



Village of Winnetka

Village Council Regular Meeting

August 4, 2026 at 7:00 PM

Village Hall
510 Green Bay Road

AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Quorum**
 - a. August 18, 2026 Regular Meeting
 - b. September 1, 2026 Regular Meeting
 - c. September 15, 2026 Regular Meeting
- 4. Public Comments**
- 5. Reports**
- 6. Establishment of Consent Agenda**
- 7. Approval of Consent Agenda**
 - a. Approval of Village Council Minutes
 - i. July 7, 2026 Regular Meeting
 - b. Approval of Warrant List Dated July 17, 2026 - July 30, 2026
 - c. Resolution No. R-59-2026: Rejecting all Bids, Waiving Bidding Requirements, and Awarding a Contract to Wesco Distribution, Inc. for the Purchase of 600 Volt Underground Cable (Adoption)
- 8. Ordinances and Resolutions**
 - a. Ordinance No. M-12-2026: Granting a Variation from the Winnetka Zoning Ordinance and a Certificate of Appropriateness for the Construction of a Gaga Ball Pit at Greeley Elementary School (275 Fairview Avenue) (Introduction/Adoption)
- 9. Old Business**
 - a. Village Owned Street Ends Update
- 10. New Business**
 - a. Village Parking Review and Discussion
- 11. Appointments**

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- 12. Closed Session**
- 13. Adjournment**



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July 7, 2026 at 7:00 PM
Village Hall
510 Green Bay Road

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

President Bob Dearborn called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Village Manager Kristin Kazenas called the roll. Present: Trustees Rob Apatoff, Tina Dalman, and Bridget Orsic. Absent: Trustees Kirk Albinson, Kim Handler, and Scott Myers. Also present: Deputy Village Manager Hannah Lipman, Deputy Village Clerk Berina Gradjan, Village Attorney Courtney Willits, Community Development Director Scott Mangum, Chief Financial Officer Tim Sloth, Deputy Chief Financial Officer Dell Duckworth, and approximately 4 people in the audience.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Trustee Dalman led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Quorum

- a. July 21, 2026 Regular Meeting
All of the Council members present said they expect to attend.
- b. August 4, 2026 Regular Meeting
All of the Council members present said they expect to attend.
- c. August 18, 2026 Regular Meeting
All of the Council members present said they expect to attend.

4. Presentations

- a. Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR)
Chief Financial Officer Tim Sloth presents the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the year ending December 31, 2025, known as the audit. The ACFR serves to provide the Village's financial stakeholders reasonable assurance that the financial statements are accurate and complete and was prepared in accordance with the high standards of the governmental accounting standards board. The Village received the Government Finance Officers Association Certificate of Achievement for Excellence and Financial Reporting award for the quality of the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report, and, as in previous years, the Village expects to win the award for this year's audit as well.

Council is provided information regarding Village funds, revenues, expenditures, fund balances, capital spending, and Village pensions. Ron Amen, Founding Partner from Lauterbach and Amen, provides financial summary information regarding the Village's governmental funds, proprietary funds and pension funds.

Council discusses the Village's occupancy rate, internal controls, pension funds and IMRF impacts.

5. Public Comments

No public comment.

6. Reports

Trustees.

- Trustee Apatoff commends the vibrancy and spirit of the Village.
- Trustee Dalman thanks the Park District for hosting an excellent parade.
- Trustee Orsic commends the communities 4th of July activities.

Village Attorney.

- Village Attorney Courtney Willits, having been on maternity leave for the last several months, expresses excitement and enthusiasm to be back working alongside Council and Village staff.

Village Manager.

- Village Manager Kristin Kazenas expresses appreciation for those who showed up for the 250th Independence Day celebrations and commends various Village departments and the Park District for their dedication and support in making the 4th of July parade a success.

Village President. No report.

7. Establishment of Consent Agenda

MOTION: Motion to approve the foregoing items on the Consent Agenda by omnibus vote.

MOVER: Trustee Orsic

SECONDER: Trustee Dalman

The voice vote was approved unanimously

8. Approval of Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Warrant List Dated June 12, 2026 - July 2, 2026
Approval of the Warrant List Dated June 12, 2026 - July 2, 2026 in the amount of \$2,227,333.96.
- b. Resolution No. R-56-2026: Approving a Public Right-of-Way Use License Agreement with Ezee Fiber Texas, LLC for Installation of Fiber-Optic Communication Facilities in Village Rights of Way (Adoption)
- c. Approval of Annual Outdoor Seating Area Permit
MOTION: Motion to approve the foregoing items on the Consent Agenda by omnibus vote.
MOVER: Trustee Apatoff
SECONDER: Trustee Orsic
AYES: Trustees Apatoff, Dalman, Dearborn, and Orsic

NAYS: None
ABSENT: Trustees Albinson, Handler, and Myers

9. Ordinances and Resolutions

- a. Ordinance No. MC-03-2026: Amending the Winnetka Zoning Ordinance to Prohibit Short-Term Rentals in the Village (Introduction/Adoption)
At the April 7, 2026 Council meeting, Council provided direction for staff and the Village Attorney to draft an ordinance prohibiting short-term rentals that are defined as those less than 60-days.

The public hearing opens at 7:24 pm.

Village Attorney Courtney Willits reviews the guidelines for the public hearing and advises members of the public that should they choose to testify, an oath will be administered.

Community Development Director Scott Mangum addresses Council regarding the terms of the proposed short-term ordinance addressing considerations of various rentals, regulations, and exceptions.

Council discusses licensing components, enforcement, and regulations of rentals. At Council direction, the Village Attorney will further refine the definition of short-term rentals in the proposed ordinance.

No Public comment.

The public hearing closed at 7:34 pm.

MOTION: Motion to waive introduction of Ordinance No. MC-03-2026: Amending the Winnetka Zoning Ordinance to Prohibit Short-Term Rentals in the Village.

MOVER: Trustee Apatoff

SECONDER: Trustee Dalman
The voice vote was approved unanimously

10. Old Business

None.

11. New Business

- a. 455 Linden Street - Planned Development Concept Review
Community Development Director Scott Mangum advises Council regarding a two-story multi-family residential use planned development concept plan at 455 Linden Street. The proposed planned development consists of four residential units and ten underground parking spaces. Council is advised of the planned development process, comprehensive plan and zoning maps, and identified zoning relief and exceptions.

Council discusses landscaping matters, community benefits, site enhancements,

and the Design Review Board review and approval process.

Fred Augustin, Zoning Attorney, addresses Council regarding the design, building and construction of the project.

Council discusses next steps regarding the preliminary plan development application process and Design Review Board review and approval process.

12. Appointments

None.

13. Closed Session

MOTION: Motion to adjourn to closed session for the purpose of discussing closed session minutes pursuant to section 2(c)(21) of the Open Meetings Act, respectively. Under the motion, when closed session is adjourned, the public meeting will automatically and immediately adjourn without the conduct of any further business or comments.

MOVER: Trustee Dalman

SECONDER: Trustee Apatoff

AYES: Trustees Apatoff, Dalman, Dearborn, and Orsic

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Trustees Albinson, Handler, and Myers

14. Adjournment

The Closed Session meeting ended at 8:10 pm.



Village of WINNETKA, IL

Agenda Item Executive Summary

TITLE: Approval of Warrant List Dated July 17, 2026 - July 30, 2026

PRESENTER: Kristin Kazenas

AGENDA DATE: August 4, 2026

CONSENT: Yes

ITEM TYPE: Consent Agenda

ITEM HISTORY:

None.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Warrant List Dated July 17, 2026 - July 30, 2026.

RECOMMENDATION:

Consider Approving the Warrant List Dated July 17, 2026 - July 30, 2026.

