



SCHAUMBURG PARK DISTRICT

MINUTES OF THE JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING

SCHAUMBURG PARK DISTRICT
235 EAST BEECH DRIVE
SCHAUMBURG, ILLINOIS

February 24, 2026

IMPORTANT NOTE REGARDING THE CONDUCT OF THIS MEETING

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The meeting minutes reflect the means by which individuals participated in the meeting. Those physically present at the Schaumburg Park District’s Jerry Handlon Administration Building are denoted by “PP”. Those who participated via electronic means only are denoted by “EM”.

Commissioner Berg called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Present at this evening’s meeting were Commissioners Berg (PP), Mayle (PP), Longueil (PP), Trudel (EM), Schmidt (PP), Committee members Allison Bies (PP), Marc Campbell (PP), and Tiffany Greene (PP). Brian

Burke, Donna Johnson, Jason Mitchell and Ritesh Shah were absent. Joint Advisory Committee members include Commissioners Trudel, Berg and Longueil, Ms. Bies, Mr. Burke, Mr. Campbell, Ms. Greene, Ms. Johnson, Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Shah.

Schaumburg Park District staff present were Mr. LaFrener (EM), Executive Director; Mr. O'Donnell (PP), Director of Finance & Administration; Mr. Ward (PP), Director of Operations; Mr. King (PP), Director of Parks & Planning; Mr. Sienkiewicz (PP), Director of Communications & Marketing; Mr. Parsons (PP), General Manager of Golf Operations; Ms. Gear (PP), Superintendent of Education & Enrichment; Ms. Simross (PP), Superintendent of Recreation Facilities & Safety; Ms. Khodan (PP), Supervisor of Aquatics; Ms. McCalister (PP), Supervisor of Parties, Rentals & Special Events; Ms. Varco (PP), Supervisor of Early Childhood; Ms. Much (PP), Community Outreach & Enrichment Supervisor; Mr. Bonarirgo (PP), Supervisor of Senior & Adult Programs; Mr. Schomer (PP), Supervisor of the CRC; and Ms. Riddle (PP), Executive Assistant.

Members of the public in attendance were Susie Mayle (PP).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 25, 2025 MEETING

It was moved by Commissioner Schmidt, seconded by Commissioner Longueil to approve the minutes of the November 25, 2025 meeting as presented.

Ayes: Commissioners Berg and Longueil, Committee Members Bies, Campbell, and Greene
Nays: None
Absent: Commissioner Trudel, Committee Members Burke, Johnson, Mitchell, Shah

The motion carried.

PARKS UPDATE (MEMO #P26-37)

Mr. King stated that there are three upcoming playground renovations budgeted for this year which include Apollo Park (Collins School), Olde Nantucket Park and Village in the Park. Public open house meetings are planned for resident input. Schematic designs and amenities for each park were shared. Mr. LaFrener added that artificial turf is now a standard for all playground renovations rather than using wood chips. Mr. King also shared plans for upcoming projects that include the new gateway entrance for Volkening Lake at the corner of Salem and Schaumburg Roads and a cricket pitch at Brandenburg Park. Mr. King concluded with some recent pictures of the softball field renovation progress at Olympic Park.

OPERATIONS UPDATE (MEMO #O26-38)

Ms. Varco provided an update on the current preschool registration totals. To date, there are 356 children registered in the preschool program over three locations with 32 teachers. The preschool program offers various enrichment opportunities in addition to before class and after school care. The preschool Open House took place on February 10 with 133 families attending. The program offers community involvement with local professional visits as well as our own staff sharing the amenities of the Schaumburg Park District and various field trips. The preschool program has lengthened their class hours and before- and after care options for families. This summer, there will be 40 preschool summer camps offered with lengthened class times.

Ms. Much presented new early education programming offerings at the district. Ms. Sherri and Ms. Kate teach various classes with very strong enrollment leading to additional sessions being added to accommodate wait listed participants. Ms. Much stated that the Discover Room at CRC has begun Phase 2 improvements and interactive soft sculptures will be added to the toddler play area.

