WOODRIDGE PARK DISTRICT
Fred C. Hohnke Community Center
Regular Board Meeting
April 21, 2026

President Cohen called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners to order at 6:30 p.m.

Upon a roll of Commissioners being called, the following were
Present: Cohen, Coleman, Mahoney, Venouziou
Absent: Perry

Staff present: Knitter, Ritter, Bordewick, Karesh, Blaugh
Absent: Webber

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA
President Bill Cohen asked whether there were any staff recommendations or Commissioner requests to add, delete, or revise the agenda for April 21, 2026. There were none.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
None

PRESIDENT'S REPORT
President Cohen shared updates on upcoming District events. Executive Director Knitter asked if any Commissioner would like to attend the State of the Village with her. President Cohen said yes, and Commissioners Venouziou and Coleman said maybe.

STAFF REPORTS

Business Services
Knitter shared a few updates on behalf of Superintendent of Business Services Chris Webber.

She highlighted that the District received the GFOA & PAFR awards. She also mentioned that window treatments are being purchased for a few offices and the boardroom at FHCC.

Knitter shared the monthly financial report and noted that HR has been very busy, just secured 3 full-time roles, and that seasonal hiring is going well.

Knitter shared a few kind words as she informed the board that Dave Lenzen, a custodian of 30 years for the District, passed away unexpectedly last week

Planning & Development
Superintendent of Planning & Development Ryan Bordewick opened his board report with an action item,

Staff recommended that the Board authorize the bid for the 2026 Playground Replacements Project – Site Work, CRP #26-03c-01.

MOTION by Mahoney and seconded by Coleman to authorize the bid for the 2026 Playground Replacements Project – Site Work, CRP #26-03c-01.

AYES: Mahoney, Coleman, Venouziou, Cohen
NAYS: None

ABSENT: Perry

MOTION CARRIED.

Ryan Bordewick gave an update on Jubilee Point Park, noting that progress has been made but that April weather has made it very difficult. Ryan said there should be substantial completion by mid-June and it will not impact Jubilee at all.

President Cohen asked whether Jubilee has any safety concerns, and Knitter replied that we do not anticipate any, but if so, fencing will be put up to prevent public access.

Bordewick went on updating the board on the challenge course. He noted that the staff is finalizing the location at Jefferson Junior High.

Knitter added that she reached out to Senator Ventura and is reaching out to Senator Curran as well about the challenge course to see if any state funds could help or if they would partner with them.

Parks
Parks Maintenance Manager Chris Blaugh opened his report with 3 action items,

Staff recommended that the Board accept National Auto Fleet Group as the lowest responsible bidder secured through the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchase Program, and approve the purchase of a 2026 Ford Transit T-250 Cargo Van in the amount of $50,381.40 to include the recommended purchase options for the Trades Cargo Van Replacement, CRP #26-07.

MOTION by Coleman and seconded by Mahoney to accept National Auto Fleet Group as the lowest responsible bidder secured through the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchase Program, and approve the purchase of a 2026 Ford Transit T-250 Cargo Van in the amount of $50,381.40 to include the recommended purchase options for the Trades Cargo Van Replacement, CRP #26-07.

AYES: Coleman, Mahoney, Venouziou, Cohen
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Perry

MOTION CARRIED.

Staff recommended that the Board accept National Auto Fleet Group as the lowest responsible bidder secured through the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchase Program, and approve the purchase of a 2026 Ford F350 Super Duty 2wd dump truck in the amount of $54,371.22 to include the recommended purchase options for the Dump Truck Replacement, CRP #26-08.

MOTION by Coleman and seconded by Venouziou to accept National Auto Fleet Group as the lowest responsible bidder secured through the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchase Program, and approve the purchase of a 2026 Ford F350 Super Duty 2wd dump truck in the amount of $54,371.22 to include the recommended purchase options for the Dump Truck Replacement, CRP #26-08.

AYES: Coleman, Venouziou, Mahoney, Cohen
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Perry

MOTION CARRIED.

Staff recommended that the Board accept National Auto Fleet Group as the lowest responsible bidder secured through the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchase Program, and approve the purchase of a 2026 Ford F350 Super Duty 4WD dump truck in the amount of $56,805.96 to include the recommended purchase options per the Capital Replacement Program.

