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

Community Recreation Commission

July 29, 2026

7:00 PM

Chairperson: Katie Wagner

Commissioners: Nate Cook, John Dorhauer, Darryl Thompson, Lucy Tarsitano

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. Consent Agenda**
 - a. Approval of Meeting Minutes from June 24, 2026
- 6. New Business**
 - a. Introductory Conversation on Baseball Field Rental Procedure and Proposal From the Village
 - b. 2027 Pool Pass Information
 - c. 2027 Lufkin Family Entertainment Series
- 7. Unfinished Business**
 - a. Sports Swap Promotion
 - b. Veterans Rate for Open Gym and Membership
 - c. Jefferson Pool Update
- 8. Commissioner Comments**
- 9. Chairperson Comments**
- 10. Village Board Liaison Comments**
- 11. Staff Liaison Comments**
- 12. Adjournment**

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Recreation Commission Agenda 6/24/26

Chair Person: Katie Wagner

Commissioners: Nate Cook, John Dorhauer, Darryl Thompson

Board Liaison: Trustee Cari Alfano

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1. Call to order- 7:08pm
2. Public Comments on Agenda Items
3. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items
4. Amendments to the Agenda
5. Approval of Minutes
 - Motion by John, second by Darryl, approved by all.
- a. Meeting Minutes 5/27/26
6. New Business
 - a. Welcoming our New Commissioner Lucy Tarsitano
 - b. Veterans Rate for Open Gym and Membership
 - A member of the public sent an email asking about not living in Villa Park. Do they get rates for being a veteran? Seniors/military \$200 resident and \$300 for non-resident.
 - Can we add on VPRC under memberships to include veterans.
 - NEDSRA offers memberships
7. Unfinished Business
 - a. Event Promotion for Lufkin Park Family Entertainment Series
 - The first event was in early June and was a big success. The next event is July 7th 6-7:30pm at Lufkin Park
 - Thanks to everyone who attended. The next event will be a karaoke theme!!
 - b. Sports Swap Updates
 - August 8th 10am-2pm
 - John has been in contact with Go Green Villa Park and they are willing to help. Lily and Riley from the village will help with the poster and branding for the event.
 - c. Summer Open Gym Schedule
 - The open gym schedule did include an open gym spot 12-3. Can we get an update on if anyone is using this time space.
 - d. Fundraising for Jefferson Pool
 - Long term project
 - Fixing Jefferson pool with creative ways by using cannabis tax, OSLAD grant, and other avenues.
 - Surrounding communities have recently taken advantage of PARC/OSLAD grants.
 - Questions were asked about finding a new spot for the pool, however the plan is to keep the pool in the same location.

- There is space on the east side of the pool owned by the village.
- Next steps would be to reach out Trustee Alfano to start the process of budget and what the grant application process looks like. We also want to meet with state representatives to see what funding looks like.
- Darryl asks from Villa Park residents who would love to give back to the community and if other organizations/sports teams would have any interest.
- Can we send out a reminder about registration for July. For next meeting can we have Jefferson pool numbers for this year and last year to compare.

8. Public Comments

9. Chair and Commissioner Comments

- Katie thanks Tammy, shared excitement for Lucy Tarsitano and success of Lufkin series
- John welcomes Lucy to the commission.
- Nate thanks group for Lufkin and shares positive experiences
- Darryl thanks

10. Board Liaison Comments

11. Staff Liaison Comments

- Will have pool number updates
- Weather has been tough on pool numbers
- June 6/7 held show at Willowbrook through the summer camps
- Fishing derby 95 people thanks to VP Sportsman Club. This event will continue next year.
- Mariners season under way. New coaches have been great.
- Learn to swim began in June.
- Summer basketball has 77 registered season ends August 8
- Yoga in the Park on Wednesdays
- Soccer camp July 24
- Day camp numbers 45 per day
- Look out for summer activities.

12. Adjournment

- Motion by John, second by Nate, approved by all 7:57pm.



Village of Villa Park

20 South Ardmore Avenue, Villa Park, Illinois 60181-2696

Village of Villa Park Community Recreation Commission

Proposal to Study Athletic Field Allocation & Reservation Procedures

Submitted by: Village President Kevin Patrick

Purpose

The purpose of this proposal is to request that the Villa Park Community Recreation Commission review the Village's current athletic field reservation process and determine whether improvements could be made to promote fairness, efficiency, transparency, and increased utilization of Village-owned baseball and softball fields.

The Recreation Commission is requested to research the current reservation process, discuss potential alternatives, and, if appropriate, develop recommendations for consideration by the Village Board.

Background

Under the current reservation process, organizations generally reserve baseball fields on a first-come, first-served basis for an entire day. While this system is straightforward, it may result in periods of unused field time that cannot be made available to other organizations or community users.

One possible alternative would be to divide each field into standardized reservation blocks (such as morning, afternoon, and, where lighting is available, evening sessions). This concept could allow multiple organizations to utilize the same field throughout the day while maintaining the existing first-come, first-served reservation process.

Additional concepts that may warrant evaluation include:

- Creating an annual master field schedule by early February.
- Opening reservations to all organizations on a designated date.
- Requiring payment at the time of reservation.
- Establishing cancellation and refund procedures.
- Evaluating methods to maximize field utilization while maintaining equitable access for all organizations.