ATTACHMENTS:

None



Agenda Item Executive Summary

TITLE: Resolution No. R-59-2026: Rejecting all Bids, Waiving Bidding Requirements, and Awarding a Contract to Wesco Distribution, Inc. for the Purchase of 600 Volt Underground Cable (Adoption)

PRESENTER: Nicholas Narhi, Sam Carrasco

AGENDA DATE: August 4, 2026

CONSENT: Yes

ITEM TYPE: Consent Agenda

ITEM HISTORY:

The 2026 Electric Fund Budget contains \$346,458 for the purchase of cable.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Water & Electric Department issued Request For Bid No. 26-013 for the purchase of 950 feet of 4-1/c 500 kcmil cable, 1900 feet of 3-1/c 4/0 AWG cable, 950 feet of 3-1/c 500 kcmil, and 1000 feet of 3-1/c #6, 600 volts, copper underground cable. Staff received bids from the following vendors: Okonite, Siebert Electric, and MVA Power. All three proposals were found non responsive due to deviations to bid specifications.

Staff reached out directly to Wesco Distribution Inc. (WESCO), ANIXTER and Power Line Supply, well-known vendors that had supplied this material in previous purchases but didn't submit proposals for the RFB# 026-013, to request proposals. Only WESCO submitted a proposal.

WESCO quoted cable manufactured by Service Wire Company which is acceptable to the Water & Electric Department for an amount of \$170,702.07. The manufacturing lead time for the required quantities of 600 volt cable is three weeks upon receipt of an order. Exhibit A contains a bid tabulation along with additional detail on the unit pricing, order quantity, and shipping length tolerance.

Resolution No. R-59-2026, prepared by the Village Attorney, rejects all bids, waives bidding requirement and awards a contract to WESCO for the purchase of 600 volts underground cable in an amount of \$170,702.07. The 2026 Electric Fund Budget contains \$346,458 (account #500.42.31-660) for the purchase of cable. To date, the Electric Fund has expended \$173,778.28.

RECOMMENDATION:

Consider adoption of Resolution No. R-59-2026, rejecting all bids, waiving bidding requirements and awarding a contract to Wesco Distribution, Inc. for the purchase of 600 volts underground cable in an amount of \$170,702.07.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Attachment 1: Resolution No. R-59-2026: Waiving Bidding & Awarding a Contract to Wesco Distribution Inc. for Purchase of 600 Volt Underground Cable
2. Attachment 2: Bid Tabulation: RFB# 026-013

ATTACHMENT 1

RESOLUTION NO. R-59-2026

A RESOLUTION REJECTING ALL BIDS, WAIVING BIDDING REQUIREMENTS, AND AWARDING A CONTRACT TO WESCO DISTRIBUTION INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF 600 VOLT UNDERGROUND CABLE

WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 10 of the 1970 Illinois Constitution authorizes the Village of Winnetka ("**Village**") to contract with individuals, associations, and corporations in any manner not prohibited by law or ordinance; and

WHEREAS, on June 24, 2026, the Village issued Request for Bids #026-013 ("**Request for Bids**") for the purchase of 600 volt underground cable ("**Cable**"); and

WHEREAS, the Village received three bids ("**Bids**") to provide the Cable and opened the Bids on July 10, 2026; and

WHEREAS, all bidders took exception to terms in the Request for Bids and, thus, the Bids are non-responsive to the Request for Bids; and

WHEREAS, because all of the Bids were non-responsive, the Village Council has determined that it is in the best interests of the Village to reject all Bids; and

WHEREAS, despite its Bid being non-responsive to the Request for Bids, the rates and terms from WESCO Distribution Inc. ("**Vendor**") for the purchase of the Cable is the most advantageous to the Village; and

WHEREAS, the Village Council desires to enter into a contract with Vendor for the Village to purchase the Cable from Vendor in an amount of \$170,702.07 ("**Contract**"); and

WHEREAS, Village staff has recommended that the Village Council (i) reject all of the Bids; (ii) waive competitive bidding pursuant to Section 4.12.010.C of the Village Code, Section IV.3.D of the Village's Purchasing Manual, and the Village's home rule authority; and (iii) enter into the Contract with Vendor for the purchase of the Cable; and

WHEREAS, the Village Council has determined that it is in the best interests of the Village to (i) reject the Bids; (ii) waive competitive bidding pursuant to Section 4.12.010.C of the Village Code, Section IV.3.D of the Village's Purchasing Manual, and the Village's home rule authority; and (iii) enter into the Contract with Vendor for the purchase of the Cable;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Village of Winnetka, Cook County, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION 1: RECITALS. The Village Council hereby adopts the foregoing recitals as its findings, as if fully set forth herein.

SECTION 2: REJECTION OF BIDS. The Village Council hereby rejects all of the Bids for the Cable received in response to the Request for Bids issued by the Village and directs the Village Manager, or their designee, to inform the bidders thereof.

SECTION 3. WAIVER OF COMPETITIVE BIDDING. Pursuant to Section 4.12.010.C of the Village Code, the Village's Purchasing Manual, and the Village's home rule authority, the Village Council waives the requirement of competitive bidding for the procurement of the Cable.

SECTION 4: APPROVAL OF CONTRACT. The Village Council hereby approves the Contract with Vendor in substantially the form attached to this Resolution as Exhibit A, and in a final form approved by the Village Manager.

SECTION 5: AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE CONTRACT. The Village Council authorizes and directs the Village President and the Village Clerk to execute and attest, respectively, on behalf of the Village, the final Contract after receipt by the Village Manager of two executed copies of the final Contract from Vendor; provided, however, that if the Village Manager does not receive two executed copies of the final Contract from Vendor within 60 days after the date of adoption of this Resolution, then this authority to execute and seal the final Contract will, at the option of the Village Council, be null and void.

SECTION 6: EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval according to law.

ADOPTED this 4th day of August, 2026, pursuant to the following roll call vote:

AYES:	_____
NAYS:	_____
ABSENT:	_____
ABSTAIN:	_____

Signed

Village President

Countersigned:

Village Clerk

EXHIBIT A

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Village of Winnetka, Illinois

510 Green Bay Road
Winnetka, IL 60093

Phone: (847) 501-6000 Fax: (847) 446-1139
General Email: dduckworth@winnetka.org

REQUEST FOR BIDS:	#026-XXX	BID ISSUE DATE: 06/24/2026
BID DESCRIPTION:	600 VOLT UNDERGROUND CABLE	
BID OPENING DATE:	07/10/2026	BID OPENING TIME: 11:00 AM
SUBMIT 1 ORIGINAL BID PACKAGE PLUS 2 COPIES		

BID RESPONSES MUST BE RECEIVED AND TIME STAMPED NO LATER THAN THE PUBLIC BID OPENING DATE AND TIME (LOCAL TIME) SPECIFIED ABOVE. BIDS WILL BE OPENED AND READ ALOUD AT THAT TIME AT THE LOCATION INDICATED IN THE BID DOCUMENT. LATE BIDS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

TO ALL PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS:

You are hereby requested to submit your bid for the item(s) or service(s) to be furnished and delivered, shipped F.O.B. delivered, to the address specified herein.

The original bid package and the required number of copies must be received in a sealed envelope that has your name and address in the upper left corner and the bid number and bid name on the lower left corner.

All bids are subject to staff analysis. The Village of Winnetka reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids received and waive any and all technicalities.

Bids may be submitted electronically via email to bids@winnetka.org or delivered to the physical address. Bids must be delivered and time stamped prior to the public bid opening date and time to:

VILLAGE OF WINNETKA
Attn: FINANCE DEPARTMENT
510 GREEN BAY ROAD
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS 60093

Any communication regarding this request between the date of issue and date of award is required to go through the Bid Coordinator or the Buyer listed below (or, in the Buyers absence, the Deputy Chief Financial Officer).

