

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

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

Garden Village Commission

July 23, 2026

7:00 PM

Chair Person: Pete Soltesz

Commissioners: Patrice Gallagher, Lynn Smith, Christopher Diederich, and Jane Wycoff

Board Liaison: Trustee Tina Konstatos

Staff Liaison: Tim Howe

- 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 June 18, 2026
- 6. Unfinished Business**
 - a. Discussion on Final Recommendation to Village Board on Rain Barrel Initiative
 - b. Discussion on Final Recommendation to Village Board on Rotary Park Native Planting Process
 - c. Discussion on Final Recommendation to Village Board on Picnic Table Initiative Sponsorship Levels
 - d. Discussion on Prospective Naming of New Village Park at S. Villa Ave. and Julia
- 7. New Business**
 - a. Community Fishing Lure Exchange Discussion
- 8. Chairman Comments**
- 9. Commissioner Comments**
- 10. Village Board Liaison Comments**
- 11. Staff Liaison Comments**
- 12. Adjournment**

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1. Call to Order -7:03pm

Roll Call – All Commissioners present except Jane Wycoff, not present and is resigning tonight. Liason Konstatos not present

2. Public Comments on Agenda Items –

Resident Cheryl Tucker spoke about Douglas Park, converted from playground to storm water management. Village received a grant, which is why it was converted. Now naming the other Park at Villa and Julia Ave, doesn't fall in the same category. Suggested Villa and Julia –name Sugar Creek Park, creek flows thru not a detention pond but still a flood plain area, has limitations, possibly a walking path, benches, trees, any item that would not impede creek. Need to go through Mark Giueero at public works. Spoke about Rotary Park, suggested natural plants there and natural plants at Julia, folks who live at Villa and Julia park, may be concerned about effects of natural plants. Ie: rats, fish, turtles and other wildlife, birds and how will the neighbors feel about that. Suggested survey. Great way to go forward. Get more Open Land Use for things that are appropriate than the space just sitting there.

3. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items –

Resident Eliza Deidrich, on Fun Commission spoke about Fun and Frolic event. Had ordered wildflower seeds, giving to us, didn't arrive in time. Landscape awards suggestion– Fun Commission will pay for awards and gift cards.

What homes do we want to nominate for award. Collaborate with each other's commissions then next year we take it over completely, where we would put forth some votes. We all take pics, compile for a vote. Would be in house. Focus on Pollinators and when do we want to focus on this. Summer and Fall. We can bring ideas to the Fun Comm next mtg. 3rd Tues of July. Landscape Awards discussed, If we see a house to nominate, Commissioners will take photo and address at next meeting.

Resident Vicki lives on School Street. Likes the idea of Julia park, the naming of the park and wants to support and advocate for that. Name suggestions: Potawatami Peoples. Sheshibin or Sheshiben and another word for little duck- Potwatami name for duck. Likes the natural plantings idea.

4. **Amendments to the Agenda** - Motion for item G for Mulch Volcanoes. Commissioner Smith, made motion Commissioner Gallagher seconded, Motion approved

5. **Consent Agenda**

- a. Approval of Meeting Minutes from May 21, 2026 - commissioner Diedrich made motion Commissioner Smith seconded, all approved

6. **Business**

- a. Discussion of Rain Barrel Initiative
- b. Rotary Park Native Planting Process Discussion
- c. Discussion of Sponsorship Levels for Picnic Table Initiative
- d. Review of prospective name recommendation for new Park at S. Villa Ave. and Julia
- e. Conversation on next steps for enhancement recommendations to Rotary Park and other areas of interest
- f. Follow-up evaluation of interest level regarding Conservation Foundation and DuPage Monarch Project

7. **Chairman Comments – Thanked the residents who came and spoke**

8. **Commissioner Comments** – Gallagher thanked residents, Smith also thanked residents and wants to have discussion of art on the next agenda

9. **Village Board Liaison Comments** – N/A

10. **Staff Liaison Comments** – Thanked everyone

11. **Adjournment : 757pm**