WOODRIDGE PARK DISTRICT
Fred C. Hohnke Community Center Regular Board Meeting
August 18, 2026

President Cohen called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners to order at 6:31 p.m. Upon a roll call of Commissioners being called, the following were

Present: Cohen, Coleman, Venouziou, Mahoney, Perry
Absent: None

Staff present: Knitter, Webber, Bordewick, Karesh, Blaugh, Norman, Knipfer, Esquivel
Absent: None

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA
President Bill Cohen asked whether staff had recommendations or Commissioners requested to add, delete, or revise the agenda for August 18, 2026. There were none.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
None

PRESIDENT'S REPORT
President Cohen opened the Board Report, with Superintendent Ryan Bordewick recognizing Suzy Ravasio, Administrative and Project Specialist in Planning and Development, on her 15-year anniversary with the District. Ryan shared some kind words and expressed his appreciation for Suzy and her many years of dedicated service to the District. Executive Director Jenny Knitter then recognized Rick Knipfer, Superintendent of Recreation, who celebrated five years with the District. Executive Director Knitter also recognized Lisa Oskorep, who celebrated 10 years as a Totschool teacher, and Caitlin Meehan, who celebrated five years as a Totschool teacher. She continued by recognizing Fitness Attendant Alexandra Linsenmann on her five-year anniversary with the District.

Superintendent of Facility Management/Risk Management John Karesh shared words of appreciation for Kevin Hertko, who celebrated his five-year anniversary with the District. Karesh also recognized Carlos Ocampo, who will be retiring on September 11 after 26 years of dedicated service to the District.

President Cohen then shared a list of upcoming events in Woodridge. He closed the report by leading staff in a moment of silence in remembrance of Bob Reichert, a Woodridge veteran, and Sean Patrick Durkin, a Village of Woodridge Trustee. President Cohen concluded by highlighting upcoming special events, including the Fishing Derby with Senator Curran.

President Cohen closed his report with one action item,

Staff recommended that the Board approve the revised Woodridge Park District 2026 Annual Schedule of Meetings pursuant to the Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120, et seq) to accommodate the change to the December Regular Board Meeting start time, beginning at 5:00 pm.

MOTION by Perry, seconded by Mahoney, to approve the revised Woodridge Park District 2026 Annual Schedule of Meetings pursuant to the Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120, et seq) to accommodate the change to the December Regular Board Meeting start time, beginning at 5:00 pm.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

STAFF REPORTS

Business Services
Deputy Director/Superintendent of Business Services Chris Webber requested the Board's feedback regarding whether the District should maximize the tax levy. After discussion, the Board agreed to maximize the levy, resulting in a projected 3.12% levy increase. Based on current projections, the increase attributed to the District's levy would result in an estimated $20 increase for the average resident on their 2027 property tax bill.

Planning & Development
Superintendent of Planning & Development Ryan Bordewick opened his Board Report with an update on the progress of Jubilee Point Park (JPP). The project is expected to be completed by the end of September, weather permitting. The JPP Grand Opening is scheduled for Saturday, October 31. Bordewick also provided an update on the Challenge Course, noting that the necessary playground equipment and permit are being coordinated to complete the course by October 31. The equipment is expected to arrive by September. Bordewick then updated the Board on Triangle Park, specifically regarding an erosion issue at the site. Staff is investigating the issue and determining whether PDRMA may cover the repairs.

Parks
Parks Maintenance Manager Chris Blaugh opened his report with one action item,

Staff recommended that the Board ratify the Executive Director's approval of Change Order #2 to Advance Landscape Inc., for a net increase in the amount of $4,000.00 for the 2026 Summer Tree Removal and Pruning, MSP# 26-08.

MOTION by Mahoney, seconded by Perry to ratify the Executive Director's approval of Change Order #2 to Advance Landscape Inc., for a net increase in the amount of $4,000.00 for the 2026 Summer Tree Removal and Pruning, MSP# 26-08.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Facility Maintenance & Risk Management
Superintendent of Facility Maintenance & Risk Management John Karesh opened his report by updating the board on the 3-day ARC deep-cleaning project completed while the facility was closed. He also reported that all facilities are making changes and conducting active threat training at all 3 facilities.

Recreation & Aquatics
Superintendent of Recreation, Rick Knipfer, provided an update on recent weather conditions and their impact on District programs and events. He informed the Board that Cypress Cove is now closed Monday through Friday.

