

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Village of Philo
March 11, 2026

GUESTS: Gavin Gunter, Leslie Kirby, Michael Murphy, Janet Decker, Dave Traxler, Jim Forrest and Chad Osterbur.

ROLL CALL: Present -Trustees Kelley, Messman, Happ, Beckett and Grubb.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

MINUTES: Trustee David Happ made a motion, seconded by Trustee Tim Grubb to approve the minutes of February 11, 2026. Voice vote, all "aye's", motion carried unanimously.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Trustee Steve Messman made a motion, seconded by Trustee Eric Beckett to approve the bills as presented, including noted additions. Roll call vote, "aye's" Trustees Kelley, Messman, Happ, Beckett and Grubb. Motion passed unanimously.

TRUSTEE APPOINTMENT: President Franks introduced Craig Kirby as his suggested appointment to fill Terri Shipley's trustee seat. Craig said he was an Urbana guy that moved here and loves the Village. He feels it an honor to serve as trustee. The appointment will be for one year. Trustee David Happ made a motion, seconded by Trustee Steve Messman to approve the appointment of Craig Kirby as trustee. Roll call vote, "aye's" Trustees Kelley, Messman, Happ, Beckett and Grubb. Motion passed unanimously. Clerk Kirby then swore in Trustee Craig Kirby.

BALL PARK ASSOCIATION: Leslie Kirby introduced herself as a representative of the Park Association adding she had reached out to Janet to help clarify how their organization and the Village work. She explained they weren't sure of insurance coverage and about the use of the Village's tax-exempt number. They don't file a tax return but want to be better organized with officers and meeting minutes. Unfortunately, attorney Marc Miller was not present but President Franks commented that Marc was to prepare talking points and suggestions for the Village and the Park Association. President Franks stated the Village mows, pays light bills and take care of repairs for the bathrooms. Leslie said they take care of field management and have parents sign liability waivers, but do not carry their own insurance. President Franks said our attorney had suggested the Village help the group get their own tax number and we would reimburse setting up the organization as it could be about \$4,000.00. The Village would also like to see their financials at least annually.

Trustee Happ asked how many in their group. Leslie replied committee changes with seven (7) on the board. She is technically the president, but not on the checking account. Leslie would like to see the group be more official. President Franks stressed better structure and Clerk Kirby stated it may be easier to start fresh. Ball season for spring is April – June with fall ball late July – October. Trustee Tim Grubb suggested verifying insurance question with Marc Miller. Newly appointed Trustee Kirby suggested adding a new committee to the Village's Committee Assignments to include the ballpark.

VILLAGE ENGINEER: Chad said they are waiting on signatures from IDOT. The Washington Street sidewalk plans are drawn up and under review and should be done in the next couple of weeks.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY: Gaven noted the concerns of the Champaign County Board and the proposed amendment (Case 196-AT-26). See attached memo received 3-9-26. Trustee Kelley mentioned the Lebanon data center that covers 3 square miles and will use 200 million gallons of water a year. He fully supports a moratorium regarding data centers. Trustee Happ stated if we oppose, we should send letter of support of the moratorium before (their) voting. Trustee Beckett commented wells are going dry already. Trustee Grubb noted NW Champaign 400 plus acres could affect our aquifer. Trustee Kirby said issues are unknown and we should do resolution.

VILLAGE MAINTENANCE: The board was presented with three (3) estimates for the REFMC roof repairs. Trustee Grubb called Joey White to discuss what we're dealing with, what needs to be done for commercial roof, paying prevailing wage and other options. He feels no need to rush (into total roof replacement) as leaks are repairable. Whites suggested using 14 2x6's to get a little pitch to the roof. We do not know if there is insulation in the ceiling, but don't think so. Trustee Grubb also feels more research needs to be done and also decide how to pay for it. Bash Pepper suggested temporarily remove rock. A new roof doesn't require rock. We don't know what's underneath. Dave Traxler reported no issues after the recent rain. Trustee Kelley appreciates the homework done. He was involved with Saint Thomas' flat roof issues and he stated they patched for about ten years. Our problem with leaks was noticed after the big snow. We need to learn what is underneath (rock). It was suggested we locate where leaks are at first. President Franks commented if roof is replaced to tear it all off and do it right. Dave Traxler was directed to contact Joey White regarding leaks and repairs.

Estimates for floor were tabled to next month.

Several issues with drainage were discussed at Garfield, Cleveland, Eisenhower and McKinley Circle. It appears some issues are caused by internet installations. Trustees wondered if internet for apartments on Jefferson could have a pedestal service drop. Trustee Kelley reported Willow Run drainage was working well. Dave commented they are coming to re-shape a little tomorrow.

Trustee Happ said he noticed stop signs at Garfield and Jefferson and Dave said he will be moving other signs.

VILLAGE TREASURER: Kevin indicated all reports are good. He posted annual Village Treasurer's Reports.

OLD BUSINESS: Trustee Steve Messman made a motion, seconded by Trustee David Happ, to approve the \$3,000.00 donation to the Philo Ball Park Association. Roll call vote, "aye's" Trustees Kelley, Messman, Happ, Beckett, Grubb and Kirby. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS: The State of Illinois now requires a Rock Salt Joint Participation Agreement. Trustee David Happ made a motion, seconded by Trustee Eric Beckett, to proceed with the agreement and contract. Roll call vote, "aye's" Trustees Kelley, Messman, Happ, Beckett, Grubb and Kirby. Motion passed unanimously.

The Gaither property was discussed. Justin Brummer had sent a letter to them and Gary's response was that he would take care of it. President Franks reported only a few packages are gone and he is ready for the attorney to take further action. If we take to court, they would be served and then a hearing.

Trustee Kirby asked if he could talk to Gaither "off the record". Deputy Clerk Decker said she looked into senior services, but found no resources. Trustee Beckett feels a specific date to comply should be given. Trustee Kelley wondered if scouts could move it, since his letter indicated he has physical issues. Trustee Messman said new packages sit in drive-way. President Franks said definitely needs deadline. Trustee Happ said board is ready to take action. President Franks okay with Trustee Kirby talk to him but if not resolved we should take action at next meeting.

Hazen Park-President Franks indicated people purchased bricks for the brick path but orders not placed or installed. It was noted some bricks have chipped and should be replaced as well. Since the two gals that started the project blame the other one, President Franks wants to take over the project. He suggests re-doing the path by a professional. Deputy Clerk Decker believes she may have a list of orders not fulfilled. Trustees Beckett and Kelley will call landscaping company for estimate.

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION:

Trustee Kirby-Nothing

Trustee Grubb-Nothing

Trustee Beckett-The estimate for a 21"x21" concrete memorial stone for Paul Brady is \$300.00.

Clerk Kirby-Nothing

Trustee Happ-Nothing

Trustee Messman-Nothing

Trustee Kelley-The rock donated from the Mumma farm will have a mounted plaque with stainless steel anchors at an estimated cost between \$800-1,200.00. He suggested and the board agreed for the rock to be placed in a maintenance free area at the base of the hill.

Trustee Kelley made a motion, seconded by Trustee Eric Beckett, for them to proceed with the plans for the Paul Brady and John Mumma memorials at a cost not to exceed \$2,000.00. Roll call vote, "aye's" Trustees Kelley, Messman, Happ, Beckett, Grubb and Kirby. Motion passed unanimously.

President Franks-GO ROCKETS

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Trustee David Happ made a motion, seconded by Trustee Craig Kirby to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote, all "aye's" meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

VILLAGE CLERK

VILLAGE PRESIDENT