Mr. Bonarirgo provided an update for Seniors & Adult Programs. The department has traveled over 7,500 miles on day trips and over 20,000 miles on international trips! The department has offered over 45 in-house programs typically held at CRC where attendance has increased 23.46%. Mr. Bonarirgo added that the senior program does not charge higher fees for non-residents nor membership fees for the senior center programming.

Ms. McCalister provided an update on Parties, Rentals & Special Events. The department is now offering new parties including My Furry Friends and Video Game parties and new food options of hot dogs and chips. The department has hosted 809 parties and rentals this year. Special Events were expanded this past year with new events at the outdoor pools and character meal events. Ms. McCalister shared new upcoming events including Teen/Tween Pool events and a potential Schaumburg Christmas Market.

Mr. Schomer provided an update on Membership and Concessions. Mr. Schomer stated that this last year had a new team of staff who came together well and provided for some great numbers, even surpassing the 2024 numbers for concessions sales, dog park memberships, fitness memberships and facility usage. The Silver Sneakers program was initially developed for the senior population but has now been revamped to include youth members. More community and engagement events are planned for the upcoming year.

Ms. Simross provided an update on safety at the park district. The Park District received the Gold Award from Ellis & Associates, ranking Schaumburg Park District among the top 20% of all their clients, an especially notable achievement with 160 of our 220 lifeguards being new to the team. The Park District is a member of PDRMA for risk management. In 2025, we participated in the new Essentials for Risk Management Review program. Our November review earned a score of 92/100, exceeding the benchmark for comparable districts, which is in the 70s. Our Health and Safety Committee (HSC) continues to meet monthly and provides procedures and trainings to prevent workplace accidents and injuries while also focusing on trends related to patron accidents and incidents.

Mr. LaFrener commended staff for the significant progress made since the pandemic, particularly in reestablishing a strong senior programming portfolio, expanding special event offerings, and strengthening the effectiveness of the Safety Committee.

GOLF COURSE UPDATE (MEMO #G26-39)

Mr. Parsons provided the golf update for the 2025 season. The golf industry continues to be very strong with the last three years being the strongest in recent history. Some area courses are beginning to slow down a bit and Schaumburg Golf Club is proactively planning to maintain the standard of excellence. This upcoming season will have a focus on customer service and will also bring back the “9 and Dine” program on a few Friday evenings. Mr. Parsons presented comparative data for rounds played, user fee revenue, driving range fees, golf cart fees, and golf shop sales across the past three seasons. He noted that the 2024 season benefited from a greater

number of operating days due to milder weather, making 2023 and 2025 more comparable. Overall, performance across all categories remains strong and continues to show year-over-year growth. Mr. LaFrene stated that golf operations continue to raise the bar and the course is outperforming other area courses. While the economy and other unknown variables can affect our revenue, staff are continuing to have a conservative approach to the upcoming budget year. Mr. LaFrene gave kudos to all staff as they continue to go above and beyond with each year continuously making a positive impact on our community with all of our programs and events.

All commissioners complimented staff and thanked them for their professional and exciting updates.

DISTRICT PROJECTS SPREADSHEET

The current project update report was provided for review.

OTHER

There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Schmidt, seconded by Commissioner Longueil to adjourn the Joint Advisory Committee meeting at 7:07 p.m.

Ayes: Commissioners Berg and Longueil, Committee Members Bies, Campbell, and Greene
Nays: None
Absent: Commissioner Trudel, Committee Members Burke, Johnson, Mitchell, Shah

The motion carried.



**SCHAUMBURG
PARK DISTRICT**

**Tuesday, February 24, 2026
Joint Advisory Committee Meeting**

MEETING AGENDA

Jerry Handlon Administration Building

235 E. Beech Drive

Schaumburg, IL 60193

6:00 p.m.

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A. Joint Advisory Committee Meeting

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes of November 25, 2025 Joint Advisory Committee Meeting
3. Parks Update (Memo #P26-37)
4. Operations Update (Memo #O26-38)
5. Golf Course Update (Memo #G26-39)
6. District Projects Spreadsheet
7. Adjournment
8. Other

Mission: The Schaumburg Park District is dedicated to serving the community by providing versatile leisure opportunities through enriching programs, quality facilities and environmental stewardship.

