

**JOINT VILLAGE-LIBRARY MEETING  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND THE BOARD OF  
TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF ARLINGTON HEIGHTS**

**ARLINGTON HEIGHTS POLICE STATION**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2019 8:30 A.M.**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: President Hayes; Trustees: Baldino, Blackwood, LaBedz, Padovani, Rosenberg, Scaletta, Sidor

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Trustee: Tinaglia

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Randy Recklaus, Village Manager

OTHERS PRESENT: Arlington Heights Park Board Commissioners, Gelinas, Naughton, Nesvacil, Ploger, President Leno, various Park District Staff

**SUBJECTS:**

Citizens to be Heard

Village Items of Interest to Share

Park District Items of Interest to Share

Other Topics for Discussion

**Adjournment**

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President Hayes and Park District Board of Commissioners President Leno called the meeting to order at 8:33 AM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Both made introductory comments commending the level of intergovernmental cooperation present in Arlington Heights.

**Public Comment**

No public comment was received.

**Village Topics of Interest**

Mr. Recklaus presented information on the following:

Village of Arlington Heights Police Station- was finished this winter and under budget. The facility is almost twice the size as the previous police station. A public open house will be held on March 16th. The 2018 crime statistics show that

Arlington Heights had the lowest crime rate ever recorded in Arlington Heights. Traffic crashes are at a 15 year low.

New Fire Chief- Andrew Larson has been appointed Fire Chief this week. He will be formally sworn in next month.

Downtown Construction- Much of Downtown will be impacted by construction this summer. Some of the projects will include.

- Resurfacing Northwest Highway
- Union Pacific Northwest railroad crossing work at AH Road
- Storm water system work along Campbell and Sigwalt Streets
- Update brick paver system
- Three new mid-block crossing locations
- Gas main work by Nicor

Village Staff will work to get the word out to businesses and customers about these necessary projects.

#### Building Construction Projects for 2019

- Arlington Downs project located near the Arlington International Racecourse off Euclid Avenue and Route 53, with hotel, 417 housing units, and retail stores
- Proposed Arlington 425 project located between Chestnut Avenue and Campbell Street, with three buildings consisting of 358 housing units and retail

Parking Study- was completed last fall and recommendations were made to improve signage and availability of downtown parking and in garages.

Cypress Stormwater Project- will get underway this spring. Water main lining will also be scheduled concurrently in the same neighborhood.

Senior Center Improvements- Architect will be hired to evaluate the current facility for potential upgrade opportunities. The Park District and other stakeholders will be brought into the conversation.

Park Commissioners asked about the school and park impact of the proposed new housing units and about whether the parking improvements and downtown construction would impact parking for the CAP program. Mr. Recklaus explained that the new units were not expected to significantly impact schools based on the

School Districts' population projection formulas and that it was not anticipated that the downtown construction would impact CAP.

### **Park District Topics of Interest**

Director of Parks and Planning, Ben Rea, presented information on the ongoing update and expansion of the Olympic Pool and Rec Center facility. The new facility will include a warm water wellness pool, updated locker rooms, a walking track, a gymnasium, and sun deck.

Trustee LaBedz asked about the status of the renaming of the park. Mr. Rea indicated that a committee had been formed that was examining different names for the facility but nothing had been finalized yet.

Mr. Rea also went over the recent Lake Arlington walking path, boat dock, and playground improvements. At this time, the new improvements appear to be very popular.

Arlen Gould, a School Board member from District 21 who was in the audience suggested that the 10 acres of vacant land the northeast of the Lake Arlington property should be redeveloped as an Urban Habitat.

Brian Meyer, Director of Recreation and Facilities discussed the high level of cooperation with the Village and highlighted the Scholarship Program that helps subsidize recreation costs for residents in need. The program is jointly managed by the Village and Park District. Mr. Recklaus also mentioned the high level of support the Park District provided during the ice storm event this past November.

Trustee Scaletta indicated he was curious about the impact of increased affordable housing on the park programs and asked for information on the qualifications for such programs. Mr. Recklaus indicated that he would provide that information to the Village Board.

Mr. Meyer also mentioned that the garden plots being moved to facilitate the Cypress Detention Expansion project will be re-located to a piece of land near the Forest View Racquet Club. While the number of plots would be reduced, every Arlington Heights family that previously had a plot would still be able to get one.

There was some discussion about how the increase in multi-family units in the community may increase demand for garden plots. Trustee LaBedz suggested that the Farmer's Market is also a resource for individuals who do not have a yard to grow their own produce.

A request was made by the Park Board that as part of communication for residents on the Cypress project that it be made known that garden plots are available at the Forest View site.

Trustee Padovani highlighted the upcoming activities for this year's Memorial Day Parade, which will be the 100<sup>th</sup> one in our community.

**Other Topics of Discussion**

No other items for discussion

**Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 am.