Rick also shared that Motion Explosion was a great success, with approximately 800–850 attendees. He gave special recognition to Stephany Hoch, Recreation Supervisor, for doing an outstanding job overseeing camp during her first year, particularly while working with new counselors. Rick concluded his report by announcing that Kids Squad will begin Thursday.

Marketing & Community Engagement ("MCE")
Executive Director Jenny Knitter referred the board to the report for review but noted that the department is preparing social media and marketing materials for all upcoming fall events.

Administration
No report

CONSENT AGENDA
F.1-21 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 Venouziou to approve Consent Agenda Item #1, the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held June 16, 2026 and Consent Agenda Items #2 through #21 for Vendor Payment, Payroll Ratification, and Program Refunds for a total amount $956,495.68.

1. Regular Board Meeting Minutes ..... July 28, 2026
2. Vendor Payment & Payroll Ratification Report (7/24/26 – 8/13/26) $956,495.68
3. 72 Hour LLC, Crew Van Replacement..... $50,381.40
4. 72 Hour LLC, F250 4x4 Replacement $50,635.23
5. Advance Landscaping, LLC, Summer Tree Removals and Pruning..... $12,750.00
6. Chicagoland Pool Management, Hobson Splash Pad contractual service MSP#25-09pc Payout #6..... $520.00
7. Denler, Inc., 2026 Asphalt Resealing Project, CRP #26-02c, Payout #1-2..... $44,331.40
8. Eco Clean Maintenance, Inc., ARC Facility Janitorial Services, MSP #24-01c, July..... $3,970.00
9. First Student, Inc., Summer Camp Transportation, July 24 – August 10 ..... $20,023.15
10. Hawkins, Inc., Cypress Cove Aquatic Chemicals $16,101.51
11. Integrated Lakes Management, Inc., Contracted Natural Area Maintenance $1,198.70
12. Midwest Groundcovers, LLC., Plant Material Purchase for Summer Planting Project..... $11,079.94
13. Paulson Press Inc., Fall Postcard Printing..... $2,500.00
14. Play Illinois, LLC., 2026 Playground Renovations Project – Equipment Purchase (Westminster Park), CRP #26-03c-03, Payout #1 ..... $123,652.00
15. RVi, Jubilee Point Park Challenge Course – Design Services, CA #26-01ca, Payout #4..... $3,562.50
16. Schwartz Construction Group, Jubilee Point Park (Town Centre) Phase 2 – Development Project, CDP #24-04c-01, Payout #14 ..... $197,404.88
17. Semmer Landscape, Contract Mowing MSP#25-01, 2026 Mowing Payouts #4..... $4,976.00
18. Serve and Protect Law, LLC, Cypress and Maintenance Safety Training, Payout #1,60%... ..... $3,000.00
19. Steve Piper and Sons, Inc, Chip Pile Removal Project..... $13,100.00
20. Webster, McGrath & Ahlberg, LTD., Lake Harriet & Janes Avenue Park ADA Improvements – Engineering Services, CA #23-06ca, Payout #19 ..... $500.00
21. Woodridge School District, 2025-2026 Kids Squad Bus Service..... $12,479.46

Upon a roll being called:
AYES: Mahoney, Venouziou, Perry, Coleman, Cohen
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED

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

Staff recommended that the Board approve Ordinance No. 26-14, An Ordinance Determining Personal Property No Longer Necessary or Useful to the Woodridge Park District and Authorizing Its Conveyance or Sale.

MOTION by Mahoney, seconded by Venouziou, to approve Ordinance No. 26-13, An Ordinance Setting Forth Provision for Compliance with the Illinois Freedom of Information Act.

AYES: Mahoney, Venouziou, Coleman, Perry, Cohen

NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Staff recommended that the Board approve Resolution No. 26-10, A Resolution Authorizing the Disposal of Records.

MOTION by Coleman, seconded by Perry, to approve Resolution No. 26-10, A Resolution Authorizing the Disposal of Records.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SEASPAR
No 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

BOARD UNFINISHED BUSINESS (OLD)
None

BOARD NEW BUSINESS
None

ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business before the Board, President Cohen requested a voice vote to adjourn the meeting on August 18, 2026, at 7:22 p.m.

Upon a roll call of Commissioners being called, the following were

Present: Mahoney, Coleman, Venouziou, Perry, Cohen
Absent: None

ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted.



Jack Mahoney, Secretary