

**VILLAGE OF LINCOLNWOOD
REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARK AND RECREATION BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
GERALD C. TURRY VILLAGE BOARD ROOM
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2025**

Call to Order

Chairperson Tucker called the meeting of the Park and Recreation Board to order at 6:15 P.M. Tuesday, September 9, 2025, in the Gerald C. Turry Village Board Room of the Municipal Complex at 6900 N. Lincoln Avenue, Village of Lincolnwood, County of Cook, and State of Illinois.

Roll Call

On roll call by Kim Voulgarakis, the following were:

Present: Chairperson Tucker, Commissioners Lovering, Shaw, Frank, Tomacic

Absent: Commissioners Grossman and Malca

Also present: Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation Michelle Artis, Director of Public Works John Welch, Recreation Supervisor Julie Glowacki, and Management Analyst Elijah Bebora.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the August 12, 2025, Park and Recreation Board meeting were presented for Park Board approval.

Commissioner Shaw moved to approve the minutes of the August 12, 2025, Park and Recreation Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Frank. On roll call, the minutes were approved unanimously.

Public Forum

Angela Yaylali – Resident – Very complimentary of the pool operations, staff, and condition of the pool, as well as how the pool season went this year. Commented with suggestions for having the swim team use the pool later or for the pool not fully closing when the swim team is using it.

Elizabeth Nielsen – Resident – Complimentary of the pool operations, staff, and how great the pool season was this year. Commented offering suggestions to have swim team be at a different time for the overall experience of the pool pass holders.

Michael Wherfel - Resident – Complimented the pool operations, staff, and condition of the pool, as well as the great season. Commented on suggesting the swim team meets should be at a different time or part of the pool, or some compromise for the best experience for everyone.

Old Business

Recommendation Regarding Pesticides and Herbicide Use in Lincolnwood Parks.

Presenter: Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation Michelle Artis

Background:

- Lincolnwood has 13 parks.
- The Village has two landscape maintenance contracts, one with Fleck's for lawn maintenance of eleven parks, and one with Brightview for Centennial Park. Public Works provides landscape maintenance at Proesel Park.
- The use of herbicides or pesticides has not been in practice since 2016 for all parks except Centennial Park.
- Park Board requested at the June 10th meeting the financials for the cost of hand pulling and using chemicals on weeds, and the findings were presented.

Park and Recreation Board Discussion:

- Hand pulling makes no sense. It pollinates our parks.
- Landscapers, when they mow, don't pick up. Have landscapers pick up during dandelion season so they don't re-seed the ground.
- Use the clippings as organic materials to re-feed the lawn. Options that could be used are some sort of herbicide. Hand pulling is expensive and labor-intensive.
- Like the recommendation of continuing the process of what we're doing?
- Against the herbicides and pesticides.
- Not happy about the price for Parks and Recreation.
- How many complaints were received?

Commissioner Frank motioned for staff to recommend continuing the current practices of using only mowing to address weeds. Commissioner Lovering seconded the motion.

Upon Roll Call, the results were:

AYES: Commissioners, Frank, Lovering, Shaw, Tomacic, Chairperson Tucker

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Commissioners Grossman and Malca

The motion passed.

Commissioner Lovering motioned to advance the recommendation to maintain the current practices of mowing our parks to the Village Board for their approval. Commissioner Frank seconded the motion.

Upon Roll Call, the results were:

AYES: Commissioners Frank, Lovering, Shaw, Tomacic, Chairperson Tucker

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Commissioners Grossman and Malca

The motion passed.

New Business

None

Director's Report

Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation Michelle Artis – Kenneth Park was renovated over 2 weeks and was reopened on September 5. Public Works completed the renovations, which included the removal of the pour-in-place surface, cracked cement, sand pit, cement table and seats, and brick paver area. It was improved with wood chips throughout the entire playground area, a newly poured cement surface, which also helped with transitions that were previously not ADA-compliant. The basketball court was painted, a new net was installed, and an ADA-compliant picnic table will be added. Another park project is scheduled to take place at G.G. Rowell Park, where the basketball courts are set to be painted next week.

Staff Reports

Recreation Supervisor Julie Glowacki - (presenting on behalf of Recreation Supervisor Kandice Newton) Touch-a-Truck is this Sunday, September 14th at District 1860 Village Green.

Upcoming Movie in the park is this Friday with a showing of Wicked at 7pm. Mark your calendar for Trunk-or-Treat, which is on Sunday, October 26th from 3-5pm; if you are interested in having a trunk, please contact Kandice Newton.

Recreation Supervisor Julie Glowacki - (presenting on behalf of Recreation Supervisor Alex Tagle) pool season is over and was a very successful season. The men's softball league is wrapping up in a couple of weeks. Upcoming special event is Turkey Trot and Alex is looking for volunteers.

Recreation Supervisor Julie Glowacki – Senior programming is going well. I would like to extend a special thank you to Barry Berger for his generous donation, which has made these trips and events more affordable. The seniors went to the Cubs game, which was a hit. The next upcoming event is a Sip and Paint later this month in the Community Center. Another upcoming

event is Coffee and Bingo, which starts this Friday. The final upcoming event for me is the Turkey Trot, and that is ten and a half weeks away.

Chairperson's Report

Chairperson Tucker – Trunk-or-Treat, it's a fun time, and you get to dress your car up. Also, the Turkey Trot is fun and amazing.

Commissioner's report

Commissioner Lovering- Flowers Park, wonderful renovation, and it's like a new community hangout spot.

Commissioner Frank – Recognized Public Works for cleaning up the Valley Line Trail.

Adjournment

At 6:51 P.M., Chairperson Tucker called for adjournment of the Park and Recreation Board meeting.

Commissioner Tomacic moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Lovering. The meeting was adjourned by roll call.

Park Board Minutes prepared by Kim Voulgarakis

Park and Recreation Board Chairperson:


Signature

10/14/2025
Date