

Winnemac Park Advisory Council
Monthly Meeting Minutes
Wednesday March 12, 2025

Voting Members Present:

Chelsea Brown	Sarah Harpring
Russ Kletke	David Cady
Amy Williamson	Anne Sylvan
Tessa Groll	Mary O'Connor
Jacob Schuster	

New / Potential Members

Claire Howard

Katherine Kadunc Bronwyn Galloway

Chicago Park District Representatives

Lisa Ragucci

Jacob called the meeting to order at 6:21

2/19/25 Meeting Minutes Approved

3/12/25 Agenda Approved

Park Supervisor's Report: Lisa Ragucci

- Day Camp will be June 23 - August 1st, running 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Movie in the Park scheduled for June 14th. Diary of a Wimpy Kid
- Shakespeare's Motley Crew will perform weekends August 2nd to 31st.
- No one has asked to review the binder.

Committee Reports

Nature Committee - Amy Williamson

- April 26th is Friends of the Parks Earth Day Clean-up from 9 am to Noon. 20 people have registered to help.
- The last Saturday of every month Amy will lead a work day in the park from 9 to Noon.
- Edward will be leading walk and talks the park this summer but no dates have been set yet.

- First Friday in April, Park District (Edward) will be doing a walk thru to evaluate the health of our prairie.

FFA - Russ Kletke

- Chelsea is chairing the family activities. Reports that the puppet bike and magician will be returning. Talking with Soccer Stars, Jiu Jitsu and other possibilities. Ideas are welcome.
- Looking for a couple of musicians for 3 - 6 pm
- Considering 'flow arts' class taught by Full Moon Jam
- Food truck chairman has been identified. More trucks are needed for this year
- Fund raising: Russ has approached businesses on Damen from Balmoral to Wilson. Provided us with a letter to use for potential donors. Jake reports that donations are coming in strong. Looking for volunteers to approach schools and large businesses, e.g. Temple Steel.
- Looking for more volunteers

Performance Arts - David Cady

- Shakespeare in the Park will be performing Love's Labor Lost this summer but the date has not yet been set.

Administrative / Toilets in the Park - Jacob Schuster

- Hoping to set up internal bathroom committee meeting in April.
- Lisa has heard that there is one porta potty slated for the park nearer to Chappell School

Old Business: Special Election for Executive Board

Results official as quorum has been established with 9 voting members

a. President

Candidates: Jacob Schuster

Votes : 9 in favor

b. Vice President

Candidates: Deb Miretsky

Votes: 9 in favor

c. Secretary

Candidates: Sarah Harpring & Tessa Groll as job sharing

Votes: 9 in favor

d. Treasurer

Candidates: No active member interest.

Claire Howard has shown interest and is likely a future candidate.

New Business: Jacob Schuster

- Reviewed past events and suggested that we need all ideas for broadening our base of events for the park.

- Board needs to meet asap, as soon as confirmed, to get going on their new roles, get fingerprinted, etc.

We voted to add an April meeting on the second Wednesday.

Jacob to find us a place to meet. Gio's Bar Grill on Damen was suggested.

Jacob adjourned the meeting at 7:15.