

Public participation is invited. When called upon, please approach the microphone and state your name. Kindly limit your remarks to three (3) minutes.

**VILLAGE OF VILLA PARK**  
**Village Hall, Committee of the Whole Room**  
**20 S. Ardmore Avenue**  
**Villa Park, IL 60181**

**Community F.U.N Commission**

**April 28, 2026**

**5:30 PM**

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Chairperson: Michelle McDonald

Commissioners: Eliza Diederich, Kathy Halloran, Mary Brunner-Hintze, Carlus Jackson, Leslie Allison-Seei, Madeline Flaskamp and Junior Commissioners Azana Jackson and Bridget Krigsholm

Board Liaison: Trustee Cari Alfano

Staff Liaison: Brian Roche

- 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. Consent Agenda**
  - a. Approval of Meeting Minutes from January 27, 2026; February 24, 2026; and March 24, 2026
- 6. Business**
  - a. Villa Fest Subcommittee Update — Leslie
  - b. Update on Illinois Prairie Path Cleanup, April 25 — Leslie & Michelle
  - c. Update on Fairy Frolic, May 9 & Vote on Additional Funds — Leslie & Michelle
  - d. Discussion & Vote on Approval of Volunteer Recruitment Link Set Up by Lily for Villa Fest & Autumn Jubilee
  - e. Status on Halfway to St. Patrick's Day — Carlus
  - f. Revisit Discussion & Vote on Beer Vendor at Autumn Jubilee due to Shift in Events
  - g. Update on Kites 'n Kicks, June 14, Discussion & Vote on Signage and Other Expenses — Eliza
  - h. Updates on Happy 250th Birthday America Poster Contest and Gallery — Mary
  - i. 4th of July Parade Update, Registration Deadline June 1 — Mary

- j. Autumn Jubilee Update & Vendor Processing Protocol/Deadlines — Leslie & Eliza

- 7. **Commissioner Comments**
- 8. **Chairperson and Co-Chairperson Comments**
- 9. **Village Board Liaison Comments**
- 10. **Village Staff Comments**
- 11. **Adjournment**

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F.U.N. Commission Meeting minutes from Tuesday, January 27, 2026 held at the Village Hall, Committee of the Whole Room, 20 S. Ardmore Avenue, Villa Park, IL 60181.

1. Call To Order – Roll Call, 5:33 pm. Michelle McDonald, Eliza Diederich, Kathy Halloran, Mary Brunner-Hintze, Leslie Allison-Seei, Madeline Flaskamp. Note: Carlus Jackson arrived at 6:10 pm.

Also in attendance: Village Board Liaison: Trustee Khalid Sabri attended until Trustee Cari Alfano arrived.

Village Staff Liaison: Brian Roche

2. Public Comments on Agenda Items - President Kevin Patrick commented on Agenda Item e, Villa Park Summer Fest. There used to be a Summer Fest Commission to plan event. Recently, the Villa Park Recreation Department Staff has been planning the event. President Patrick is forming a sub-committee task force to re-vamp the planning process and rename the festival to Villa Fest. The sub-committee will be involved in planning other events in the Village as well. A report from this sub-committee will be given at the F.U.N. Commission Meeting each month. Villa Fest will have music, vendors and food Friday night, Carnival rides will be added Saturday night. Carlus Jackson and Leslie Allison-Seei would like to be part of the sub-committee.
3. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items - None
4. Amendments to the Agenda – None
5. Consent Agenda – Leslie motioned to approve the Tuesday, December 23, 2025 meeting minutes and Mary seconded. Madeline motioned to approve the December 9, 2025 meeting minutes and Kathy seconded.
6. Business – Updates to Upcoming & Past Events
  - a. Update on Transition with new F.U.N. Commission Chairperson – Michelle McDonald is our new Chairperson appointed by President Kevin Patrick.
  - b. Develop Event Schedule for 2026
    - . Saturday, April 25 is the Prairie Path Cleanup and Spring Sweep is in May. These were events the F.U.N. Commission has participated in the past. Mary suggested involving the Green Commission in both events. Mary also suggested the Garden Club can be involved in the Landscape Awards.
    - . July 4 Parade, 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Mary has many ideas for this event
    - . Paws in the Path – separate event from Autumn Jubilee possibly taking place at Lions Park instead of the Prairie Path
    - . September 17 – halfway to St. Patrick’s Day. Carlus suggested.
    - . Carlus suggested a Pickleball Tournament and/or a volleyball tournament that could be held at Lufkin, Rotary Park, Franklin Park or Twin Lakes
    - . Leslie suggested a Fairy Walk on the Prairie Path in May possibly for Mother’s Day