MOTION by Coleman and seconded by Mahoney to accept National Auto Fleet Group as the lowest responsible bidder secured through the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchase Program, and approve the purchase of a 2026 Ford F350 Super Duty 4wd dump truck in the amount of $56,805.96 to include the recommended purchase options per the Capital Replacement Program.

AYES: Coleman, Mahoney, Venouziou, Cohen
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Perry

MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Coleman asked where the funds were from 2 years ago, and whether we can use them elsewhere. Knitter explained that yes, we can re-allocate funds for another capital replacement project or keep them there to use when needed.

Chris Blaugh also mentioned Clean Up the Parks Day on Saturday, April 11th, was a great event with a massive turnout of 389 volunteers who picked up 108 bags of trash and various debris. He mentioned the next big event with staff is Arbor Day this Friday, April 24th, when WPD staff will plant over 300 seedlings and potted trees at Jubilee Point Park.

Facility Maintenance & Risk Management
Superintendent of Facility Maintenance & Risk Management John Karesh opened his report with 5 action items,

Staff recommended that the Board reject the bid dated April 8th from Vega Building Maintenance Inc. for the high-dusting project and, as an alternate, per the bid specifications for the Woodridge Park District High Dusting Services, ARC-MSP #26-03, and authorize staff to re-bid the project.

MOTION by Mahoney and seconded by Coleman to reject the bid dated April 8th, from Vega Building Maintenance Inc., for the high dusting project and alternate per the bid specifications for the Woodridge Park District High Dusting Services, ARC-MSP #26-03, and authorize staff to re-bid the project.

AYES: Mahoney, Coleman, Venouziou, Cohen
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Perry

MOTION CARRIED.

Staff recommended that the Board accept the proposal dated 4/10/26 from Martin Petersen and approve a contract in the amount of $24,400.00 to provide all labor and necessary work to complete the data room cooling work per specifications for the Woodridge Park District ARC Data Room Cooling Unit Project, ARC-CRP #26-03pc.

MOTION by Mahoney and seconded by Coleman to accept the proposal dated 4/10/26, from Martin Petersen, and approving a contract in the amount of $24,400.00, to provide all labor and necessary work to complete the data room cooling work per specifications for the Woodridge Park District ARC Data Room Cooling Unit Project, ARC-CRP #26-03pc.

AYES: Mahoney, Coleman Venouziou, Cohen
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Perry

MOTION CARRIED.

Staff recommended that the Board ratify the Executive Director's approval of the proposal, received March 18th, 2026, from Chicagoland Pool Management, in the amount of $20,900.00 for the repair of the stairs and slide of the Fan Boat Foam Repairs Project AMSP #26-04pc.

MOTION by Coleman and seconded by Venouziou to ratify the Executive Director's approval of the proposal, received March 18th, 2026, from Chicagoland Pool Management, in the amount of $20,900.00 for the repair of the stairs and slide of the Fan Boat Foam Repairs Project AMSP #26-04pc.

AYES: Coleman, Venouziou, Mahoney, Cohen
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Perry

MOTION CARRIED.

Staff recommended that the Board ratify the Executive Director's approval of the proposal received from Platinum Pool Construction Care in the amount of $8,691.00 for the replacement of the Cypress Cove Splash Pad Water Heater Project, ACRP #26-02pc.

MOTION by Mahoney and seconded by Venouziou to ratify the Executive Director's approval of the proposal received from Platinum Pool Construction Care in the amount of $8,691.00 for the replacement of the Cypress Cove Splash Pad Water Heater Project, ACRP #26-02pc.

AYES: Mahoney, Venouziou, Coleman, Cohen
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Perry

MOTION CARRIED.

President Cohen asked about the project's timeline, and John Karesh stated it would be completed well before opening day.

Karesh proceeded with the last action item,

Staff recommended that the Board authorize the Executive Director to

1. Determine that an emergency exists requiring immediate repair of the Cypress Cove Aquatic Park pool liners; and

2. Authorize the waiver of competitive bidding requirements pursuant to Policy IV.1.28 and 70 ILCS 1205/8-1(c); and

3. Authorize the Executive Director to solicit, negotiate, and execute a contract for the repair and/or installation of pool liners for the main, plunge, and lap pools, in an amount anticipated to exceed $30,000, subject to review and approval by PDRMA.

The Executive Director shall report the selected contractor and final contract amount to the Board at the next regular meeting for ratification.

