor's appointment of Annabelle Finn to the Environmental Commission, term ending April 30, 2027

The following voice vote was recorded:

8 Ayes

0 Nays

The motion passed.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS - none

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS - none

VIII. ADJOURNMENT – Trustee LaBedz moved, seconded by Trustee Bertucci to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 7:19pm.