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

Community Recreation Commission

March 25, 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 2/25/26
 - b. Approval of Special Meeting Minutes from 3/10/26
- 6. New Business**
 - a. Sports Equipment Swap
- 7. Unfinished Business**
 - a. Recommendations for Lufkin Park Concert Series
 - b. After Hours Rentals
 - c. Culinary Classes Updates
- 8. Commissioner Comments**
- 9. Chairperson Comments**
- 10. Village Board Liaison Comments**
- 11. Staff Liaison Comments**
- 12. Adjournment**

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Recreation Commission Agenda 2/25/2026

Attendance: Nathan Cook, Katie Wagner, John Dorhauer, Darryl Thompson, Tammy Henderson
Sue Earl

1. Call to order at 7:00pm
2. Public Comments on Agenda Items
3. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items
4. Amendments to the Agenda
5. Approval of Minutes
 - Motion by Darryl, second by John, approved by all
- a. Meeting Minutes 1/28/26
6. New Business
 - a. Soccer Drill Resources
 - John has put together a skill document with the help of volunteer coaches to pass out to all coaches during the season.
 - b. Umpire and Soccer Officiating Training Programs
 - Looking into offering training classes for umpires/referees for all youth sports. Look into getting this into the fall brochure. Geared toward youth/high school students but open to everyone
 - c. After Hour Rentals
 - Looking into rentals for hours after 9pm during the week and after 6pm. Next step is discussion with Director Tim Howe and Brian Roche and see if that's a possibility.
7. Unfinished Business
 - a. Updates on Jefferson Pool and Lufkin Park Concert Series
 - Recommendation for pool is going to board for approval
 - John and Katy meeting with members of the FUN commission to move forward
 - Looking to lock down specific dates for Concert Series. Propose two dates by the next meeting.
8. Public Comments
9. Chair and Commissioner Comments
 - No comments
10. Board Liaison Comments
11. Staff Liaison Comments
 - Staff met with D45 to discuss soccer field space due to old Iowa fields not being used. Revisit the possibility of using Rotary Park and space near Highridge (owned by D88).
 - Thank John for soccer skills/drills to share with coaches
 - Culinary class breakdown
 - Pool pass recommendations for 2026 season.
 - Discussion among board about discounted rates for seniors daily and possibility of non-resident seniors to also receive a discount. What do other towns do? Can we look into a bigger discount for after July 10th.
12. Adjournment
 - Next meeting is March 25th, 7pm

- Motion to adjourn by John, second by Nate. Approved by all.

Community Recreation Commission

March 10, 2026 6:00 PM

Chair Person: Katie Wagner

Commissioners: Nate Cook, 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
 - Cheryl Tucker wanting to add after 4pm daily admissions for seniors/military
3. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items
4. Amendments to the Agenda
5. New Business
 - a. Recommendations for 2026 Jefferson Pool Fees
 - Thoughts on adding early bird for non resident/unincorporated.
 - Can we see how many people come after 4pm and check daily numbers.
 - Motion to make recommendation for 2026 Jefferson Pool Fees by Daryl, second by Nate. Approved by all.
 - b. Recommendations for Villa Park Recreation Center Non-Resident Youth & Senior Fees
 - Plan to change annual track only membership for youth/seniors from \$80 to \$60 and moving non resident open gym rates from \$60 to \$80
 - Motion to make recommendation as stated by Nate, second by Tammy. Approved by all
 - c. Confirm Dates for Lufkin Concert Series
 - Dates for concert Tuesday 6/2 and Tuesday 7/7 on 12:30-1:30pm and 6:30-7:30pm.
 - Motion for Lufkin Concert Series by Nate, second by Daryl, approved by all.
 - Reach out to the FUN Commission for help with planning.
6. Unfinished Business
7. Commissioner Comments
 - Nate-Thanks to Sue Earl for putting this together and coming up with a plan going forward
 - Daryl- Love that we are looking out for seniors and unincorporated residents
8. Chairman Comments
9. Village Board Liaison Comments
 - Please include Trustee Alfano in planning for concert
 - Thanks to Sue for putting this together quickly
10. Staff Liaison Comments
11. Adjournment
 - Motion to adjourn by Tammy by 6:26pm, second by Nate, approved by all.

VP Lufkin Park Concert Series

Event Description:

The Villa Park Community Recreation Commission presents a new summer family entertainment series at the new band shell at Lufkin Park. The first event will be a midday open mic performance on [TBD], and the other would be an evening karaoke performance on [TBD]. In addition to offering live music, these events would offer other opportunities for community engagement. These will 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 and crafts. The playground and splash pad will also be available to utilize for families attending the performances.

Summary (updated February 2026)

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 two total events for 2026 - one will be a midday open mic performance on a Tuesday in June, and the other would be an evening karaoke performance on a Tuesday in July. Our hope is that this series will expand next year to include professional groups if budgetary funds are possible.

In addition to offering live music, these events would offer other opportunities for community engagement. These will 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 and crafts. The playground and splash pad 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

To-Do list:

- Dates/times (6/2, 9, 16, 23, 30 / 7/7, 14, 21, 28)
- Secure [permit](#)
- Secure mic/speaker
- Contact food/drink vendors
- Contact VPPL

Summary (original)

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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.

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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?

June Tuesday midday

July Tuesday evening

Other events for series

- Open mic
- Karaoke
- P&R class performances
- Talent show winners

Involvement with Fun Commission