

**VILLAGE OF GURNEE
ARTS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

DATE: Monday, May 11, 2026
TIME: 6:00 p.m.
PLACE: Council Chambers at the Gurnee Village Hall located at
325 N. O'Plaine Road, Gurnee, IL

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

- A** Lynn called the meeting to order at 6:08pm.
- B** In Attendance: Beth Keslinke, Lynn Granstrom, Kirsten Saunders, April Colette, Angela Baldwin, Roger Eaton, Janelle Rominski, Lei Mangaran, Randy Blaser
- C** Absent: Matt Trujillo, Ron Arden, Jay Stuckwisch, Fiona Tranter

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Public Comment

- A** There was no public comment.

4. Approval of the Meeting Minutes

- A** April 13, 2026
 - Roger made a motion to approve the minutes, and Kirsten seconded the motion.
 - There were all "Ayes," no "Nays," and no abstentions. The minutes were approved.

5. Discussion Items

- A** Art related program announcements
 - No program related announcements were made.

6. New Business

- A** Gurnee Arts Festival – August 22
 - Roger reviewed the quote for rental items and discussed items we no longer need. Roger will obtain a new quote based on our discussion.
 - Need to get the map of Welton Plaza from Matt to update the event layout. Discussed the general layout; Lynn noted we might get a tent from the Park District.
 - Lynn discussed budget limits, aiming to stay at \$10,000.
 - April asked about stage flooring; Roger will check to ensure a smooth floor for dance.
 - Decided not to include student art from Gurnee Days this year. Instead, we'd like balloon artists, face painting, and student-led art.
 - Roger is checking on tables, tents, and other rentals.
 - Reviewed the artist application; need more information after Matt returns.
 - Artists need to bring their own tables and tents. Leaping Lizards may provide tables, Roger is checking.
 - Artist fee is \$50 (no application fee). Motion by April, seconded by Kirsten. All in favor.
 - Discussed having a dressing room area behind the stage.

- Briefly discussed the fee for food trucks.
- Reviewed the timetable for announcing the Call for Artists on social media and posting the final application online.
- Clarified what qualifies as FINE ART versus crafts, martial arts, etc.
- Would like to meet every two weeks leading up to August 22 (June 8, June 22, July 13, July 27, August 10, August 17).
- The events subcommittee would like to meet at Welton Plaza to understand layout of event.

B Gurnee Days Involvement

- The group did not have time for this item.

C Gurnee Get-Togethers

- Lynn described the need for craft activities for the Gurnee Get-Togethers, with a theme focused on Fire, Police, and Public Works.
 - Each board member is asked to come up with some ideas, including a list of supplies and Amazon links for those supplies.
 - Consider having different activities for each Get Together event.
 - The activity stations will be located closer to the trucks, with three stations in total.
- Ideas discussed include:
 - Photo opportunities with a police officer, fireman, or public works person.
 - Janelle has fire helmet props available.
- Beth will ask for student volunteers.
- Plexiglass painting for sun catchers.
- There are three Get Togethers planned, with one happening during the Sounds of Summer event.

7. Next Arts Commission Meetings

A June 8, July 13, August 17

8. Public Comment

A There was no public comment.

9. Adjournment

A Roger made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Kirsten seconded. There were all "Ayes," no "Nays," and no abstentions. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35pm.

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