



SCHAUMBURG PARK DISTRICT

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING

SCHAUMBURG PARK DISTRICT
235 EAST BEECH DRIVE
SCHAUMBURG, ILLINOIS

July 9, 2026

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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 participating via electronic means only are denoted by "EM".

CALL TO ORDER

President Berg called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Commissioners present at the meeting included Commissioners Trudel (PP), Mayle (PP), Longueil (PP), Berg, Jr. (PP), and Schmidt (PP).

Schaumburg Park District staff present included Mr. LaFrenere (PP), Executive Director; Mr. Ward (PP), Director of Operations; Mr. King (PP), Director of Parks and Planning; Mr. Parsons (PP), Director of Golf Operations; Mr. Sienkiewicz (PP), Director of Communications & Marketing; Ms. Mielitz (PP), Manager of Human Resources; Mr. O'Donnell (PP), Director of Finance & Administration; Ms. Chapa (PP), Superintendent of Facility Operations; Mr. Gangler (PP), Superintendent of Revenue Facilities & Athletics; Ms. Conte (PP), Manager of Procurement; Ms. Krones (PP), Supervisor of Procurement & Systems; Mr. Schobert (PP), Trades Technician; Ms. Lucena (PP), Communications Specialist; Mr. Paine (PP), Attorney; and Ms. Riddle (PP), Executive Assistant.

Members of the public in attendance included Rob Hager (PP), Rich Osten (PP), Tim Ganas (PP), Fred Wilson (PP), and Kelly Beahan (PP).

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was moved by Commissioner Longueil, seconded by Commissioner Mayle, to approve the agenda as presented.

Ayes: Commissioners Trudel, Mayle, Longueil, Schmidt, and Berg
Nays: None
Absent: None

The motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

Quarterly Shout-Out Awards

Mr. LaFrenere recognized the second quarter peer-nominated Shout-Out award winners which included:

Full-time

Austin King (Parks)
Kyle Wenz (Spring Valley)
Stacy Johnson (Recreation)
Sophie Ali (Marketing)

Part-time

Kayla Barsch (Spring Valley)
Brandi Talaga (Spring Valley)
Nicole Lacy-Muranaka (Spring Valley)
Clara Nesvacil (Recreation)

Congratulations to all the winners.

Proclamation of July as Recreation Month

Commissioner Berg stated that the Village of Schaumburg has proclaimed July as Recreation Month in Schaumburg.

New Full-Time Staff

Ms. Chapa introduced new Trades Technician Craig Schobert and Ms. Conte introduced and welcomed back Summer Krones, Supervisor of Procurement & Systems.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JUNE 11, 2026 REGULAR MEETING

It was moved by Commissioner Mayle, seconded by Commissioner Schmidt, to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2026 regular meeting as presented.

Ayes: Commissioners Trudel, Mayle, Longueil, Schmidt, and Berg
Nays: None
Absent: None

The motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mail

Mr. LaFrenere shared a note from JAC member Marc Campbell recognizing Stacy Johnson going above and beyond assisting a member at the Meinke Recreation Center.

Audience Comments

Fred Wilson stated a request to have additional handicapped parking spots at Meineke Recreation Center. Kelly Beahan stated a request to have the pigs at Spring Valley Heritage Farm join an animal sanctuary or an alternative homing option at the end of the farm season.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee

Commissioner Mayle reported that the Finance Committee met this evening and reviewed the bill list and financial statements for the month of May.

Joint Advisory Committee

Commissioner Trudel stated that the Joint Advisory Committee's next meeting is scheduled for September 22, 2026.

Village of Schaumburg Committees

Commissioner Mayle reported that the Septemberfest committee has determined to have a drone show this year rather than fireworks.