Unauthorized contact with other Village of Winnetka staff or officers is strictly forbidden.

BUYER:	Dell Duckworth	PHONE:	(847) 716-3560
EMAIL:	dduckworth@winnetka.org		
FULL NAME OF BIDDER	WESCO DIST		
BID CONTACT PERSON	MATT BOGGS		
TELEPHONE NUMBER	630-327-7017		

EXHIBIT A
INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

1. Preparation of Bids. All bids for the Products must be made only on the blank Contract/Bid form attached to this Request for Bids and must be complete with a price for each and every item named in the Schedule of Prices section of the Contract/Bid form. All bids must be signed by an authorized official. Bids that contain omissions, erasures, alterations or additions not called for, conditional or alternate bids (unless called for), or irregularities of any kind may be rejected.

2. Clarifications. Owner reserves the right to make clarifications, corrections, or changes in this Request for Bids at any time prior to the time bids are opened. All bidders or prospective bidders will be informed of said clarifications, corrections, or changes.

3. Delivery of Bids. One original and two copies of each bid must be submitted in a sealed envelope plainly marked with the Invitation Number and Bidder's full legal name and address. The envelope must be addressed and delivered to Owner's Finance Director, at the Bid Opening Location set forth above, on or before the Bid Opening Time on the Bid Opening Date set forth above. Bids may be delivered by mail or in person. Bids received after the Bid Opening Time will be returned unopened.

Bids may also be sent electronically to bids@winnetka.org as long as they are received before the Bid Opening Time. Any files sent electronically must be below the file size limit of 29MB. If multiple emails need to be sent to ensure file sizes remain below the size limit, the emails should be numbered. The bid number and bid name should be included in the subject line of your email.

4. Opening of Bids. Bids will be publicly opened and read at the time and place specified above. Bidders, their authorized agents and interested parties are invited to be present.

5. Withdrawal of Bids. No bid may be withdrawn for a period of 30 days after the opening of any bid.

6. Rejection of Bids. Bids that are not submitted on the Contract/Bid form or that are not prepared in accordance with these Instructions to Bidders may be rejected. If not rejected, Owner may demand correction of any deficiency and accept the deficiently prepared bid upon compliance with these Instructions to Bidders.

7. Acceptance of Bids. Bids submitted are offers only, and the decision to accept or reject is a function of quality, reliability, capability, reputation, and expertise of the bidders. Owner reserves the right to accept the bid that is, in its judgment, the best and most favorable to the interests of Owner and to the public; to reject the low price bid; to accept any item of any bid; to reject any and all bids; and to waive irregularities and informalities in any bid submitted or in the request for bid process, provided, however, the waiver of any prior defect or informality will not be considered a waiver of any future or similar defect or informality. Bidders should not rely upon or anticipate such waivers in submitting their bid. Upon acceptance of the successful bidder's bid by Owner, the successful bidder's bid, the Bid/Contract form, and Owner's notification of acceptance in the form attached to this Request for Bids will become the Contract for the Products.

DATED this 24th day of June, 2026

VILLAGE OF WINNETKA

By: Dell Duckworth
Deputy Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT A

VILLAGE OF WINNETKA

CONTRACT/BID
FOR 600 Volt Underground Cable

Full Name of Bidder:

WESCO
("Bidder")

Principal Office Address:

200 E LIES RD
CAROL STREAM, IL 60188

Local Office Address:

Contact Name: MATT BOGGS Telephone: 630-327-7017

TO: Village of Winnetka
510 Green Bay Road
Winnetka, IL 60093
Attention: **Deputy Chief Financial Officer**

Bidder warrants and represents that Bidder has reviewed and understood all documents included, referred to, or mentioned in this bound set of documents, including Addenda Nos. _____ (if none, write "NONE") that are securely stapled to the end of this Contract/Bid.

1. Proposal to Deliver Products.

A. Contract and Products. If this Contract/Bid is accepted, then Bidder proposes and agrees that Bidder will deliver to Owner, at the Delivery Address, the products, items, materials, merchandise, supplies, or other items identified in the Request for Bids attached hereto (the "Products") in new, undamaged, and first-quality condition. Bidder further proposes to:

- (1) Labor, Equipment, Materials and Supplies Provide, perform, and complete in the manner specified and described in the Contract/Bid, all necessary work, labor, services, transportation, equipment, materials, supplies, information, data, and other means and items necessary to deliver the Products to Owner in a proper and workmanlike manner.
- (2) Permits Procure and furnish all permits, licenses, and other governmental approvals and authorizations necessary for the Products.
- (3) Bonds and Insurance Procure and furnish all bonds, insurance certificates, and policies of insurance, if any, specified in the Contract/Bid.

EXHIBIT A

(4) Miscellaneous Perform all other things required of Bidder by this Contract/Bid.

B. Performance Standards. If this Contract/Bid is accepted, Bidder proposes and agrees that the Products will comply strictly with the ***Specifications attached hereto as Attachment A and by this reference made a part of this Contract/Bid***. If this Contract/Bid specifies a Product by brand name or model, that specification is intended to reflect the required performance standards and standard of excellence that Owner requires for the Product. However, Bidder may propose to deliver a Product that is a different brand or model, if Bidder provides with its bid written documentation establishing that the brand or model it proposes to deliver possesses equal quality, durability, functionality, capability, and features as the Product specified.

C. Responsibility for Damage or Loss. If this Contract/Bid is accepted, Bidder proposes and agrees that Bidder will be responsible and liable for, and will promptly and without charge to Owner, repair or replace damage done to and any loss or injury suffered by Owner as a result of Bidder's failure to perform hereunder.

D. Inspection/Testing/Rejection. Owner will have the right to inspect all or any part of the Products. If, in Owner's judgment, all or any part of the Products is defective or damaged or fails to conform strictly to the requirements of this Contract/Bid, then Owner, without limiting its other rights or remedies, may (i) reject such Products, (ii) require Bidder to correct or replace such Products at Bidder's cost, (iii) obtain new Products to replace the Products that are defective, damaged, or nonconforming and charge Bidder with any excess cost incurred thereby, and (iv) cancel all or any part of any order or this Contract/Bid. Products so rejected may be returned or held at Bidder's expense and risk.

2. Contract Price Proposal.

A. Price. If this Contract/Bid is accepted, Bidder proposes and agrees that Bidder will deliver the Products to Owner in accordance with the following Schedule of Prices:

Product Item No.	Description of Product to be delivered to Owner	Quantity of Products to be delivered to Owner	Unit Price of Product	Extension
1-4	600V UNDERGROUND CABLE	See pricing form in Attachment A.	SEE ATTACHED	169,404.40

If Owner has specified the Quantity of Products to be delivered to Owner in the Request for Bids, then Bidder will take, in full payment for all Products and other matters set forth under Section 1 of this Contract/Bid, including overhead and profit, taxes, royalties, license fees, delivery, contributions and premiums, and compensation to all subcontractors and suppliers, the total Contract Price of:

See pricing form in Attachment A.

If Owner has not specified the Quantity of Products to be delivered to Owner in the Request for Bids, then Bidder will take, in full payment for all Products and other matters set forth under Section 1 of this Contract/Bid, including overhead and profit, taxes, royalties, license fees, delivery, contributions and premiums, and compensation to all subcontractors and suppliers, a total Contract Price that will be equal to the sum of the Unit Prices (as determined by the above Schedule of Prices) applicable to all Products accepted by Owner.