MOTION by Mahoney and seconded by Venouziou to authorize the Executive Director to

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AYES: Mahoney, Venouziou, Coleman, Cohen
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Perry

MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Mahoney asked what the total cost would be to fix it. Knitter replied she is estimating possibly half a million dollars because, in order to fully fix the issue, it would have to be sandblasted, patched, and painted. Mahoney then asked if overlay would be the better option. Staff agreed. Knitter replied that staff need to come up with a solution this week and will be discussing the options to fix the liners.

Karesh also mentioned some issues occurring at the ARC. He explained that the MAC gym's safety pad walls are damaged due to years of players running into the pads, which have collapsed the drywall supports. Staff solicited 3 contractors for the repair and is working with Bowfinger Construction to replace the drywall with plywood to provide a sturdier backing to the wall safety pads. He went on to explain that the ARC's roof hail damage was repaired by Anthony Roofing. A total of 27 patches were applied to repair roof damage. Additional damage was found on the roof's HVAC ductwork insulation wrap. Areas of the wrap were fractured, allowing moisture to enter. Staff are actively working with PDRMA and contractors to complete this repair.

Karesh closed his report updating the board about the Cypress water leak. He said a water leak in an 8-inch PVC line between the filter building and the Lazy River has been confirmed. Staff met with Underground Imaging Corporation to discuss their options, and it was decided to address this leak, which most likely has been there for a couple of years, in the fall. At the time of the repair, Underground Imaging will be able to test additional pipes for leaks as it will have better camera access with the pipe exposed.

<u>Recreation & Aquatics</u>
Superintendent of Recreation Don Ritter opened up his board report with one action item,

Staff recommended that the Board approve the maximum funding amount available for Woodridge Park District childcare programs to qualifying Woodridge families of $600.00 per family, per year, for income based on federal free meal income guidelines and $400.00 per family per year based on federal reduced price meals income guidelines for the Childcare Financial Assistance Program.

MOTION by Coleman and seconded by Mahoney to approve the maximum funding amount available for Woodridge Park District childcare programs to qualifying Woodridge families of $600.00 per family, per year, for income based on federal free meal income guidelines and $400.00 per family per year based on federal reduced price meals income guidelines for the Childcare Financial Assistance Program.

AYES: Coleman, Mahoney, Venouziou, Cohen
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Perry

MOTION CARRIED.

Ritter continued by sharing a few FYIs. He shared the 2025 Recreation Report and noted on page 2 that the program cancellation percentage was a big difference from a year ago. It went from 24% to 18%, so the staff was very proud of that. Ritter mentioned that the District held its 3rd annual youth egg hunt with 7,000 eggs, and it had a great turnout. He also stated that staff sent letters to organizations to clarify their relationship with WPD.

He closed his report, sharing some bittersweet news: he will be retiring on June 30th, 2026, and there will be celebrations to be shared with the board.

Marketing & Community Engagement ("MCE")
Executive Director Jenny Knitter opened the marketing report, sharing that the quarterly newsletter and postcards are coming out this week and that Concept One videos are now out, highlighting the ARC and Jubilee Ale Trail.

Administration
No report

CONSENT AGENDA

F.1-17 President Cohen asked if any Commissioner had requested to remove any agenda item from the consent agenda for separate consideration and action. There were none.

MOTION by Mahoney and seconded by Perry to approve Consent Agenda Item #1 the minutes of the Regular Meeting held March 18, 2026, and Consent Agenda Items #2 through #17 for Vendor Payment, Payroll Ratification, and Program Refunds for a total amount $589.232.99.