APPROVAL OF APPROVED & PREVIOUSLY PAID BILL LISTS

Commissioner Mayle reported that the Finance Committee met this evening and approved the following approved bill list and previously paid bill list:

General Fund	\$54,641.23
Recreation Fund	116,080.74
Internal Service Fund	136,532.30
Capital Projects	<u>437,628.23</u>
TOTAL APPROVED	<u>\$744,882.50</u>

General Fund	\$108,965.34
Recreation Fund	342,266.90
Liability Insurance	72,179.62
ADA	362,252.89
IMRF/Retirement	3,046.07
Internal Service	25,928.59
Capital Projects	688,063.26
TOTAL PAID	<u>\$1,602,702.67</u>

It was moved by Commissioner Mayle, seconded by Commissioner Longueil to approve the approved main bill list in the amount of \$744,882.50 and the previously paid bill list in the amount of \$1,602,702.67 for a total of \$2,347,585.17 as presented.

Ayes: Commissioners Trudel, Mayle, Longueil, Schmidt, and Berg
Nays: None
Absent: None

The motion carried.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Department Updates & Upcoming Events

Mr. LaFrener stated, What an incredible summer it has been so far! There are so many people and moments to be grateful for throughout our community.

Before I turn it over to staff, I want to highlight that July is Parks and Recreation Month. This serves as a wonderful reminder of how recreation helps build a healthy, connected, and vibrant community.

When people think of a park district, they usually picture parks, pools, golf courses, playgrounds, or sports leagues. But what we truly offer is something much greater.

We provide spaces where families create memories, children build confidence, neighbors form lasting friendships, seniors stay active, and people of all ages enhance their physical and mental well-being.

None of this would be possible without our outstanding team. I want to thank all of our full-time and part-time staff who make these experiences happen every day. Whether planning programs, maintaining parks and facilities, coaching, teaching, ensuring safety, or working behind the scenes, every role is vital to improving the quality of life in Schaumburg.

Recreation is not a luxury—it's a fundamental part of a strong community. It connects people, promotes health and well-being, supports local businesses, and creates memories that last a lifetime. This is something to celebrate not just this month, but throughout the entire year.

Mr. O'Donnell reported that the bond issuance successfully closed on June 26, expressing gratitude to Chapman and Cutler, as well as Wintrust, for their partnership and support throughout the process. The Finance team is now deeply engaged in fiscal year-end audit activities, preparing supporting schedules and documentation ahead of the auditors' return during the week of July 20. Additionally, work is progressing on the June month-end close. On the IT side, user testing has begun for Brightly software, and deployment of Informacast, the district's mass alert system, is underway. The team is also continuing to roll out new laptops and PCs across the district.

Mr. King reported that Parks staff have been diligently working on storm cleanup and removing firework debris from the parks over the holiday weekend. He noted that the new turf softball fields at Olympic Park saved more than 80 hours of labor, as crews did not need to prepare the fields for play following heavy rain. Staff hosted a meeting with representatives from six other park districts at the new fields to showcase the improvements. Additionally, new windscreens have been installed at the Timbercrest pickleball courts. Staff set up the outdoor LED screen for tonight's Movie-in-the-Park at Meineke Park, and the Village plans to use the screen on Saturday for the Summer Breeze concert. Rain has delayed progress on the Olympic Park soccer field renovation. The Lancer Creek wall contractor is preparing to start work next week. Progress continues at the Apollo Park playground renovation, which is currently ahead of schedule. Staff have arranged a meeting with the Village of Schaumburg to review the Volkening Lake entry plans, and a public open house is scheduled for July 28 from 6 PM to 7 PM.

Mr. Parsons reported that, despite persistent rainfall, the course saw 10,847 rounds of golf played in June—a minor decline compared to last year. However, the course rebounded swiftly after the storms, enabling play to resume without significant interruption. Year-to-date, over 33,000 rounds have been played, marking an increase of 1,800 rounds (6%) from last year. Junior camps are wrapping up next week, and the PGA Junior League has three weeks of matches remaining before advancing to all-star play. Staff are actively preparing for July's shotgun outings and small group events. Grounds staff continue implementing cultural practices on the greens, and Mr. Parsons praised Nick Yackle and the entire grounds team for maintaining the course in excellent condition—especially impressive given the challenging, wet weather.

