

MEETING MINUTES FROM PARK COMMISSION

March 11, 2026

In attendance: Marie Iozzo, Ed Sell, Tom Richter, Melinda Keck, Jack Berry, Zach Ingram

Absent:

Village Board Liaison: Emily Miller

I. CALL TO ORDER-The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT-No comments were made.

III. CONSENT AGENDA-Minutes from the **September 10, 2025** meeting were approved by motion from **Zach Ingram**, seconded by **Ed Sell**.

IV. NEW BUSINESS- The Commission reviewed mowing responsibilities and discussed the use of new equipment, noting that training will be required.

Maintenance needs for park signage were also reviewed. Several of the Village's five park locations require attention, and some parks have multiple signs that will need repair or replacement.

Preparations for Arbor Day were discussed. Trees have been ordered for 44 school children, and the Village will also celebrate Arbor Day by giving away trees at the Wayne Post Office on the Friday of Arbor Day.

The Commission discussed the possibility of a community contest to guess the date the crabapple trees will bloom along Amy Trail Road, where more than 60 trees line the roadway. The goal is to encourage residents to notice and appreciate this seasonal display. Emily Miller will develop a proposal for the contest and potential award.

The Commission also discussed hosting another "Silent Serenity" reading event in one of the Village parks.

A reminder was shared about the Wayne Community Association's annual roadside trash pick-up on Saturday, April 11, and the sign-up link will be circulated to the Commission.

Looking ahead to future programming, the Commission discussed the possibility of hosting a Maple Syrup demonstration or class next year, which would take place in early March.

Finally, the Commission discussed organizing a wildflower walk at Deerwood Farm in July, when the flowers are expected to be most vibrant.

V. OLD BUSINESS- Emily will inquire with the Wayne Police Department whether trash trucks operating without properly closed baffles constitute a violation. If so, she will ask that the Police Department give additional attention to enforcing this requirement.

VI. ADJOURNMENT-The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m., motioned by **Tom Richter**, seconded by **Ed Sell**.