

**Edgebrook Community Association
Board of Directors Meeting**

Minutes

Date: May 11, 2026

6446 N. Central

Meeting called to order at 6:31 pm

Minutes approved for April 2026

In Attendance

Mary Biesty, Michelle Brugioni, Tony Florio, Dan Hamilton, Jenny Herren Gatesman, Kathy Kaminski, Jan Kupiec, Ellie Lange, Julie Marske, Kirstin Mansfield, Jeff Manuel, Mike Marren, Caryn Meyer, Tom Misiewicz, Matt Ortolano, Jeff Singer, and Nancy Williams

Officer's Reports

President Jenny presented the proposed ECA policy on Social Media postings. The proposal had been sent out to board members with the agenda prior to this meeting. After a discussion, a motion was made to approve the policy as written. 11 yes votes, 1 no vote, and 3 abstentions. Motion passed. Policy attached.

Vice President Nancy indicated a thank you note was sent to Camille Unger for her support with the Easter Egg Hunt.

Treasurer Jeff Singer passed out copies of the budget YTD. There were several expenditures of note including speakers and Easter Egg stakes for next year if the event is held at Jeff Green Park. The Jesse White Tumblers were paid along with all the budgeted school donations.

Secretary Mary informed the board that a rose bush garden was planted along Lehigh across from the Fire Station. Half the cost of the roses were covered by Beautification and Tom M. donated the other half. Mary asked the board for consideration to dedicate the rose garden to the Engine 98 firefighters and paramedics. A sign indicating the ECA dedication was proposed and a motion made and approved for up to \$100.

Committee Reports

Membership. Caryn reported a current membership of about 274 members. We

had a grand total in 2022 of 360. Hopefully, we can acquire new members at the Fourth of July event.

Community Development Mary and Nancy suggested several programs for the library with the \$750 yearly funding. They have scheduled [Leslie Goddard](#) for a Route 66 presentation and another speaker about Trailblazers in Chicago History. They have also scheduled a bird walk in late June. Details coming soon!

Programs. Board members were encouraged to attend if interested in the 4/14 Early Learning Center Open House.

Newsletter. Dan informed the board that we have a 50-60% open rate for our newsletter. He will also be working with Caryn on updating the Constant Contact list.

Beautification. Caryn informed the board that she would resume planting on the triangle once she verified the poison ivy was eradicated. Ellie gave an update on the Garden Walk. There are 5 gardens scheduled for viewing in the Old Edgebrook neighborhood. She asks for any available volunteers for the walk and the family event following the walk in the Creativivo Community Garden on Kinzua.

Special Events. Jeff M and Michelle provided an update on the Fourth of July Parade and picnic. The poster contest entry forms will be distributed and the judging will be held after memorial day. The idea for placing the Jesse White Tumblers after the Fire Truck and ECA banner was made to avoid gaps in the parade. Jeff will host a planning meeting in the near future.

Police and Fire. Tom reported a smash and grab at Bottles and Cans.

Schools All budgeted monies have been distributed to the school.

Programs Jan is looking to schedule a fall program Ideas are welcome.

New Business.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:43 pm

Next Meeting: Monday, June 8th at 6:30 pm at the Matt's storefront at 6446 North Central Ave.

Dates for Board of Directors Meetings

2026

All meetings are on Monday at 6:30 pm at the Edgebrook Library or Matt's storefront

June 8

September 14

October 12

November 9

December 14

Special Events

4th of July Parade and Picnic Saturday, July 4th

Witches Ride Saturday, October 24th

Halloween Spookiest House judging TBD

Holiday Tree Lighting Saturday, November 28th

Garden Walk Date Saturday, June 13th

Triangle Clean Up

Citywide Clean and Green Date Saturday, April 18th

General Meetings

November TBD

Meet and Mingle

Two dates TBD