B. Basis for Determining Prices. It is expressly understood and agreed that:

EXHIBIT A

- (1) All prices stated in the Schedule of Prices are firm and will not be subject to escalation or change; Metals' escalation or de-escalation will **not** be utilized. All manufacturing costs shall be fixed at the bid price.
- (2) Owner is not subject to State or local sales, use, and excise taxes, and no such taxes are included in the Schedule of Prices, and all claims or rights to claim any additional compensation by reason of the payment of any such tax are hereby waived and released;
- (3) All other applicable federal, State, and local taxes of every kind and nature applicable to the Products are included in the Schedule of Prices; and
- (4) If a Quantity of Products to be delivered to Owner is specified in the Request for Bids, such amount is an estimate only. Owner reserves the right to increase or decrease such quantity, and the total Contract Price to be paid will be based on the final quantity determined by Owner for each Product and the actual number of Products that comply with this Contract/Bid that are accepted by Owner. Bidder hereby waives and releases all claims or rights to dispute or complain of any such estimated quantity or to assert that there was any misunderstanding in regard to the number of Products to be delivered.

C. Time of Payment. It is expressly understood and agreed that all payments will be made in accordance with the following schedule:

Upon delivery and acceptance of item by the Owner.

All payments may be subject to deduction or setoff by reason of any failure of Bidder to perform under this Contract/Bid.

3. Contract Time Proposal.

If this Contract/Bid is accepted, Bidder proposes and agrees that Bidder will deliver the Products to Owner not later than 2-3 wks, 2026

4. Financial Assurance.

A. Indemnification. If this Contract/Bid is accepted, Bidder shall and hereby agrees to indemnify, defend and save harmless the Owner, its affiliates, its officers, directors, employees and agents from and against any and all claims, suits, actions, liabilities, damages, losses, costs and expenses by reason of injury or death to person(s) or damage to property to the extent caused by the negligent acts or omissions, violation of law or regulation, or willful misconduct of Bidder, its officers, agents and employees, in the performance of this order.

5. Firm Proposal.

All prices and other terms stated in this Contract/Bid are firm and will not be subject to withdrawal, escalation, or change so long as Owner accepts this Contract/Bid within 24 days after the date this sealed Contract/Bid is opened. **No** metals' escalation or de-escalation will be utilized. All manufacturing costs shall be fixed at the bid price.

EXHIBIT A

6. Bidder's Representations and Warranties.

To induce Owner to accept this Contract/Bid, Bidder hereby represents and warrants as follows:

A. The Products. Bidder warrants to the Owner that the Goods will conform to the specifications, drawings and other descriptions supplied or adopted by the Owner. All warranties available from the manufacturer of the goods sold to Owner shall be passed through to Owner from Bidder. Bidder agrees to work diligently on behalf of Owner to ensure manufacturer of goods promptly fulfills their warranty obligation.

The manufacturer shall warrant that the Product will be of merchantable quality and, for a period of not less than one year after delivery (i) will be free from any latent or patent defects and flaws in workmanship, materials, and design, (ii) will strictly conform to the requirements of this Contract/Bid, and (iii) will be fit, sufficient, and suitable for the purposes expressed in or reasonably inferred from this Contract/Bid.

B. Compliance with Laws. All Products and all of their components will comply with, and Bidder agrees to be bound by, all applicable federal, state, and local laws, orders, rules, and regulations as they may be modified or amended from time to time. Every provision required by law to be inserted into this Contract/Bid will be deemed to be inserted herein.

C. Not Barred. Bidder is not barred by law from contracting with Owner or with any other unit of state or local government as a result of (i) a delinquency in the payment of any tax administered by the Illinois Department of Revenue unless Bidder is contesting, in accordance with the procedures established by the appropriate revenue act, its liability for the tax or the amount of the tax as set forth in 65 ILCS 5/11-42.1-1, (ii) a violation of either Section 33E-3 or Section 33E-4 of Article 33 of the Criminal Code of 1961, 720 ILCS 5/33E-1 *et seq.*, or (iii) for any other reason.

D. Qualified. Bidder has the requisite experience, ability, inventory, capital, facilities, equipment, plant, organization, and staff to enable Bidder to deliver the Products at the Contract Price and within the Contract Time Proposal set forth above.

7. Acknowledgments.

In submitting this Contract/Bid, Bidder acknowledges and agrees that:

A. Reliance. Owner is relying on all warranties, representations, and statements made by Bidder in this Contract/Bid.

B. Reservation of Rights. Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids, reserves the right to reject the low price bid, and reserves such other rights as are set forth in the Instructions to Bidders.

C. Acceptance. If this Contract/Bid is accepted, then Bidder will be bound by each and every term, condition, or provision contained in this Contract/Bid and in Owner's written notification of acceptance in the form included in this bound set of documents.

D. Remedies. Each of the rights and remedies reserved to Owner in this Contract/Bid are cumulative and additional to any other or further remedies provided in law or equity or in this Contract/Bid.

EXHIBIT A

E. Time; Days. Time is of the essence for this Contract/Bid. Except where specifically stated otherwise, references in this Contract/Bid to days will be construed to refer to calendar days.

F. No Waiver. No examination, inspection, investigation, test, measurement, review, determination, decision, certificate or approval by Owner, whether before or after Owner's acceptance of this Contract/Bid; nor any information or data supplied by Owner, whether before or after Owner's acceptance of this Contract/Bid; nor any order by Owner for the payment of money; nor any payment for or use, possession, or acceptance of the whole or any part of any Product; nor any extension of time granted by Owner; nor any delay by Owner in exercising any right under this Contract/Bid; nor any other act or omission of Owner will constitute or be deemed to be an acceptance of any defective, damaged, or nonconforming Product; nor operate to waive or otherwise diminish the effect of any representation or warranty made by Bidder or of any requirement or provision of this Contract/Bid or of any remedy, power, or right of Owner.

G. Assignment. Neither this Contract/Bid, nor any interest herein, may be assigned or subcontracted in whole or in part by Bidder except with the prior written consent of Owner.

H. Governing Law. This Contract/Bid and all rights of the parties under this Contract/Bid will interpreted according to the laws of, but not the conflict of law rules of, the State of Illinois.

DATED this 17th date of JULY 2026

EXHIBIT A

Bidder's Status: ☒ PA Corporation (State) ☐ Partnership (State) ☐ Individual Proprietor

Bidder's Name: WESCO DIST

Doing Business As (if different): _____

Signature of Bidder or Authorized Agent: _____

(CORPORATE SEAL, IF APPLICABLE)

Printed Name: MATT BOGGS

Title/Position: ACCOUNT EXECUTIVE

Bidder's Business Address: 200 E LIES RD
CAROL STREAM, IL 60188

Bidder's Business Telephone: (630) 327-7017 Facsimile: ()

If a Corporation or Partnership, list all Officers or Partners:

JOHN ENGEL	PRESIDENT	
DAVID SCHULTZ	CFO	

EXHIBIT A

ATTACHMENT A: SPECIFICATIONS

1) SPECIFICATIONS FOR 600 VOLT UNDERGROUND CABLE

1. Stranded copper conductor in the sizes and amounts indicated below.

Item	Size	Strands	Quantity To Be Ordered	Maximum Reel	Cable Lay
1.	4-1/c 500 kcmil	37	950 ft.	1,000 ft.	Quadruplexed
2.	3-1/c 4/0	19	1,900 ft.	2,000 ft.	Triplexed
3.	3-1/c 500 kcmil	37	950 ft.	1,000 ft.	Triplexed
4.	3-1/c #6	7	1,000	1,500	Single lay parallel reel