Mr. Sienkiewicz reported that the fall snapshot was delivered to residents this week. The fall program guide will be available online beginning July 20. He commended his team for their dedication, noting that the program guide remains one of the district's most essential marketing tools and is a significant effort to distribute to patrons. Mr. Sienkiewicz also expressed appreciation to everyone who assisted with Solstice Fest, as

well as to the Village for providing space at the Prairie Center. Preparations are ongoing for the upcoming Links Cup golf outing scheduled for August 12. He acknowledged the Parks team for their efforts, highlighting that the Facebook post featuring the accessible swing at Meineke playground reached over 79,000 people and received substantial positive feedback regarding accessibility. In addition, the district's email newsletter was distributed this week.

Ms. Mielitz reported that the second quarter Shout-out Award winners have been announced, with a total of 220 shout-outs given. She extended congratulations to Anna Schuld for reaching her 10-year service anniversary. In June, Ms. Mielitz attended the annual SHRM conference. This is also the period for the annual ACA PCORI filing, which is due at the end of July. The Wellness Committee organized Yoga at the Farm and a Steps Challenge in June, and has now launched the July Hydration Challenge as well as an upcoming end-of-summer event at Volkening Lake. The Part-Time Employee Picnic is scheduled for July 22 at 5 PM at CRC.

Mr. Ward extended his gratitude to all staff, noting the recent hiring of an intern and the return of former employees who have chosen the park district as their workplace. He expressed his appreciation after working over the holiday weekend, observing the adaptability and professionalism of the part-time staff as they responded to inclement weather. The Barracudas swim team hosted two home meets. The Fahrrad bike event drew 175 participants. Olympic Park welcomed 376 teams for the Common Goals soccer tournament, attracting approximately 61,700 visitors—90% of whom traveled from distances of 10 miles or more—demonstrating the district's significant economic impact on the community. The adult soccer leagues remain the district's largest, with 55 teams. New Peloton fitness equipment has been delivered to CRC and STP. KASPER has partnered with the Schaumburg Public Library to provide onsite enrichment for camp programs. The senior program continues, featuring a recent beach BBQ bingo event and plans for upcoming trips. Spring Valley hosted 750 guests at the Monarch Butterfly event. Rangers remain busy managing increased e-bike usage in the parks. The Spring Valley Nature Center Improvements project is currently out to bid, and concepts for Bock Improvements will be presented at the upcoming Joint Advisory Committee meeting.

Commissioner Trudel asked about concepts for the dog park and Mr. King stated that they are talking to a contractor about a potential splash pad for the dog park. Mr. LaFrenere added that patron feedback was received for a water feature since the dog park pond is not recommended for dog use.

IAPD/IPRA Committee Updates

There were no updates.

ACTION ITEMS

Review of Executive Session Minutes & Resolution

It was moved by Commissioner Trudel, seconded by Commissioner Longueil, to approve Resolution 26-07-1P, a resolution approving the Executive Session minutes and determining which minutes to release or hold.

Ayes: Commissioners Trudel, Mayle, Longueil, Schmidt, and Berg
Nays: None
Absent: None

The motion carried.

Board and Staff Educational Conferences (Memos #E26-116)

It was moved by Commissioner Longueil, seconded by Commissioner Mayle to approve the conference expenses for the 2027 Sports Field Management Association, 2027 PGA Show, 2027 IAPD/IPRA Soaring to New Heights and GCSAA Trade Show as presented.

Ayes: Commissioners Trudel, Mayle, Longueil, Schmidt, and Berg
Nays: None
Absent: None

The motion carried.

