

**VILLAGE OF GURNEE
ARTS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

DATE: Monday, August 17, 2026
TIME: 6:00 p.m.
PLACE: Conference Room A at the Gurnee Village Hall located
at 325 N. O'Plaine Road, Gurnee, IL

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

A Matt called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

B In Attendance: Beth Keslinke, Lynn Granstrom, Kirsten Saunders, Angela Baldwin, Roger Eaton, Lei Mangaran, Jay Stuckwisch, Fiona Tranter, Matt Trujillo, April Colette

C Absent: Randy Blaser, Janelle Rominski

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Public Comment

A There was no public comment.

4. Approval of the Meeting Minutes

A August 3, 2026

- Fiona made a motion to approve the minutes, and Roger seconded the motion.
- There were all "Ayes," no "Nays," and no abstentions. The minutes were approved.

5. Discussion Items

A Art related program announcements

- WTHS Fine Arts Career Expo – October 2 (4-6pm)
- Kirsten talked about the Arts Link North Luncheon and encouraged the group to think about joining because it is a good arts marketing resource in our community.

6. New Business

A Gurnee Arts Festival – August 22

- The group discussed final items for the Gurnee Arts Festival on the Plaza including event supplies and needing to prepare for the wet ground in case it rained during the week. Matt will provide more cones for this issue.
- The performing arts sub-committee reviewed their schedule and mentioned that they will be rouching base with their performers this week. Angela will be touching base with the sound vendor about logistics for setup and transitions.
- Kirsten covered the vendors and we talked about setup time and marking the spots for each vendor. The spots will be marked out on Thursday by the special events sub-committee.
- Banners have been finalized by Lynn, and they will be picked up this week. This will include event parking signs, banner for the stage, and A-Frame signs with the schedules.
- The group reviewed the Surveys and decided to have a vendor and attendee survey. There will be QR Codes at the

event to encourage people to fill out the survey.

- The Arts Commission mentioned that we need to get a group photo at the event. This will be coordinated on the day of.
- A rain decision will be made Friday at 6pm to move the event to the rain date if needed.

B Gurnee Get-Togethers

- Matt lightly mentioned the Gurnee Get-Together and that we still need some people to sign up to volunteer.

7. Next Arts Commission Meetings

A September 21, and October 12

8. Public Comment

A There was no public comment.

9. Adjournment

A Angela made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Roger seconded. There were all "Ayes," no "Nays," and no abstentions. The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 pm.

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