2. Insulation shall be rated for RHH, RHW-2, and USE-2. Suitable for direct burial or conduit installation and for 90°C operation in dry or wet locations.
3. Cable shall be supplied in the following configurations as ordered:
Larger than #2 A.W.G., 3 – 1/c cables, triplexed.
Larger than #2 A.W.G., 4 – 1/c cables, quadruplexed.
4. Cable shall be identified on the covering in contrasting color by manufacturer's name, year of manufacture, type of insulation, conductor material and size, and sequential footage markings.
5. Cable shall be striped in the following manner:
A. 4 – 1/c cables shall be marked black, red, blue with white designating neutral.
B. 3 – 1/c cables shall be marked black with one white designating neutral.
6. All cable ends will be capped to prevent water entry.
7. Reel type: Non-returnable, Maximum Size 84" diameter x 58" wide.
8. Reel coverings as shown below. Cable not shipped as shown will be rejected.
A. Level 5, Export Packaging as defined by NEMA, WC 26-2008, EEMAC 201-2008 (wood lagging, outside edge of flange to outside edge of flange).
B. Or manufacturer's standard with shipment made freight included, F.O.B. Winnetka.
9. Tolerances of cable lengths: $\pm 5\%$.
10. Cable shall be delivered in open, flat bed trucks. Reels shipped flat will be rejected.
11. All manufacturing costs shall be fixed at the bid unit price. **No** metals escalation / de-escalation will be applicable. Vendor's quote to specify if date of manufacture or date of shipment will be used for determining metals adjustment.
12. Items may be individually awarded separately.
13. Deliveries: Required 48 hours advance notification @ (847) 716-3551.

Receiving hours: Monday to Friday, 7:30am to 2:30pm.
Village of Winnetka Yards
1390 Willow Road, Winnetka, IL 60093

14. Approved cable manufacturers:

BICC (General), Okonite, Service Wire Co., Southwire, and Prysmian.
RFB #026-XX

EXHIBIT A

NOTE: ALL UNIT PRICES MUST INCLUDE DELIVERY

MANUFACTURER (600V CABLE): SERVICE WIRE

2) Bid Worksheet

600V Cable

Item	Description	Strands	Cable Lay	Unit Price (per foot)	Lead Time (Weeks/Days)
1.	4-1/c 500 kcmil	37	Quadruplexed	69.058	2-3 WKS
2.	3-1/c 4/0	19	Triplexed	23.34	11 11
3.	3-1/c 500 kcmil	37	Triplexed	51.794	11 11
4.	3-1/c #6	7	Single	3.418	11 11

☐ Cable will be export packaged

☒ Standard packaging, F.O.B. Winnetka

NOTE: ITEMS MAY BE AWARDED SEPARATELY. IF THERE IS AN ADDITIONAL DISCOUNT/LOWER UNIT PRICE FOR BIDDER TO BE AWARDED BOTH ITEMS, PLEASE MAKE REFERENCE ON QUOTE.

★ FREIGHT ALLOWED FOR AT LEAST (2) ITEMS OR ITEM 1 ONLY.

EXHIBIT A

ACCEPTANCE

The Contract/Bid attached hereto and by this reference incorporated herein and made a part hereof is accepted by the Village of Winnetka ("Owner") as of this ____ day of _____ 2026.

This Acceptance, together with the Contract/Bid attached hereto, constitutes the entire agreement between the parties relating to the Products and the Contract Price therefor and supersedes all prior or contemporaneous discussions, agreements, or understandings, whether written or oral, and will prevail over any contradictory or inconsistent terms or conditions contained in any purchase order, acceptance, acknowledgment, or invoice.

VILLAGE OF WINNETKA

By _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

ATTACHMENT 2

Bid Tabulation: RFB# 026-013

600 Volt Cable	Okonite	Siebert Electric	MVA Power	WESCO	Comments
4-1/c-500 kcmil	\$108.40	\$76.90	\$14.00	\$69.06	Okonite - Minimum order of 1,000 ft is greater than requested. Siebert Electric - Did not provide cable manufacturer. MVA Power - Quoted AL conductors instead of CU WESCO - Provided proposal past the RFB deadline, per staff request.
3-1/c-4/0	\$26.98	\$28.90	\$4.50	\$23.34	Okonite - Minimum order of 3,400 ft is greater than requested. Siebert Electric - Did not provide cable manufacturer. MVA Power - Quoted AL conductors instead of CU WESCO - Provided proposal past the RFB deadline, per staff request.
3-1/c-500 kcmil	\$77.81	\$63.20	\$8.50	\$51.79	Okonite - Minimum order of 1,000 ft is greater than requested. Siebert Electric - Did not provide cable manufacturer. MVA Power - Quoted AL conductors instead of CU WESCO - Provided proposal past the RFB deadline, per staff request.
3-1/c #6	\$4.74	\$2.10	\$0.75	\$3.42	Okonite - Minimum order of 3,400 ft is greater than requested. Siebert Electric - Did not provide cable manufacturer. MVA Power - Quoted AL conductors instead of CU WESCO - Provided proposal past the RFB deadline, per staff request.
Freight:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Leadtime	14-16 weeks	7 weeks	6-8 weeks	2-3 weeks	

Bid Tabulation: RFB #WE 026-013

600 Volt Cable	Quantity Required (ft.)	Unit Price (\$/ft.) Per Bid	Shipping Length Tolerance (5%)	Extended Price
4-1/c-500 kcmil	950	\$69.06	\$3,280.35	\$68,887.35
3-1/c-4/0	1900	\$23.34	\$2,217.30	\$46,563.30
3-1/c-500 kcmil	950	\$51.79	\$2,460.03	\$51,660.53
3-1/c #6	1000	\$3.42	\$171.00	\$3,591.00



Village of WINNETKA, IL

Agenda Item Executive Summary

TITLE: Ordinance No. M-12-2026: Granting a Variation from the Winnetka Zoning Ordinance and a Certificate of Appropriateness for the Construction of a Gaga Ball Pit at Greeley Elementary School (275 Fairview Avenue) (Introduction/Adoption)

PRESENTER: Scott Mangum

AGENDA DATE: August 4, 2026

CONSENT: No

ITEM TYPE: Ordinances and Resolutions

ITEM HISTORY:

None

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

INTRODUCTION

On August 4, 2026, the Village Council is scheduled to consider Ordinance No. M-12-2026 in response to applications submitted by Winnetka Public School District 36 (the "Applicant"), as the owner of the property located at 275 Fairview Avenue (the "Subject Property") (**Attachment 1**). The Applicant is seeking approval of the following to allow installation of a gaga ball pit:

1. A **Zoning Variation** to allow a **Front Yard Setback (Woodland Avenue)** of 5.5 feet, whereas a minimum of 30 feet is required, a variation of 24.5 feet (81.67%) [Note: There is existing play equipment that currently provides a front yard setback of 7 feet from the east property line]; and
2. A **Certificate of Appropriateness** for the design of the proposed gaga ball pit.

The Applicant is proposing to locate the gaga ball pit on the grassy area between the existing asphalt play surface and the existing fence along the east property line. The proposed gaga pit would be constructed of black composite wood with black metal corners, and measure 14.5 feet in diameter and 2.5 feet in height. The gaga pit would be installed on top of a perforated rubber mat system.

ADVISORY BOARD/COMMISSION REVIEW

The Zoning Board of Appeals ("ZBA") considered the zoning variation on July 13, 2026. Subsequent to the posting of the July 13 ZBA agenda packet, the Applicant provided details on the surface of the gaga pit. Based on the updated materials representing the proposed perforated rubber mat system, the surface of the ball pit is not included in the calculation of impermeable lot coverage (**Attachment 2**). Therefore, zoning relief to exceed the maximum permitted ILC is not required for the proposed gaga pit.

After hearing from staff, the Applicant, and receiving no written or verbal comments from the public, the ZBA discussed the application and by a vote of 5-0, recommended approval of the request. **Attachment 3** includes the staff report and draft meeting minutes which summarize the request.