- . Michelle suggested a Murder Mystery event  
Two events were decided upon.
- . Kites N’ Kicks will be held June 14, 2026.
- . Autumn Jubilee will be held October 10, 2026.

Mary commented there should be a Village Master Calendar since there are a lot of events happening on the Prairie Path. Brian Roche will talk with Riley 1/28 as there is a Village Rentals/Events Calendar

Assign Tasks for Finding Lucky event. Event will be in March. Eliza has already purchased the Lucky’s and she will find the businesses. Madeline will create flyer. Brian Roche commented that there is a marketing policy in the Village that needs to go through Riley and Lily.

- c. Confirm and clarify roles of each F.U.N. Commissioner
    - . Creation of a Vice-Chairperson position. Carlus nominated Mary but she did not want the position. Carlus nominated Leslie and Mary seconded and Commission voted for Leslie to be Vice-Chairperson.
  - d. Recognize Mary Brunner-Hintze for her service in 2025. It was a unanimous decision that Mary did a fantastic job leading the F.U.N. Commission in 2025. Thank you Mary!
  - e. Villa Park Fest – Eliza commented that she did not think the use of the word “task force” to describe the work of the sub-committee was appropriate. Suggested we use the word sub-committee.
7. Commissioner Comments – Eliza brought the marketing gear she purchased and needs help with finishing touches. Kathy commented that changes to the Agenda after submission to the Village for publishing took her off guard. Mary has many more ideas for 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade so be prepared. Leslie and Carlus thanked Mary and congratulated Michelle.
  8. Chairperson Comments – Michelle asked everyone to be patient with her
  9. Village Board Liaison Comments – Cari Alfano thanked Mary and congratulated Michelle.
  10. Village Staff Comments – None
  11. Adjournment – 6:59 pm. Carlus motioned and Leslie seconded

Respectfully submitted – Kathy Halloran, F.U.N. Commission Secretary

F.U.N. Commission Meeting minutes from Tuesday, February 24, 2026, held at the Village Hall, Committee of the Whole Room, 20 S. Ardmore Avenue, Villa Park, IL 60181.

1. Call to Order – Roll Call, 5:35 pm. Michelle McDonald, Leslie Allison-Seei, Eliza Diederich, Kathy Halloran, Mary Brunner-Hintze, Carlus Jackson, Junior Commissioner Azana Jackson.

Also in attendance: Village Staff Liaison: Brian Roche

2. Public Comments on Agenda Items – None
3. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items – None
4. Amendments to the Agenda – None
5. Consent Agenda – Leslie motioned to approve the Tuesday, January 27, 2026 meeting minutes and Carlus seconded.
6. Business
  - a. Villa Fest Subcommittee Update - The formation of the Villa Fest Subcommittee officially passed at last night's Village Board meeting (2/23/26). The first subcommittee is scheduled for Tuesday, March 3 at 7:00 pm at Village Hall.
  - b. "Find Lucky" Contest Update – (4) businesses. The flyer was approved by the Village and the flyers will be distributed by Eliza.
  - c. Illinois Prairie Path Cleanup Update – Event is April 25, 2026 from 9am – Noon at the Museum Gazebo. Friends of the IL Prairie Path oversees the event and all volunteers need to register at [lpp.org/cleanup](http://lpp.org/cleanup). LeeAnne House, Commissioner from the Green Commission is looking to partner with the F.U.N Commission. Brian Roche can help with promotion of event and can share digital flyer. Volunteer list will be sent from Friends of the IL Prairie Path in March for a meeting to be held at the Museum Gazebo.
  - d. Discussion Regarding Partnership with Community Recreation Commission for Summer Open Mic Event – Place of event Lufkin Bandshell. Tentative plan is for 2 different concerts. Karaoke – kid friendly – on a Tuesday afternoon. Eliza suggested story time. Adults – open mic. More P.R. needed.
  - e. Idea for "Fairy Walk" Event – Idea for name is F.U.N. Fairy Fling. Azana added it could be F.U.N. Fairy Frolic. Event would be short, 1 hour, and potentially on Mother's Day, May 10. Recreation Center Garden Area is a potential place to hold event or Prairie Path. Highlight Villa Park as a "Garden Village".

