

City of Deer Park City Council Municipal Building Meeting June 15th, 2026

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

Clerk of Council read the roll. Tom Camp, Dana Dedrick, Mark Feldhaus, Neil Kelly, Natasha Kohorst, Chris Westmark, and Mayor Donnellon are all present.

Approval of Minutes

Ms. Kohorst made a motion to accept the minutes from the June 1st, 2026 council meeting, Ms. Dedrick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Comment: David Wood 7727 Monticello, Mr. Wood stated he has lived in Deer Park for 30 years and his street used to be tree lined. Duke has been cutting down trees and not replacing them. Mr. Wood asked if it is Duke's responsibility to replace them or the city? He stated a few weeks ago the trees were severely trimmed on St John's Terrace, and that Duke at times parks in residents' driveways. Dr. Jetter responded that the city has a tree program and will be replacing trees over time, Dr. Jetter has also spoken to Duke about the issue and helping the city to replace the trees. Dr. Jetter will talk to our Duke representative Chad again. Ms. Hedger also stated she had talked to Wendy Department of Natural Resources, about which trees are the best to plant etc. The city of Reading group Rooted had to replace many of the banned Bradford Pear Trees Ms., Hedger stated she would contact the Reading group Rooted on what they did to fundraise to purchase trees.

Standing Committee Reports

Legislative and Finance Committee Chair Chris Westmark

Ms. Dedrick presented the May 2026 Fund Report, we are up over \$48947

Ms. Westmark presented the Northwest JEDZ Report YTD \$ 56803 collected, Northwest JEDD Report, collected \$48 in May YTD \$228.05 collected

Ms. Westmark made a motion to accept the reports; Mr. Kelly seconded the motion; motion carried.

Ms. Westmark asked clerk to read by title only:

Resolution No 2026-10 A Resolution Pursuant to Sections 5705.19(A) And 5705.191 of the Ohio Revised Code Determining to proceed with submission to the electors of the city the question of renewing an existing 6.9-Mill Tax Levy in excess of the 10 Mill Limitation for the Purpose of providing current expenses for the operating of the city. .

Jetter stated this is our 5-year levy coming up for renewal; it is not an increase, just a renewal. It will be on the ballot in November.

Ms. Westmark made a motion to pass resolution 2026-10; Mr. Kelly seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken: Mr. Camp- yes, Ms. Dedrick- yes, Mr. Feldhaus- yes, Mr. Kelly-yes, Ms. Kohorst- yes, Ms. Westmark- yes, Mayor Donnellon – yes. Motion Carried

Safety Committee Chair Tom Camp:

May 2026 Fire District Report: Mr. Camp presented. 88 calls for service in Deer Park, 302 or the Total District. Fire Board Meeting is tomorrow at 4:30 tomorrow

May 2026 Police Report Ms. Kohorst presenting: 1077 calls for service, 21 offense reports, and 35 arrests. Full repost on city website

Public Works Committee Chair Neil Kelly on Thursday will be done on Linden for catch basin, and paving next week's final coat will be put on Oakwood/Webster Plainfield to Ohio ave.

Park Board Committee Chair Mark Feldhaus

Party in the Park last week with the Scott Luck band was a success; weather was great. Next Music in the Park is Saturday June 27th, The Remains, a popular group. 7-10PM Come early to put your chairs down. The festival is coming up looking for volunteers, Jake is working on sign-up genius. Saturday June 20th is Flicks with the Fuzz at 8 pm. Toy Story will be presented.

Ms.Kohorst shared that the Farmer's Market was 25% less due to the heat, our next one is July 5th, 2 more vendors added.

Correspondence & Miscellaneous: none

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS: none

Special Announcements & Reports from Other City Official.

City Manager: From the State Cap fund the city received \$100,000 plus with the \$60,000 from US we have \$160,000 grant for outdoor use Brush pick up has been changed to Wednesday, the city has also applied for a Nature Works grant and would use that money for the ball fields and lights. and Dr. Jetter will reach out to the county for help with the arbor tree program.

The county is working on property rollback, please reach out to your representatives to help make the roll back more effective, After a meeting with Deer Park Schools, they are trying to hold off for at least another year for a tax levy, State has notified us tax settlements won't come until July/September, Dr Jetter sent a memo on this to all if council, this is due to changes in Legislation. Dr. Jetter is working with insurance company to replace the pole on Blue Ash rd. at Webster, that was damaged, our cost is \$41,000 trying to get insurance to pay full amount and for Duke to replace with a metal pole.

Looking at a developer for Bowling Alley for commercial business not town homes, a business is looking at Stewart industries to continue use as a light manufacturing business, and the city is working on more grant opportunities, and focusing on building the city's tax base.

Solicitor – Happy 4th of July

Mayor: with the heat and humidity of summer coming watch out for your neighbors

Schedule:

June 15th, 2026 Council Meeting 7:00 PM in Council Chambers

June 16th 2026, Block watch Meeting at 7:00 PM in the Community Center: Scratching Post will be there

July 6th, 2026, Public Hearing Tax Budget 6:30 PM in Council Chambers

July 6th, 2026, Council Meeting at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers

July 21st, 2026, Block Watch Meeting at 7:00 PM in the Community Center

Events:

FARMER'S MARKET JULY 5TH, 2026 AT THE CITY COMPLEX 9AM TO 12:30 pm

FARMER'S MARKET AUGUST 2ND, 2026 AT THE CITY COMPLEX 9 AM TO 12:30 pm

Saturday June 20th, 2026, 8:00 PM Flicks with the Fuzz

Party in the Park Saturday June 27th, 2026, the Remains

Remaining Band list is on the City Website

Round Robin

Mr. Kelly- grateful to be here 2 meetings in a row, going for 3

Ms. Westmark: Welcome back Neil

Ms. Dedrick: none

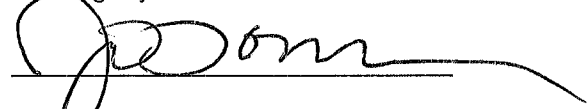
Mr. Camp: none

Mr. Feldhaus: **Neil**- good to see you 2 in a row, go for 3

Ms. Kohorst: great time at Music in the Park last week, the golf cart driving people to and from was a great success

Mayor Donnellon made a motion to adjourn, Ms.Kohorst seconded the motion, all in favor: aye

Meeting adjourned 7:32 PM



John Donnellon Mayor



Angie Tegenkamp Chachoff Clerk of Council