

Minutes
Village of Arlington Heights
Senior Citizens Commission
Commissions Room-33 S Arlington Heights Road, A.H. 60005
June 15, 2026
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

Corinne Drew

Gary Wood

Ellyn Zimmerman

Fred Feldman

Fred Vogt, Chair

Steve Raminiak

Sue Viecegli

Tim Carter

Also Present:

Tracey Colagrossi, Liaison

Not Present:

George Motto

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

May 18, 2026, Minutes

CHAIRPERSON VOGT REQUESTED A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF MAY 18, 2026, BE ACCEPTED. COMMISSIONER FELDMAN MADE A MOTION AND WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CARTER. ALL WERE IN FAVOR AND THE MINUTES OF MAY 18, 2026, WERE ACCEPTED.

IV. REPORTS

A. Chairpersons Report

The Chairperson reported:

Housing and Development Update

- The Chairperson provided an update regarding the proposed development at 110 W. Eastman Street. Commissioners discussed the continued delays associated with the project and recent action by the Village Board granting an extension to the developer.

ADA Parking Concerns

- The Commission revisited concerns regarding accessible parking availability in the downtown area. Tracy Colagrossi reported she would consult with Village staff, including the ADA Coordinator and Director of Health and Human Services, to

determine the appropriate process for bringing forward recommendations or concerns. The Commission agreed that documenting concerns and making recommendations is an appropriate role for the Commission.

Inter-Commission Collaboration

- The Chairperson reported on the recent presentation to the Board of Health regarding Age-Friendly Arlington Heights initiatives. Discussion highlighted the value of increased communication among Village boards and commissions and the positive reception of information regarding Senior Center services and Age-Friendly accomplishments.

B. Liaison Report

Illinois State Plan on Aging

Tracey reported participation in the Illinois State Plan on Aging Social Connections Workgroup. The group is exploring intergenerational and community-building initiatives, including artist-in-residence programs and community art projects designed to strengthen social connections across generations.

Senior Center Facility Planning

Tracey provided an update regarding ongoing discussions related to the future of the Arlington Heights Senior Center.

Topics under consideration include:

Renovation of the current facility.

Relocation options.

A scaled renovation or “facelift” approach similar to the recently renovated Gen Center in Des Plaines.

Current discussions continue to evaluate facility infrastructure needs, costs, accessibility considerations, and community input. The anticipated Village capital improvement timeline remains targeted for 2029–2030.

Commissioners expressed interest in reviewing the 2022 facility study and incorporating updated community engagement into future planning efforts.

Commissioners discussed:

- Potential future satellite programming locations.
- Transportation access from northern Arlington Heights to the Senior Center.
- The importance of analyzing participant geographic data to better understand transportation barriers and service accessibility.

Staff agreed to explore available participant location data and potential comparisons with Park District participation patterns

National Council on Aging Conference

Tracey reported presenting at the National Council on Aging Conference in Washington, D.C. on technology platforms and outreach strategies used by senior centers to engage broader audiences.

Senior Center Programs and Events

Recent activities included:

- National Senior Health & Fitness Day with approximately 130 attendees.
- A housing-focused presentation on decluttering and downsizing attended by approximately 50 participants.
- Volunteer Recognition Event held June 9.
- Planned participation with Endeavor Health at the Fleetwood Mac tribute concert, which was canceled due to weather but may be rescheduled.

