

AGENDA
FOREST PARK RECREATION BOARD
February 13, 2025 - 7:00 P.M.
Lower Level – Village Hall 517 Des Plaines Avenue
Forest Park, Illinois

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of Minutes of January 9, 2025
3. Unfinished Business
 - a. Arbor Day April 25
 - i. Confirm location and tree
 - ii. Check on seedlings from UIC
 - iii. Follow up on Jessica reaching out to Nurys
 - iv. Interactive tree location?
 - b. Dog Park/Little Library
 - i. Geoff to build
 - ii. Opening 5/10?
 - iii. Discuss Dog Costume contest – still on?
 - c. SOPs for:
 - i. Clean ups (Jessica and Jonah)
 - ii. Arbor Day (Amy)
 - iii. Dog Costume (Meghan)
 - iv. Pumpkin Smash (Amy)
 - v. Park Reports checklist (John)
 - vi. Approaching sponsors (Shyheim)
 - vii. Do we have them all together?
 - viii. When to present?
 - d. Proposed calendar/budget (see attached)
4. Calendar
 - a. Confirmed 2025 dates
 - i. Spring Clean Up 5/17/25
 - ii. Arbor Day 4/25/25
 - iii. Fall Clean Up 9/13/25 rain date 9/20/25
 - iv. Pumpkin Smash 11/8/15 rand date 11/15/25
 - b. Choose 2026 dates
5. Garden Club collaborations?
6. New Business
 - a. Park Reports
7. Public Comment
8. Adjournment

Proposed dates/budget for Recreation Board Events for 2025

DATE	EVENT	DESCRIPTION	NEEDS	BUDGET
4/25/25	Arbor Day Celebration	Tree planning celebration at Betsy Ross.	Signage, Tables, AV system: mic, speaker(s)* Buttons w/Village logo and "Tree City" to give away	\$300
5/17/25 (rain date tba)	Spring Clean-Up	Volunteers pick up trash around the village.	Treats for volunteers (donuts, coffee, sweet treat afterwards), prizes for "garbage bingo." Buttons w/Village logo and "Keeping FP Beautiful."	\$300
9/12/25 (rain date 9/20/25)	Fall Clean-Up	Volunteers pick up trash around the village.	Treats for volunteers (donuts, coffee, sweet treat afterwards), prizes for "garbage bingo." Buttons w/Village logo and "Keeping FP Beautiful."	\$300
11/8/25	Pumpkin Smash	Event to compost left-over jack-o-lanterns and/or pumpkins. Device to break up pumpkins in a dumpster. Pumpkin "remains" are composted.	Dumpster, signage, promotional flyers, upkeep of the "smasher." Button w/Village logo "A smashing good time."	\$600