

MINUTES OF THE MARKETING COMMISSION
May 4, 2026, 6:00 p.m.
Council Chambers – Tinley Park Village Hall

Members Present:

Daniel Fitzgerald (Chair)
Jenn Biasi
Jackie Bobbitt
Ralph Politano
Paul Michael Yedwofski

Members Not Present:

Maureen Dillon

Associate Members Present:

Jason Freeland

Associate Members Not Present:

Janet Czuchra
Garrett Gray
Nick Halikias
Tom McNulty
Courtney Rourke

Staff Members Present:

Amanda Gaus, Special Events Manager
Denise Maly-Politano, Commission Secretary
Kelly Oswald, Harmony Square Supervisor
Trustee Colleen Sullivan

Staff Members Not Present:

Donna Framke, Marketing Director

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Daniel Fitzgerald called the May 4, 2026 meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion made by **Jenn Biasi**, seconded by **Paul Michael Yedwofski**, to approve the agenda.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion made by **Ralph Politano**, seconded by **Jackie Bobbitt**, to approve the March 2, 2026 minutes of the Marketing Commission. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Irish Parade – Amanda Gaus

- Parade had eighty-two in the line up with 28,000 attendees. Entries were limited this year to two vehicles or a vehicle and a float with a fifty foot max and that seemed to help with the flow.
- **Denise Maly-Politano** mentioned the dentist on 179th Street was giving out (for free) dirty sodas. Also, the barricades ended at 179th Street and kids were running into the street. EMA needs to enforce people to stay behind the barricades and out of the street as some were running in front of the floats and vehicles to chase after candy.

Easter Bunny Photos – Amanda Gaus

- Photos with the Bunny at the Oak Park Avenue Train Station were Sunday, March 29th. Over four hundred families attended. We were able to start 20 minutes early.

Scholarships – Denise Maly-Politano

- We had forty-six applicants and 7 scholarship winners thanks to Mayor Glotz. Five girls and two boys were the winners. Two students from TPHS, three from Andrew H.S., one from Chicago Christian and one from Lincoln-Way East.
- Presentation at Village Board Meeting June 2nd.

Benches – Kelly Oswald

- Have twelve total.
- Eleven benches were placed. Waiting for warmer weather for flowers to be planted.
- Bench brochure should be ready around Memorial Day.
- May 15th is the artists bench reception. Looking for volunteers.
- August 22nd will be the awards ceremony at Harmony Square before Music in the Plaza

Art and Garden Market – Kelly Oswald

- Art and Garden Market May 9th, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Fifty-eight vendors, which is double from last year. Had to turn vendors away.
- Four food trucks, Library Bookmobile, balloon artist, jewelry making, arts and crafts, ballet performance, and a mini-ballet class on stage.
- Also tips on how to have a native garden at home.

Farmers Market – Kelly Oswald

- Farmers Market begins June 6th.
- Sixty-four vendors, including eighteen new vendors and three farms. Will have music every Saturday, and Yoga at 8:00 a.m. The library will be there every 2nd Saturday of the month and the Fire Department will be there every 3rd Saturday of the month.
- Vendors include: flowers, Bucks Farm Stand, Dough Girls, Feel Good, J. Juice, Jo Mama's Lemonade, Martinos Mobile Pizza, Sharper Farms, Sno-Days, Frosty Freezer, Urban Mutt, Wooden Paddle, Trinity Woodworks, All Greek to Me, and Pekoe and Bean.

Full Summer Event Schedule – Amanda Gaus

- Jazz Bands on May 2nd kicked off the season
- Cruise nights June 2nd to September 1st
- May will begin games in Harmony Square on Wednesday. Thursday is Make Music, June will have dueling pianos.
- Ale Trail beings June 3rd, every Wednesday and the Ale Trail is back to the core breweries in town: Hail Storm, Sound Growler, Hill Grove, Flip Side, Banging Gavel and Sip. Ghouls Night Out and the Jolly Trolley will be returning.
- June 6th Farmer's Market begins until October 24th.
- Eight Music in the Plaza events for 2026: June 13th (Mulberry Street); June 27th (L'80s Nite); July 25th (90s Pop Nation); August 8th (Hoodwink'd); August 15th (The Walk-Ins); August 22nd (Tennessee Whiskey); September 12th (Modern Day Romeos); and September 26th (One of These Nights).

- Block Party July 18th and July 19th. Saturday, 2:00 p.m. to 10 p.m., Sunday Noon to 7:00 p.m. Various bands on stages including Midnight Crisis and Infinity, Simply Billy, and Saving Grace. Rides in North lot.
- Country Fest July 3rd, 4th and 5th at the 80th Avenue Train Station with fireworks July 3rd.
- McCarthy Park July 4th celebration and fireworks.
- **Kelly Oswald** stated there will be movies in August and September with a patriotic theme.
- **Kelly Oswald** stated that during Block Party and Oktoberfest weekend there will be a Farmer's Market but in the South lot. There will also be a Farmer's Market on July 4th.
- Check for all events at **harmonysquare.org**.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

School jazz bands at Harmony Square was a great show with a lot of people attending. New garbage cans in Harmony Square look great!

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by **Jackie Bobbitt**, second by **Jason Freeland**, to adjourn the May 4, 2026 Marketing Commission meeting at 6:36 p.m.

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