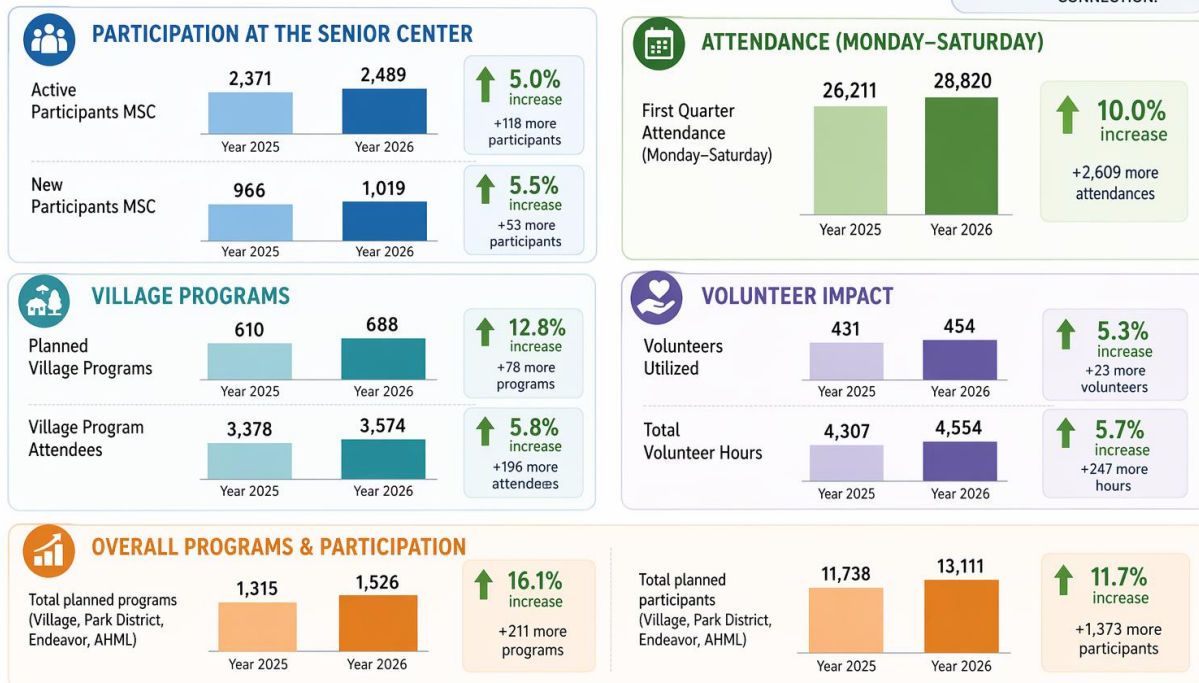
First Quarter Statistics

The Commission requested inclusion of first-quarter participation and activity statistics in the official minutes. Staff noted continued growth in participation, new participants, program attendance, and volunteer engagement compared to the prior year.

SENIOR CENTER FIRST QUARTER COMPARISON

Year 2025 vs. Year 2026

 **MORE**
PROGRAMS.
PARTICIPATION.
CONNECTION.



First Quarter data (January – March) comparison: Year 2025 vs. Year 2026

C. Non-for-Profit Corporation

Tracey reported that the Foundation Board approved moving to a new website platform using Wix and Zeffy to improve ease of administration and reduce transaction fees associated with online ticket sales and donations.

Upcoming fundraising events include:

- Live Well, Age Well Expo – June 18, 2026
- Vintage Car Show – August 22, 2026
- Pickleball Tournament – September 17, 2026
- The Expo has secured 69 vendors, including 42 paid exhibitors, generating approximately \$18,000 in revenue before expenses.

D. Senior Center Advisory Council

- The Advisory Council reported successful completion of its annual Hot Dog Cookout and announced upcoming events including:
 - Ice Cream Social
 - Oktoberfest
 - Halloween Celebration
 - New Year's Eve Celebration
 - Attendance remains strong, with many events reaching capacity and maintaining waitlists to ensure quality participant experiences

E. Legislation

The Commission received an update regarding Illinois legislative activity affecting older adults.

Highlights included:

- Passage of legislation establishing statewide regulations for e-bikes, e-scooters, and micromobility devices.
- Discussion regarding driver's license renewal requirements for older adults.
- Recognition that additional legislative clarification and revisions may occur as implementation progresses

F. Age-Friendly Community Certification

1. Transportation/Affordable Housing Report

The Commission reviewed a memorandum summarizing recent Housing Commission activities and discussed the proposed Village housing study.

Discussion focused on:

- Opportunities for Senior Citizens Commission participation in the housing study process.
- Affordable housing needs for older adults.

- Ensuring Commission input is included as the study moves forward.
- Staff agreed to obtain additional information regarding study leadership and consultant involvement.

2. Communications

Commissioner Viecelli reported:

- Facebook followers increased to approximately 718.
- The Communications Subcommittee reviewed engagement metrics and social media performance.
- Continued monitoring of outreach effectiveness will occur throughout the summer months.

G. Kenneth Hood Award

The Kenneth Hood Award Committee reported:

- The next Kenneth Hood Award Committee meeting is scheduled for June 24, 2026.
- The committee reported receiving multiple qualified nominations and anticipates bringing a recommendation to the Commission at its July meeting.

H. Intergenerational Outreach

Commissioner Drew reported:

- Volunteer Coordinator Nierman attended the State of District 214 meeting for the end of year achievements. Staff plans on meeting with the districts to follow up on current plans and plant seeds for the future.
- Volunteer Coordinator Nierman has created a new initiative called Teen Time, or Teen Table Time. Starting tomorrow, students will have a conversation starter in the lobby weekly. Students were recruited through SignUp Genius, and all dates were filled up in two hours. which is a platform We have a lot of work to do up for four weeks of days.

V. OLD BUSINESS

No old business was discussed.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

No new business was discussed.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was discussed.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

CHAIRPERSON VOGT REQUESTED A MOTION TO ADJOURN. COMMISSIONER DREW MADE A MOTION AND WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WOOD. ALL WERE IN FAVOR AND THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:03 PM.