The Design Review Board ("DRB") considered the certificate of appropriateness for the design of the proposed gaga ball pit on July 16, 2026. After hearing from staff and receiving no written or verbal comments from the public, the DRB discussed the request and by a vote of 6-0 recommended approval of the certificate of appropriateness. The draft meeting minutes of the DRB meeting are provided in **Attachment 4**.

RECOMMENDATION:

The ZBA recommends approval (5-0) and the DRB recommends approval (6-0), the Council may wish to (a) consider waiving introduction of Ordinance No. M-12-2026 and consider adoption of the Ordinance, OR (b) consider only introduction of Ordinance No. M-12-2026.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Attachment 1: Ordinance No. M-12-2026 Granting a Variation and COA for a Gaga Ball Pit at Greeley Elementary School - 275 Fairview Ave
2. Attachment 2: July 13, 2026, ZBA Meeting Staff Report and Draft Meeting Minutes
3. Attachment 3: July 16, 2026, DRB Draft Meeting Minutes

ORDINANCE NO. M-12-2026

**AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A VARIATION FROM THE
WINNETKA ZONING ORDINANCE AND A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS
FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A GAGA BALL PIT AT
GREELEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
(275 Fairview Avenue)**

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of Winnetka Public School District No. 36 (*“Applicant”*) is the record title owner of the parcel of real property commonly known as 275 Fairview Avenue in Winnetka, Illinois, and legally described in **Exhibit A** attached to and, by this reference, made a part of this Ordinance (*“Subject Property”*); and

WHEREAS, the Subject Property is approximately 2.7 acres in area and located within the R-5 Single Family Residential District of the Village (*“R-5 District”*) and is improved with an elementary school, parking lot, playgrounds, and attached asphalt play surface; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant desires to construct a gaga ball pit east of the asphalt play surface on the Subject Property (*“Proposed Improvement”*); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 17.30.050 of the Winnetka Zoning Ordinance (*“Zoning Ordinance”*), the minimum required front yard setback for the Subject Property is 30 feet; and

WHEREAS, to construct the Proposed Improvement on the Subject Property, the Applicant filed an application for a variation from Section 17.30.050 to allow a front yard setback of 5.5 feet from the eastern property line along Woodland Avenue (*“Variation”*); and

WHEREAS, on July 13, 2026, after due notice thereof, the Zoning Board of Appeals (*“ZBA”*) conducted a public hearing on the Variation and, by a vote of five members in favor and none opposed, recommended that the Council of the Village of Winnetka (*“Village Council”*) approve the Variation; and

WHEREAS, on July 16, 2026, after due notice thereof, the Design Review Board of the Village met to consider a Certificate of Appropriateness for the Proposed Improvement, and by a vote of six in favor and none opposed, recommended the issuance of a Certificate of Appropriateness for the Proposed Improvement; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 17.60.050 of the Zoning Ordinance, the Village Council has determined that: (i) the Variation is in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the Zoning Ordinance and is in accordance with general or specific rules set forth in Chapter 17.60 of the Zoning Ordinance; and (ii) there are practical difficulties or particular hardships in the way of carrying out the strict letter of the provision or regulation of the Zoning Ordinance from which the Variation has been sought; and

WHEREAS, the Village Council has determined that approval of the Variation and the Certificate of Appropriateness for the construction and operation of the Proposed Improvement on

the Subject Property within the R-5 District is in the best interest of the Village and its residents; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Council of the Village of Winnetka do ordain as follows:

SECTION 1: RECITALS. The foregoing recitals are hereby incorporated into this section as the findings of the Village Council, as if fully set forth herein.

SECTION 2: APPROVAL OF VARIATION. Subject to, and contingent upon, the terms, conditions, restrictions, and provisions set forth in Section 3 of this Ordinance, the Variation from Section 17.30.050 of the Zoning Ordinance to allow the construction of the Proposed Improvement on the Subject Property is hereby granted, in accordance with and pursuant to Chapter 17.60 of the Zoning Ordinance and the home rule powers of the Village.

SECTION 3: CONDITIONS. The Variation granted by Section 2 of this Ordinance is subject to, and contingent upon, compliance by the Applicant with the following conditions:

- A. **Commencement of Construction.** The Applicant must commence the construction of the Proposed Improvement no later than 12 months after the effective date of this Ordinance.
- B. **Compliance with Regulations.** Except to the extent specifically provided otherwise in this Ordinance, the development, use, and maintenance of the Proposed Improvement and Subject Property must comply at all times with all applicable Village codes and ordinances, as they have been or may be amended over time.
- C. **Reimbursement of Village Costs.** In addition to any other costs, payments, fees, charges, contributions, or dedications required under applicable Village codes, ordinances, resolutions, rules, or regulations, the Applicant must pay to the Village, promptly upon presentation of a written demand or demands therefor, of all fees, costs, and expenses incurred or accrued in connection with the review, negotiation, preparation, consideration, and review of this Ordinance. Payment of all such fees, costs, and expenses for which demand has been made shall be made by a certified or cashier's check. Further, the Applicant must pay upon demand all costs incurred by the Village for publications and recordings required in connection with the aforesaid matters.
- D. **Compliance with Plans.** The development, use, and maintenance of the Proposed Improvement on the Subject Property must be in strict accordance with the plans prepared by the Applicant, consisting of two sheets, with a latest revision date of July 10, 2026, copies of which are attached to, and by this reference, made part of this Ordinance as **Exhibit B (“Plans”)**, except for minor changes and site work approved by the Director of Community Development or the Director of Engineering (within their respective permitting authority) in accordance with all applicable Village codes, ordinances, and standards.

SECTION 4: APPROVAL OF CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS. Subject to, and contingent upon, the terms, conditions, restrictions, and provisions set forth in Section 3 of this Ordinance, the Certificate of Appropriateness is granted for the Subject Property, pursuant to Section 15.40.010 of the Village Code and the home rule powers of the Village.

SECTION 5: RECORDATION; BINDING EFFECT. A copy of this Ordinance will be recorded with the Cook County Clerk Recording Division. This Ordinance and the privileges, obligations, and provisions contained herein inure solely to the benefit of, and are binding upon, the Applicant and each of its heirs, representatives, successors, and assigns.

SECTION 6: FAILURE TO COMPLY. Upon the failure or refusal of the Applicant to comply with any or all of the conditions, restrictions, or provisions of this Ordinance, in addition to all other remedies available to the Village, the approval granted in Section 2 of this Ordinance will, at the sole discretion of the Village Council, by ordinance duly adopted, be revoked and become null and void; provided, however, that the Village Council may not so revoke the approval granted in Section 2 of this Ordinance unless it first provides the Applicant with two months advance written notice of the reasons for revocation and an opportunity to be heard at a regular meeting of the Village Council. In the event of revocation, the development and use of the Subject Property will be governed solely by the regulations of the applicable zoning district and the applicable provisions of the Zoning Ordinance, as the same may, from time to time, be amended. Further, in the event of such revocation, the Village Manager and Village Attorney are hereby authorized and directed to bring such zoning enforcement action as may be appropriate under the circumstances.

SECTION 7: AMENDMENTS. Any amendment to this Ordinance may be granted only pursuant to the procedures, and subject to the standards and limitations, provided in the Zoning Ordinance for amending or granting variations.

SECTION 8: SEVERABILITY. If any provision of this Ordinance or part thereof is held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect, and shall be interpreted, applied, and enforced so as to achieve, as near as may be, the purpose and intent of this Ordinance to the greatest extent permitted by applicable law.

SECTION 9: EFFECTIVE DATE.

A. This Ordinance will be effective only upon the occurrence of all of the following events:

1. Passage by the Village Council in the manner required by law;
2. Publication in pamphlet form in the manner required by law; and
3. The filing by the Applicant with the Village Clerk of an Unconditional Agreement and Consent in the form of **Exhibit C** attached to and, by this reference, made a part of this Ordinance to accept and abide by each and all of the terms, conditions, and limitations set forth in this Ordinance and to

indemnify the Village for any claims that may arise in connection with the approval of this Ordinance.