1. Regular Board Meeting Minutes ..... March 18, 2026
2. Vendor Payment & Payroll Ratification Report (3/13/26 – 4/16/26) $589,232.99
3. Eco Clean Maintenance, Inc., ARC Facility Janitorial Services, MSP #24-01c, Payout #26 ..... $4,020.00
4. Chicagoland Pool Management, Hobson Splash Pad contractual service MSP#25-09pc Payout #2……$1,560.00
5. Excel Electric, Inc., ARC Urgent Lighting Replacement Project, ARC-MSP #26-02pc, Payout #1 (100%) …….....$26,300.00
6. Illinois Shotokan Karate, Inc., Martial Arts Program Instruction, Independent Contract Winter 2026 Session…..…… $12,369.60
7. LRS, Year-round Portable Toilet Unit, Payout #3……..$430.94
8. NuToys Leisure Products, Inc., Echo Point Park – Bench Replacement Purchase, CRP #25-04c-01, Payout #1 .....$10,716.00
9. Oak Brook Mechanical, Inc., FHCC Air Handler Coil Replacement, MSP #25-16pc, Payout #1 ..... $23,884.00
10. Prairie State Water Systems, Inc MSP#25-14pc Orchard Deep Well Pump Repair……..…….…….$18,692.00
11. Platinum Pool Construction Care, Cypress Cove Splash Pad Heater Project, ACRP #26-02pc, Payout #1 .....$4,400.00
12. RJ Thomas Mfg., Inc., Picnic Table Replacement Purchase, CRP #26-04pc, Payout #1 ..... $8,341.00
13. RVi, Town Centre Park Phase 2 – Final Design, CA #23-02ca, Payout #32 & #33 ..... $5,117.75
14. RVi, Jubilee Point Park Challenge Course – Design Services, CA #26-01ca, Payout #1 ..... $7,800.00
15. SBC Waste Solutions MPS #25-12 – Maintenance Facility Recycling Dumpster Service……$65.00
16. Schwartz Construction Group, Jubilee Point Park (Town Centre) Phase 2 – Development Project, CDP #24-04c-01, Payout #10 .....$106,456.93
17. Sikich, LLC, FYE 12/31/2025 Auditing Services, Payout #3..... $5,000.00

President Cohen requested a roll call vote to approve consent agenda items #1 through #17.

Upon a roll being called:

AYES: Mahoney, Coleman, Venouziou, and Cohen
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Perry

MOTION CARRIED.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT
Executive Director Jenny Knitter opened her report with 2 action items,

Staff recommended that the Board approve the revised Woodridge Park District's 2026 Annual Schedule of Meetings pursuant to the Open Meetings Act (5ILCS 120, et seq), to best align with additional time needed for anticipated actions to be brought for Board consideration in the month of July.

MOTION by Venouziou and seconded by Coleman to approve the revised Woodridge Park District's 2026 Annual Schedule of Meetings pursuant to the Open Meetings Act (5ILCS 120, et seq), to best align with additional time needed for anticipated actions to be brought for Board consideration in the month of July.

AYES: Venouziou, Coleman, Mahoney, Cohen
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Perry

MOTION CARRIED.

Staff recommended that the Board approve Ordinance No. 26-8, An Ordinance Adopting Additions to the Woodridge Park District Comprehensive Policies & Procedures Manual to include Policy VIII.9.19 Vehicle Backing Policy.

MOTION by Coleman and seconded by Mahoney to approve Ordinance No. 26-8, An Ordinance Adopting Additions to the Woodridge Park District Comprehensive Policies & Procedures Manual to include Policy VIII.9.19 Vehicle Backing Policy.

AYES: Coleman, Mahoney, Venouziou, Cohen
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Perry

MOTION CARRIED.

Knitter concluded her report by sharing the change to the July 28, 2026, meeting. She mentioned that the family of the Ide's East, the possible donation property, still wants to donate the property to the district, but with no funding. Knitter mentioned that she is meeting with legal counsel this Friday to further discuss if this is still a viable project for the district, if it can actually be used for public, and wants to have an actual architect come and get a cost estimate. With all of that being said, Knitter said she will have a proposal ready by the May or June board meeting and have the total cost to possibly put in the Strategic Masterplan. She closed with an update stating the SMP will now be delayed until Fall /Winter deadline. She also shared the IAPD alert about a potential bill that could have been passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SEASPAR
Knitter referred the Board to the report.

EX-OFFICIO REPORTS

Plan Commission

Knitter referred the Board to the report, noting the Village of Woodridge Monthly Development Projects Report was included.

Chamber of Commerce
No Report

Affiliated Athletic Associations
No report, but Ritter reminded staff and the board that the big WA tournament is next month.

BOARD UNFINISHED BUSINESS (OLD)
None

BOARD NEW BUSINESS
None

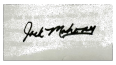
ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn was requested. MOTION by Mahoney, seconded by Coleman, to adjourn the regular board meeting at 8:27 p.m. President Cohen requested a voice vote to adjourn the regular board meeting of April 21, 2026.

Upon a roll of Commissioners being called, the following were

Present: Mahoney, Coleman, Venouziou, Perry, Cohen
Absent: Perry

ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted.



Jack Mahoney, Secretary