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VILLAGE OF VILLA PARK
Village Hall, Board Chambers
20 South Ardmore Avenue
Villa Park, IL 60181

Community Recreation Commission

January 28, 2026

7:00 PM

Chair Person: Katie Wagner

Commissioners: Nate Cook, John Dorhauer, Darryl Thompson, Tammy Henderson

Board Liaison: Trustee Cari Alfano

Staff Liaison: Suzanne Earl

- 1. Call to Order - Roll Call**
- 2. Public Comments on Agenda Items**
- 3. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items**
- 4. Amendments to the Agenda**
- 5. Approval of Minutes**
 - a. Approval of Meeting Minutes from 12/17/25
- 6. New Business**
 - a. Discussion of Sign In Process
- 7. Unfinished Business**
 - a. Jefferson Pool Recommendation to the Board of Trustees
 - b. Lufkin Summer Concert Series
- 8. Commissioner Comments**
- 9. Chairman Comments**
- 10. Village Board Liaison Comments**
- 11. Staff Liaison Comments**
- 12. Adjournment**

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Park Recreation Center
320 E. Wildwood Ave
Villa Park, IL 60181
Community Recreation Commission
December 17, 2025

Chair Person: Katie Wagner

Commissioners: Nate Cook, John Dorhauer, Darryl Thompson, Tammy Henderson

Board Liaison: Trustee Cari Alfano

Staff Liaison: Gina M. Racanelli

1. Call to order: 6:01pm

Present: John Dorhauer, Nate Cook, Darryl Thompson, Cari Alfano, Gina M. Racanelli

2. Public Comments on Agenda Items

3. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

4. Amendments to the Agenda

- Motion to add public comments on agenda items after 6. Unfinished business

5. Approval of Minutes

a. Meeting Minutes 10/22/2025

- Motion by John second by Darryl, all in favor.

6. Unfinished Business

a. Discussion of Jefferson Pools future and possible recommendation to the Board of Trustees

Group discussed bringing this back to January for final discussion with Nate's proposal to January and then use that to make recommendation to the board.

b. Lufkin Summer Concert Series

- New concert series during the summer and have 3 performances once a month. Ideas like food trucks, pop up stands, VP library,

- Look into what times of day this might work. Would love to see a daytime performance maybe geared towards families.
- Possibility to hold some local talent
- Budget is limited
- Rotate different acts/ideas each month
- Reach out to local music stores

c. Jefferson Pool Digital Pool Pass Status

- Can't do this with current formatting

7. Chair and Commissioner Comments

Spoke about the appreciation for the first townhall and look forward to doing this again next year.

8. Board Liaison Comments

9. Staff Liaison Comments

Gina gave updates on numbers for the year.

11. Adjournment

Villa Park Community Aquatic & Learning Center

Jefferson Pool Replacement – 7-Year Capital Plan Summary

Prepared by the Jefferson Pool Replacement Committee | January 2026

Project Overview

The Village of Villa Park proposes replacing the aging Jefferson Pool with a modern, accessible, and energy-efficient aquatic and learning facility. This new center will serve as a long-term community asset, combining aquatic recreation with classroom space for education, safety training, and wellness programs.

Key Facility Features

- 8-lane competition pool (25 yards)
- Zero-depth leisure pool with water slide and play features
- Modern bathhouse with locker rooms and concessions
- 6,000 sq. ft. building with 3 classrooms and staff offices
- Sustainable systems designed to reduce long-term operating costs

Budget Overview (2025 Dollars)

Category	Estimated Cost
Demolition & Site Preparation	\$550,000
8-Lane Competition Pool	\$3,800,000
Leisure Pool & Slide Area	\$1,000,000
Bathhouse & Support Facilities	\$1,500,000
Classroom & Office Building	\$2,100,000
Site Amenities & Landscaping	\$700,000
Contingency (15%)	\$1,300,000
Total Project Cost	\$10.95 million

7-Year Project Timeline

- 2026–2027: Planning, community engagement, and feasibility refinement
- 2028–2029: Design development, engineering, and permitting
- 2030–2031: Funding strategy, grants, and approvals
- 2032–2033: Construction phase
- Target Grand Opening: Summer 2033

Key Findings from Prior Studies

- Williams Architects (2013) concluded Jefferson Pool has reached the end of its useful life due to structural deterioration, water loss, and code violations.
- The 2019 Feasibility Study confirmed strong resident demand for a new aquatic facility and found repair-only options to be cost-ineffective.
- Both studies recommend full facility replacement rather than continued investment in aging infrastructure.

Next Steps

1. Board approval to initiate planning and public engagement in 2026.
2. Begin funding strategy discussions and grant identification.
3. Advance design and engineering phases beginning in 2028.
4. Prepare construction documents and bidding by 2032.
5. Commence construction with a 2033 opening target.

VP Lufkin Park Concert Series

Summary

The Villa Park Community Recreation Commission would like to propose a new summer concert series during the summer at the new band shell at Lufkin Park. Due to space limitations presented by the band shell and concern for noise complaints from nearby residents, these performances would feature smaller groups of musicians with minimal amplification, and performing groups may include singer/songwriters, chamber ensembles, small jazz groups, or other similarly-sized groups. The CRC proposes offering six total events for 2026 - twice monthly, with one featuring a hired professional act and one featuring open-invitation community engagement - with the possibility to expand to more frequent performances in future years depending on the success and interest in these initial performances. The community engagement events could take the form of open mic, karaoke, or other open-invitation style performances.

In addition to offering live music, these events would offer other opportunities for community engagement. These might include offering options for purchasing food and beverage from local vendors (food trucks, carts/pop-up stands from local coffee shops) for picnic meals, family story time by the Villa Park Public Library, and family-friendly leisure activities such as cornhole. The playground and splash pads would also be available to utilize for families attending the performances.

This concert series would offer the following benefits to Villa Park:

- Community engagement
- Family-friendly performances, entertainment options
- Utilization of a new public resource (Lufkin band shell)
- Opportunity for local food/drink vendors
- Cultural experience through musical diversity

Budget/Logistics

- Musicians - \$300-1,000 per performance
 - \$300 per performing musician, up to \$1,000
- PA

- VP Parks & Rec has a microphone/speaker that can be used for talking and vocals for performers with vocals
 - Musicians would provide any additional equipment needed
- Food/drink vendors
 - Food trucks would pay a fee TBD to operate at these performances
- Restrooms
 - These are already available on-site, and additional portable toilets would not be necessary
- Refuse receptacles
 - TBD
- Promotion/community signage
 - TBD

Midday vs. Evening

Midday benefits

- Geared towards families, particularly with younger children
- No current midday concerts offered in Villa Park
- Minimize noise complaints

Evening benefits

- After-work hours

Schedule - biweekly? monthly?

Other events for series

- Open mic
- Karaoke