B. In the event that the Applicant does not file with the Village Clerk a fully executed copy of the unconditional agreement and consent described in Section 9.A.3 of this Ordinance within 60 days after the date of passage of this Ordinance by the Village Council, the Village Council shall have the right, in its sole discretion, to declare this Ordinance null and void and of no force or effect.

PASSED this 4th day of August, 2026, pursuant to the following roll call vote:

AYES: _____

NAYS: _____

ABSENT: _____

APPROVED this 4th day of August, 2026.

Signed:

Village President

Countersigned:

Village Clerk

Published by authority of the
President and Board of Trustees
of the Village of Winnetka,
Illinois, this ____ day of _____,
2026.

Introduced: _____, 2026

Passed and Approved: _____, 2026

EXHIBIT A
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT PROPERTY

ALL OF BLOCK 9, LOTS 1 THROUGH 14 INCLUSIVE, AND VACATED ALLEY IN THE LAKE SHORE SUBDIVISION, VILLAGE OF WINNETKA, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF LOT 1 IN A SUBDIVISION OF NICHOLAS SIMONS AND OTHERS OF A PART OF THE FRACTIONAL SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 21 AND A FRACTIONAL SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 21, TOWNSHIP 42 NORTH, RANGE 13 OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

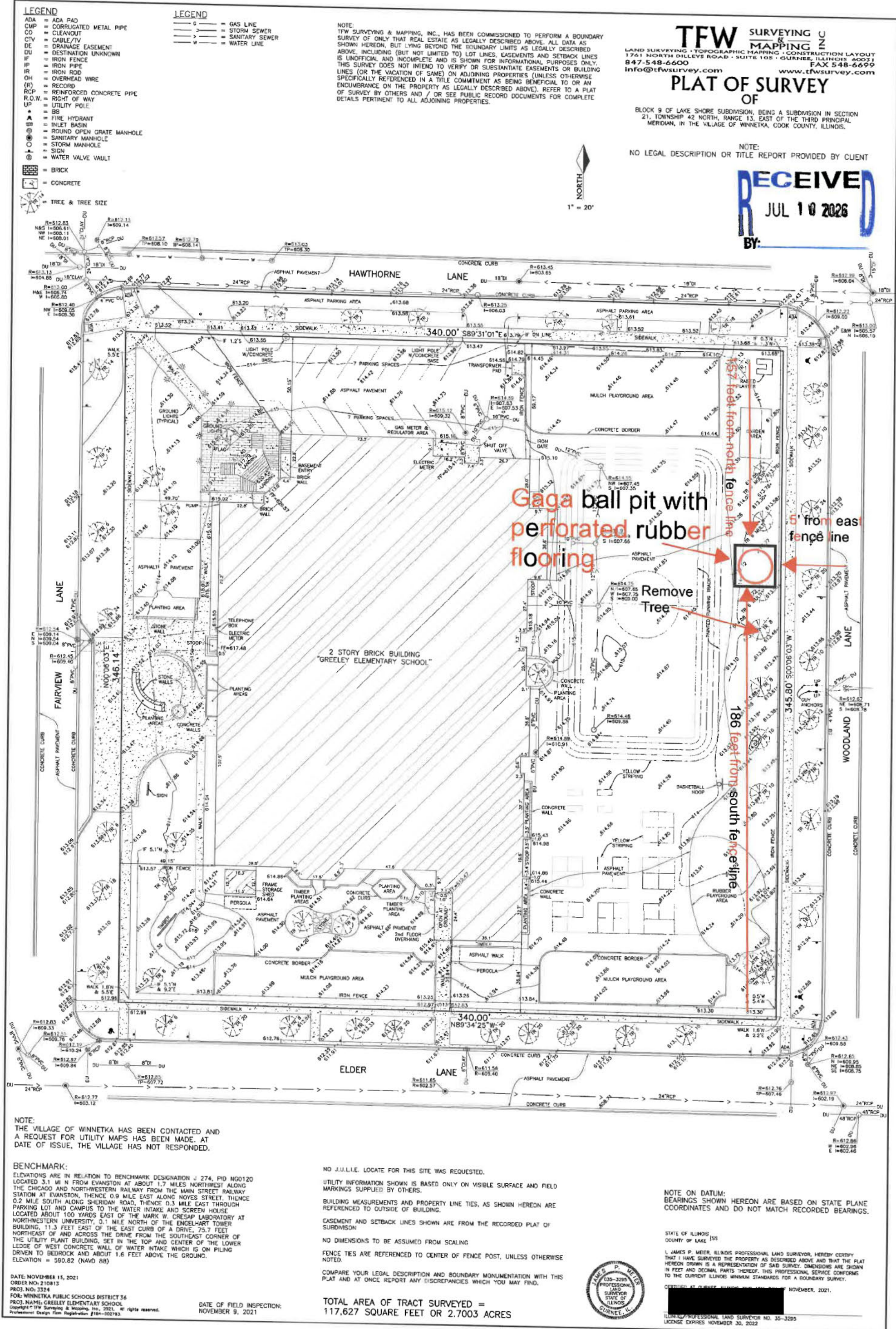
Commonly known as 275 Fairview Avenue, Winnetka, Illinois.

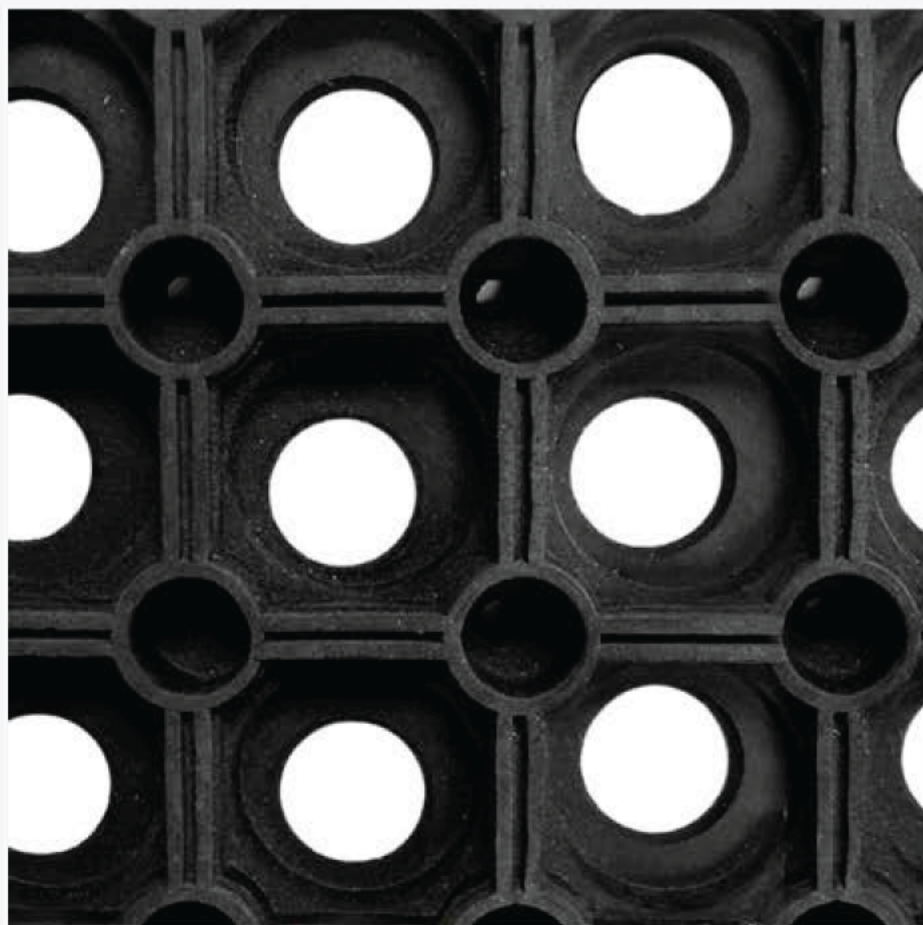
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EXHIBIT B

PLANS

(SEE ATTACHED EXHIBIT B)



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GaGa Ball Pit Rubber Flooring Mats – 28

\$1,862.00

DESCRIPTION

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

We offer Rubber Flooring MATS for Octagons using 8ft walls that are custom measured to fit under and inside the walls of your GaGa Ball pit.