These concepts are presented solely as discussion points and should not be interpreted as recommendations for adoption without further review.

Requested Action

It is respectfully requested that the Villa Park Community Recreation Commission:

1. Review the Village's current athletic field reservation process.
2. Research reservation practices utilized by other municipalities and park districts, where appropriate.
3. Discuss potential opportunities to improve fairness, efficiency, and field utilization.
4. Solicit input from youth sports organizations, athletic associations, Village staff, and other stakeholders as appropriate.
5. Determine whether changes to the current process would benefit the Village.
6. If warranted, develop recommendations for consideration by the Village Board.

Goal

The goal of this request is not to prescribe a specific policy, but rather to encourage a thoughtful evaluation of the Village's current practices to determine whether improvements can be made that better serve residents, athletic organizations, and the community while ensuring Village athletic facilities are managed fairly, efficiently, and transparently.

2027 Pool Pass Sale Date Proposal:

- Early Bird Discounted Rate February 1 through April 30
- Regular Rates May 1-June 30
- Late season passes starting July 1 (Proposing this to be the Same as the Early Bird Discounted rate)
 - Should we offer this Late Pass to only Residents? This year only residents took advantage of this.

Proposed rates only **highlighted in Yellow, red font** are changes from 2026.

The percent difference is calculated off of the base cost.

PROPOSE D 2027 Early Bird Rate Through April 30, 2027	<i>Cost per person</i>	<i>Family of 2</i>	<i>Family of 3</i>	<i>Family of 4</i>	<i>Family of 5</i>	<i>Family of 6</i>
Resident age 3-59	\$65	\$127 (95% inc frm \$65)	\$186 (46% inc frm \$127)	\$228 (22.5% inc frm \$186)	\$261 (14.5 % inc frm \$228)	\$294 (12.6% inc frm \$261)
Resident senior age 60+	\$60 (7.7% dec frm \$65)	\$117 (95% inc frm \$60)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

More than 6 members in one family = \$25 additional

PROPOSE D Regular Season Rate	<i>Cost per person</i>	<i>Family of 2</i>	<i>Family of 3</i>	<i>Family of 4</i>	<i>Family of 5</i>	<i>Family of 6</i>
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May 1-June 30, 2027						
Resident age 3-59	\$89	\$174 (95% inc frm \$89)	\$254 (46% inc frm \$174)	\$311 (22.5% inc frm \$254)	\$356 (14.5 % inc frm \$311)	\$400 (12.6% inc frm \$346)
Non-resident age 3-59	\$123 (38% dec frm \$89)	\$240 (95% inc frm \$123)	\$351 (46% inc frm \$240)	\$430 (22.5% inc frm \$351)	\$492 (14.5 % inc frm \$311)	\$553 (12.6% inc frm \$492)
Resident senior age 60+	\$79 (11% decrease frm \$89)	\$154 (95% inc frm \$79)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Non-resident age 60+	\$114 (44% inc frm \$79)	\$222 (95% inc frm \$114)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
More than 6 members in one family = \$25 additional						

PROPOSED LATE Season Rate Starting July 1, 2027 This is the same as the Early Bird	<i>Cost per person</i>	<i>Family of 2</i>	<i>Family of 3</i>	<i>Family of 4</i>	<i>Family of 5</i>	<i>Family of 6</i>

pricing. I added non-resident pricing which we are not offering with Early Bird						
Resident age 3-59	\$65	\$127 (64% inc from \$65)	\$186 (37.7% inc from \$127)	\$228 (20% inc from \$186)	\$261 (13.5 % inc from \$228)	\$294 (11.8% inc from \$261)
Non-resident age 3-59	\$99 (41% inc from \$65)	\$162 (64% inc from \$99)	\$223 (37.7% inc from \$162)	\$267 (20% inc from \$223)	\$303 (13.5 % inc from \$267)	\$339 (11.8% inc from \$303)
Resident senior age 60+	\$60 (7.7% dec from \$65)	\$99 (64% inc from \$60)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Non-resident age 60+	\$84 (41% inc from \$60)	\$138 (64% inc from \$84)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

Pool Passes sold as of 4:34pm on Wednesday, July 22. (\$32,776)

- 31 Total MULTI-Use Passes

- 12 Sold: 10 Visit Multi-Use Resident Pass (\$768)
 - 21 Sold: 15 Visit Multi-Use Resident Pass (\$1,869)
- 447 Total SEASON Passes
 - 402 Sold: Resident Family Passes (\$22,959)
 - 38 Sold: Resident Individual Passes (\$2,251)
 - 16 Sold: Non-Resident Family Passes (\$1962)
 - 2 Sold: Non-Resident Individual Passes (\$246)
 - 19 Sold: Resident Senior Couple Passes \$1,136)
 - 25 Sold: Resident Senior Individual Passes (\$1,461)
 - 1 Sold: Non-Resident Senior Individual Passes (\$114)
- Counted in Total above
 - 10 TOTAL Late Season Passes Sold starting August 10 (\$961)
 - Only Residents took advantage of this in 2026
 - 4 Multi-Use Visit passes sold after July 10 (\$306)
 - Only Residents took advantage of this in 2026