- . Find the Fairies – give a prize – tie strings on branches
  - . Design a Fairy House – give out seeds
  - . Cards – hidden
  - . Arts/Crafts – children could create their own fairy wings
- f. Wienermobile Update – Mary sent in application for Wienermobile. Animal Adoption event – Paws on the Path suggested for August 15 at Twin Lakes. These would be two separate events.
- g. “Happy 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday America” Presentation – Poster Gallery and Contest for 3 different age groups, 1 -7; 8-15 and 16- 250. Posters 11 x 14 on poster board and displayed on running track walls of Villa Park Recreation Center (VPRC). One winner per age group. Posters would be taken down June 26 to judge and winners would be announced July 4, 2026. Gallery Opening Date: TBD This would be a 2-hour event like Hokusai and would take place on the outside terrace of VPRC. Azana suggested playing Hamilton during event. Prizes: TBD but could include possible gift cards and a ride on F.U.N. Float in 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade.
- h. “Halfway to St. Patrick’s Day Presentation – Possible dates are Thursday, September 17; Saturday, September 12 or Saturday, September 19. Location TBD and Saturday times potentially 1 pm – 6 pm. Ideas
- . Decorate Shamrock, Irish Flags, Leprechaun Pot of Gold
  - . Trinity Irish Dancers
  - . Music – Irish songs
  - . Contest – write a limerick
  - . If liquor is involved, VFW could provide 1 day liquor license
- i. Finalize 2026 Event Budget, Comparing Last Year to this year
- Finding Lucky** - \$200 last year; \$425 this year. Mary motioned, Carlus seconded
- Kites and Kicks** - \$750 last year; \$1,500 this year. Carlus motioned, Leslie seconded
- Landscape Awards** - \$150 last year; Carlus motioned and Eliza seconded for Green Commission to take these awards over
- Summer Festival Concerts** – \$100 last year; Brian Roche noted that all Concerts would be at the Gazebo this year due to construction at Cortesi
- Prairie Path Cleanup** - \$100 last year; \$200 this year. Eliza motioned, Carlus seconded
- Autumn Jubilee** - \$5,000 last year; \$10,000 this year. Leslie motioned, Carlus seconded
- Halloween Home Contest** - \$200 last year – keep the same
- Holiday Home Contest** - \$250 last year – keep the same
- Joyful Traditions** - \$500 last year – keep the same
- Art Gallery** – new for this year - \$750 Carlus motioned, Eliza seconded

**Fairy Event** – new for this year – there was discussion and Leslie suggested \$1,000 budget but this was not finalized

**Halfway to St. Patrick Event** – new for this year – nothing decided

- j. Finalize 2026 Event Schedule and Assign Junior Commissioner Responsibilities – tabled for this meeting
  
- 7. Commissioner Comments – none
  
- 8. Chairperson and Co-Chairperson Comments – Michelle says congratulations to new members of subcommittee. Leslie is looking forward to the upcoming year.
  
- 9. Village Board Liaison Comments – none
  
- 10. Village Staff Comments – not in attendance
  
- 11. Adjournment – 7:03 pm. Mary made motion to adjourn and Carlus seconded

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Halloran  
F.U.N. Commission Secretary

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