

City of Deer Park City Council Municipal Building Meeting June 1st, 2026

Mayor Donnellon opened the meeting at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the Invocation.

Clerk of Courts read the roll call. Tom Camp, present, Dana Dedrick-present, Mark Feldhaus-present, Neil Kelly-present, Natasha Kohorst- present, Chris Westmark- absent, and Mayor Donnellon present

Mayor Donnellon made a motion to excuse Ms. Westmark, Ms. Kohorst seconded the motion, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes for May 18th, 2026, council meeting * change will be made under Safety Committee correcting Captain Ray Healy information, as well as the April Fire report

Mayor Donnellon made a motion to accept the minutes from May 18th, 2026, council meeting with changes, Mr. Camp seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Ken Brookbank 7218 Delaware Avenue, Mr. Brookbank stated last week when duke was trimming trees, they trimmed trees on both sides of his home at the neighbors and placed the cut limbs blocking access to his home. Mr. Brookbank's wife has health issues, and the Hospice workers would not have been able to access the home for emergency care. Duke cleared them 24 hours later, however when asked Duke wasn't helpful. He also saw it on other properties. Mr. Brookbank asked why Duke thinks they are allowed to do this and they show no respect to our residents. He would like to know who to contact so this does not happen again. Dr. Jetter stated he is aware and will be contacting Mr. Chad Shaffer who is our Duke representative and a Maderia Council member to ensure this does not happen again and to let him know what a mess Duke made.

Standing Committee Reports

Legislative and Finance Committee Chair Chris Westmark presented by Natasha Kohorst.

May Income Report; collected over \$135,000 in May and over \$6000 in refunds. Full report available online. Mayor Donnellon made a motion to accept the report, Mr. Feldhaus seconded the motion and the motion carried. Ms. Kohorst asked clerk to read by title only Resolution No 2026-08, A Resolution Authorizing all actions necessary to effect or otherwise continue a governmental natural gas aggregation program. Discussion: Dr. Jetter said with the duke rates increasing continuing this program helps the residents' lower costs. Mayor Donnellon made a motion to accept. Mr. Camp seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken: Mr. Camp- yes, Ms. Dedrick- yes, Mr. Feldhaus-yes, Mr. Kelly-yes, Ms. Kohorst- yes, Mayo Donellon- yes, Resolution passed.

Clerk was asked to read by title only Resolution No. 2025-09- a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to prepare and to submit an application to participate in the Metro Transit Infrastructure Program and to Execute Contracts as required. Discussion: Dr. Jetter stated this is the Sorta grant#6 for \$1.1 million for phase 2 of the Blue Ash rd. project. Ms. Kohorst made a motion to accept; Mr. Kelly seconded the motion: Roll call vote taken: Mr. Camp- yes, Ms. Dedrick- yes, Mr. Feldhaus-yes, Mr. Kelly- yes, Ms. Kohorst- yes, Mayo Donellon- yes, Resolution passed.

Safety Committee Chair Tom Camp:

No reports for May yet. But Chief Battin wants to present a challenge coin to Big Guy Helpers for their donation of the bike purchased for the department. By the end of summer there will be a bike certified Office per every Shift. The Bike has lights and alarms. Big Guy Helpers Tony Layne and Luke Lanham have been so helpful to the city helping with Shop with a Cop, and donating whenever the city needs help Thank You so much for the help for the city and all you do, they are amazing,

Public Works Committee Chair Neil Kelly the city is finishing paving on Linden Ave, Hoffman Ave and Webster in the next two weeks. The city is applying for the Sorta grant for \$1.1 million for phase 2 of the Blue Ash Road project.

Park Board Committee Chair Mark Feldhaus: Our first Music in the Park was a success, the band was Frogman, the weather was great and a good turnout, great time had by all. Next Music in the Park is June 13th, Scott Luck band.

Natasha Kohorst: Sunday June 6th is next Farmers Market. We have 4 new vendors, 2 are Deer Park's finest children. The band is moving upfront with seating. Please come out and support the 2nd Farmer's Market.

Correspondence & Miscellaneous: letter from Duke about rate increases for 2027. Dr, Jetter stated council should contact PUCO and request information on why Duke is asking for an increase and lobby against that

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS: Appointments to Tax Review Appeals board, the city needs an appeal board for tax issues where residents can come if they need to appeal an issue with their taxes, on a as needed basis. The board will have 2 members approved by council, and 1 member appointed by the City Manager. Dr. Jetter is appointing Dan Lehane, council would like to appoint Mr. Ron Tolliver and Mr. Joe Beresford. Mayor Donnellon made a motion to appoint Mr. Tolliver and Mr. Beresford to the Tax appeal committee, Mr. Camp seconded the motion, all in favor- aye motion carried.

Special Announcements & Reports from Other City Officials

Solicitor – none

Mayor: lots of events coming, check out the website

City Manager: The city has had a few calls asking why the city doesn't involve itself with trees that need to be removed on residents' property. Dr Jetter explained as well as Mr. Pacheco that unless the tree is in the city Right of Way, the city by law cannot intervene unless it is a safety issue. Mr. Pacheco clarified the right of way is 25 feet from the center line of the road. The city has also almost completed the transition from Intrust to PC3. Monthly training logs have been set up for Cyber Security training. Dr. Jetter is meeting with PC3 on Wednesday to discuss a simpler way to sign in.

Schedule:

June 15th, 2026, Zoning Public Hearing 6:00 PM Council Chambers.

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July 6th, 2026, Council Meeting 7:00 Council Chambers.

Events:

Sunday June 7th, 2026, 9-12:30 PM **The FARMER'S MARKET** at the City Complex

Sunday July 5th. 2026, 9-12:30 PM The FARMERS MARKET at the City Complex

Music in the Park- Chamberlain Park Concert Schedule:

June 13,2026- Scott Luck band 7-10:00 PM

June 27th, 2026, The Remains, 7-10:00 PM

July 1st- Gee your Band Smells Terrific 7-10:00 PM

July 25th, 2026, The Gamut- 7-10:00 PM

August 7th and 8th- Days in the Park Festival. Billy Rock Band 7-10:00 PM (August 7th)

The Cassette Junkies 7-10:00 PM (August 8th)

August 16th Jump-N-Jive Big Band 5:00 PM

August 22nd Car Show with DJ

September 19 Don't tell Steve 7-10:00 PM

ROUND ROBIN:

Ms. Dedrick, Welcome Back Neil and Pride Month starts today

Mr. Kelly: I am grateful to be here and to get back to city events.

Mr. Camp: Welcome back Neil and thank you to council members who participated in the Memorial Day Parade as well as our City Administration, Police Department, Public Works. Thank You to Sycamore Township for hosting the cookout which was a huge success and will host again next year. And they did a terrific job on their Veteran's Memorial.

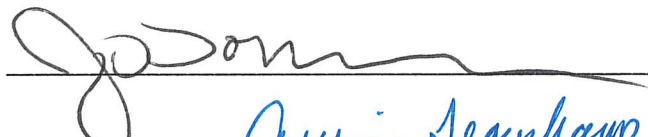
Mr. Feldhaus: Welcome back Neil

Ms. Kohorst: Welcome back Neil and thank you to Mr. Camp and all who were involved in the Parade. Looking forward to the Farmer's Market.

Mayor Donnellon made a motion to adjourn, Ms. Kohorst seconded the motion, motion carried. Meeting

Adjourned at 7:30 PM

John Donnellon Mayor



Angie Tegenkamp Chachoff Clerk of Council