



Village of Maple Park

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**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2026
MAPLE PARK CIVIC CENTER
302 WILLOW STREET, MAPLE PARK
7:00 P.M.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Village President Chris Rebone called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Rebone led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL/QUORUM ESTABLISHED

Village Clerk Maria Taylor called the roll call, and the following Board Members were present: Village President Chris Rebone, Trustee Andy Bingley, Trustee Tonia Groezinger, Trustee JT Peloso, Trustee Chris Simon, and Trustee Jen Ward. Trustee Cliff Speare was absent.

Also present: Village Administrator Cheryl Aldridge and Village Clerk Maria Taylor.

Members of the public present were found on the meetings sign-in sheet.

President Rebone confirmed a quorum was established.

- 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS** – *Any resident wishing to address the Board may do so according to the guidelines set forth in the “Rules for Public Comments at Public Meetings” handout. Please complete a speaker request form and submit it to the Village Clerk. You may also send an e-mail to villageclerk@villageofmaplepark.com in advance of the meeting. The Village Clerk will read such comments during the Public Comment portion of the meeting. Time Limit: 5 minutes per speaker.*

Resident Myles Keenan expressed concern about the safety of e-bikes and scooters, especially for children, and suggested that the Village consider an outreach or education program to help kids and parents to understand the risks, rules, and safe use of these vehicles.

Administrator Aldridge read a letter received in the Village drop box regarding ducks. They submitted a comment stating that the ducks have not been disruptive, noisy, or harmful to the neighborhood, and that their observations of the ducks have been positive.

5. DISCUSSION OF DUCKS

President Rebone stated that language needs to be added to number two of the ordinance that states that Drakes and Roosters are prohibited. Administrator Aldridge added that this ordinance also does remove the enclosure wording that said, "shall be screened with year-round landscaping, walls and /or fencing so as not to be visible from any public street or adjoining lot when viewed from an observation height of five feet above grade". President Rebone stated that he agreed with the amendment.

6. DISCUSSION OF MEMORIAL POND

Trustee Simon stated that Memorial Pond has significant erosion. Administrator Aldridge has been discussing the issue with Public Works Director Johnson and Engineer Lin and confirmed that the work will likely need to be completed over several years. The Village President stated that the proposed first phase would address the east wall while preserving the existing riprap rock area. A second phase could focus on weed control and erosion on the west end, and a third phase could include paving the path with asphalt. Trustee Ward asked for clarification regarding the original purpose of the pond. The Village President stated that the pond was intended for stormwater overflow; however, it changed over time and there is currently excessive vegetation around the bank killing the fish. He stated that it will have to be in three phases.

7. DISCUSSION OF COMMUNITY GARDENS

Trustee Bingley stated that he received emails from residents regarding interest in a community garden for next year. He noted that some community members may be willing to help organize and operate the garden, and he will review how neighboring communities manage similar projects. He added that the Village would need to identify a suitable location and provide water access. Trustee Ward asked where this would go? Trustee Groezinger stated that complaints have been made on Facebook about plants being taken and noted that, while she loves the idea, concerns such as managing disputes are an issue. President Rebone also expressed concerns about protecting plants from damage or theft, managing weeds and fencing, resolving gardener disputes, and dedicating a substantial portion of Village property to the project. Trustee Bingley stated that he would research how other communities successfully manage community gardens and report back before any decision is made.

8. DISCUSSION OF E-BIKES, SCOOTERS, ETC.

A Fact sheet was provided for all trustees. President Rebone stated that the discussion is pending state legislation related to e-bikes and electric scooters. There is confusion about the effective dates, with some provisions possibly taking effect July 1 after the Governor signs the bill and others not taking effect until January 1, 2027. The discussion ensued among the board members. President Rebone stated that because the State has not issued clear guidance, the Village will wait until the legislation is signed before taking formal action. He stated that the Village will need to follow the minimum requirements established by state law and may only add stricter local requirements if the board chooses to do so later. Trustee Simon noted that a 13-year-old riding a BMX bicycle can travel at speeds of up to

10 miles per hour and encouraged the Board to keep that in mind during its discussion. Trustee Groezinger expressed her concerns about youth riders, age restrictions, helmet requirements, speed limits, and how enforcement would be handled. Chief Endean indicated that enforcement would focus on safety and education rather than broadly stopping children on scooters, with parents being contacted when necessary. President Rebone added that there will be a need for proactive public outreach once the law is finalized. Chief Endean suggested outreach including sending information to residents, hosting community meetings, coordinating with the Police and Fire Departments, and possibly using community events such as National Night Out to educate families on the rules of the road and safe use of e-bikes and scooters. The overall concern was to prevent injuries while avoiding unnecessary confusion or alarm in the community.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

President Rebone mentioned the local grocery tax, currently the village does not impose a grocery tax, but has the authority to enact a 1% local grocery tax. Administrator Aldridge explained that the tax would apply only to groceries as defined by state law, meaning food for human consumption that is intended to be consumed off the premises where it is sold. Items excluded from the grocery definition include alcoholic beverages, food containing or infused with adult-use cannabis, soft drinks, candy, and food prepared for immediate consumption. So many items sold at Casey's are considered prepared food or otherwise excluded from the grocery definition, the potential revenue impact would likely be minimal. She stated that the tax may generate only a small amount annually and would not significantly affect Village revenues. Administrator Aldridge noted that if the Village chose to adopt the tax, an ordinance filed by October 1 would take effect January 1, while an ordinance filed by April 1 would take effect July 1. President Rebone asked if there's no interest then no sense in moving forward with the grocery tax at this time.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business before the Board, motion was made by Trustee Bingley with 2nd by Trustee Peloso to adjourn. Motion carried by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:21p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Maria Taylor, Village Clerk