Village in the Park Playground Safety Surfacing Co-op (Memo #P26-117)

It was moved by Commissioner Mayle, seconded by Commissioner Schmidt to approve the co-op purchase for installation of safety surfacing at Village in the Park playground by ForeverLawn Chicago, LLC for an amount not to exceed \$72,819.16 and adopt Resolution 26-07-2P, a resolution approving the terms and authorizing the execution of a contract with ForeverLawn Chicago, LLC for the purchase and installation of certain playground safety surfacing materials utilizing the Sourcewell Joint Purchasing Cooperative.

Ayes: Commissioners Trudel, Mayle, Longueil, Schmidt, and Berg
Nays: None
Absent: None

The motion carried.

Bids for 2026 Paving Projects (Memo #P26-118)

It was moved by Commissioner Schmidt, seconded by Commissioner Trudel to award the base bid and alternates 1-5 for 2026 Paving Projects to the lowest responsible bidder Obsidian Asphalt Paving, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$484,600 and adopt Resolution 26-07-3P, a resolution approving the terms and authorizing the execution of a contract with Obsidian Asphalt, Inc. for paving services.

Ayes: Commissioners Trudel, Mayle, Longueil, Schmidt, and Berg
Nays: None
Absent: None

The motion carried.

Village in the Park Equipment and Installation Co-op (Memo #P26-119)

It was moved by Commissioner Trudel, seconded by Commissioner Longueil to award the contract of the base bid plus an allowance for Village in the Park's playground equipment and installation to Landscape Structures for an amount not to exceed \$316,920 and adopt Resolution 26-07-4P, a resolution approving the terms and authorizing the execution of a contract with Landscape Structures for the purchase and installation of certain playground equipment utilizing the Sourcewell Joint Purchasing Cooperative.

Ayes: Commissioners Trudel, Mayle, Longueil, Schmidt, and Berg
Nays: None
Absent: None

The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. LaFrene stated there was no new business.

OTHER ITEMS

Mr. LaFrene stated that there were no other items.

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was moved by Commissioner Longueil, seconded by Commissioner Mayle to adjourn to Executive Session.

Ayes: Commissioners Trudel, Mayle, Longueil, Schmidt, and Berg
Nays: None
Absent: None

Mr. LaFrene stated that there will be no action after executive session.

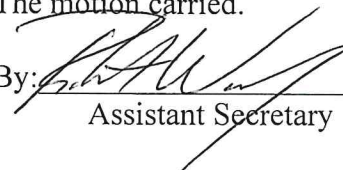
The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Schmidt, seconded by Commissioner Longueil to adjourn the regular Park Board meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Ayes: Commissioners Trudel, Mayle, Longueil, Schmidt, and Berg
Nays: None
Absent: None

The motion carried.

By: 

Assistant Secretary



**SCHAUMBURG
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A. Opening Items

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of Agenda

B. Presentations/Introductions

1. Quarterly Shout-Out Awards
2. Proclamation of July as Recreation Month
3. New Full-Time Staff

C. Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of Minutes of June 11, 2026, Regular Meeting

D. Communications

1. Mail
2. Audience Comments

E. Committee Reports

1. Finance Committee
2. Joint Advisory Committee
3. Village of Schaumburg Committees

F. Bill List

1. Approval of Approved & Previously Paid Bill List

G. Information Items

1. Department Updates & Upcoming Events
2. IAPD/IPRA Committee Updates

H. Action Items

1. Review of Executive Session Minutes & Resolution
2. Board & Staff Educational Conferences (Memo #E26-116)
3. Village in the Park Playground Safety Surfacing Co-op (Memo #P26-117)
4. 2026 Paving Bids (Memo #P26-118)
5. Village in the Park Equipment and Installation Co-op (Memo #P26-119)

I. New Business**J. Other Items****K. Adjournment to Executive Session**

1. Litigation 2(c)(11)

L. Adjournment

2. Adjourn the Meeting

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