These GaGa Ball Pits Rubber Flooring Mats have a little more bounce to them, and they are a little more forgiving on the ground prep vs the Rubber Flooring Tiles.

Safety tested to comply with ASTM F1292 and ASTM F1951 and copies of the certificates are available upon request.

GaGa Ball Pits Rubber Flooring Mats Includes:

28 – 5' x 3' x 3/4" BLACK Rubber Mats, pins and zip ties, finished size measures 20'x22'9", intended for Octagon models using 8ft walls, with material extending out beyond the GaGa Ball pit wall on some of its sides.

Other configurations for different finished sizes, as well as custom sizes, are available – please call Coach Cliff at [REDACTED] for more information.

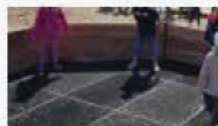


EXHIBIT C

UNCONDITIONAL AGREEMENT AND CONSENT

TO: The Village of Winnetka, Illinois ("*Village*");

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of Winnetka Public School District No. 36 ("*Applicant*") is the record title owner of the parcel of real property commonly known as 275 Fairview Avenue in Winnetka, Illinois ("*Subject Property*"); and

WHEREAS, the Subject Property is approximately 2.7 acres in area and located within the R-5 Single Family Residential District of the Village ("*R-5 District*") and is improved with an elementary school, parking lot, playgrounds, and attached asphalt play surface; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant desires to construct a gaga ball pit east of the asphalt play surface on the Subject Property ("*Proposed Improvement*"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 17.30.050 of the Winnetka Zoning Ordinance ("*Zoning Ordinance*"), the minimum required front yard setback for the Subject Property is 30 feet; and

WHEREAS, to construct the Proposed Improvement on the Subject Property, the Applicant filed an application for a variation from Section 17.30.050 to allow a front yard setback of 5.5 feet from the eastern property line along Woodland Avenue ("*Variation*"); and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. M-12-2026, adopted by the Village Council on _____, 2026 ("*Ordinance*"), grants the Variation and a Certificate of Appropriateness to permit the construction of the Proposed Improvement on the Subject Property; and

WHEREAS, Section 9 of the Ordinance provides, among other things, that the Ordinance will be of no force or effect unless and until the Applicant has filed, within 60 days following the passage of the Ordinance, its unconditional agreement and consent to accept and abide by each and all of the terms, conditions, and limitations set forth in the Ordinance;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Applicant does hereby agree and covenant as follows:

1. The Applicant hereby unconditionally agrees to accept, consent to, and abide by each and all of the terms, conditions, limitations, restrictions, and provisions of the Ordinance.
2. The Applicant acknowledges that public notices and hearings have been properly given and held with respect to the adoption of the Ordinance, has considered the possibility of the revocation provided for in the Ordinance, and agrees not to challenge any such revocation on the grounds of any procedural infirmity or a denial of any procedural right.
3. The Applicant acknowledges and agrees that the Village is not and will not be, in any way, liable for any damages or injuries that may be sustained as a result of the Village's grant of the Variation for the Subject Property or its adoption of the Ordinance, and that the Village's approvals

do not, and will not, in any way, be deemed to insure the Applicant against damage or injury of any kind and at any time.

4. The Applicant hereby agrees to hold harmless and indemnify the Village, the Village's corporate authorities, and all Village elected and appointed officials, officers, employees, agents, representatives, and attorneys, from any and all claims that may, at any time, be asserted against any of such parties in connection with the Village's adoption of the Ordinance granting the Variation for the Subject Property.

5. The Applicant hereby agrees to pay all expenses incurred by the Village in defending itself with regard to any and all of the claims mentioned in this Unconditional Agreement and Consent. These expenses will include all out-of-pocket expenses, such as attorneys' and experts' fees, and will also include the reasonable value of any services rendered by any employees of the Village.

Dated: _____, 2026

ATTEST:

**BOARD OF EDUCATION OF WINNETKA
PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 36**

By: _____

By: _____

Its: _____

Its: _____



MEMORANDUM VILLAGE OF WINNETKA

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

TO: ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
FROM: ANN KLAASSEN, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
DATE: JULY 9, 2026 (UPDATED JULY 17, 2026)
SUBJECT: GREELEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – 275 FAIRVIEW AVENUE
VARIATIONS (CASE NO. 26-20-V2)

INTRODUCTION

On July 13, 2026, the Zoning Board of Appeals (“ZBA”) is scheduled to hold a public hearing on an application submitted by Winnetka Public School District 36 (the “Applicant”), as the owner of the property located at 275 Fairview Avenue (the “Subject Property”). The Applicant is proposing installation of a gaga ball pit on the Subject Property and requests approval of the following zoning variations:

- ~~1. Impermeable Lot Coverage (ILC) of 90,708.4 square feet, whereas a maximum of 58,813.5 square feet is permitted, a variation of 31,894.9 square feet (54.23%) [Section 17.30.030 – Intensity of Use of Lot] [Note: The site currently contains 90,380 square feet of ILC. The proposed improvement would add 328.4 square feet]; and~~
2. **Front Yard Setback (Woodland Avenue)** of 5.5 feet, whereas a minimum of 30 feet is required, a variation of 24.5 feet (81.67%) [Section 17.30.050 – Front and Corner Yard Setbacks] [Note: There is existing play equipment that currently provides a front yard setback of 7 feet].

The Applicant has also submitted an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness, which is scheduled for consideration by the Design Review Board on July 16, 2026.

A mail notice has been sent to property owners within 250 feet of the Subject Property, in compliance with Zoning Ordinance. The hearing was also properly noticed in the *Winnetka Talk* on June 25, 2026. As of the date of this memo, staff has not received any written comment from the public regarding this application.

The Village Council has final jurisdiction on this request as only the Council has the authority to grant a variation to (i) exceed the maximum permitted ILC by more than 20%; and (ii) reduce a front yard setback by more than 50% of the required setback.

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

The Subject Property, which is approximately 2.7 acres (117,627 square feet) in size, is located on the east side of Fairview Avenue between Hawthorn and Elder Lanes and contains Greeley Elementary School (see Figure 1). The Subject Property has four front yards, with street frontage along Hawthorn Lane to the north, Woodland Avenue to the east, Elder Lane to the south, and Fairview Avenue to the west.

The Comprehensive Plan designates the Subject Property as appropriate for “Institutional (Religious Institution, School, Governmental & Other Facilities)” uses. The property is zoned R-5 Single Family

Residential, and it is surrounded by R-5 Single Family Residential and also bordered by R-4 Single Family Residential to the north (see Figure 2).

In addition to single-family residential uses, the R-5 District allows a limited range of additional uses by Special Use Permit. Allowed Special Uses in the R-5 District include (a) church or temple; (b) public school, elementary and high, or private school having a curriculum equivalent to a public elementary school, public high school or public institution of higher learning; and (c) library.

The Applicant's use of the Subject Property as a school is generally consistent with the Comprehensive Plan land use designation and the R-5 zoning district.

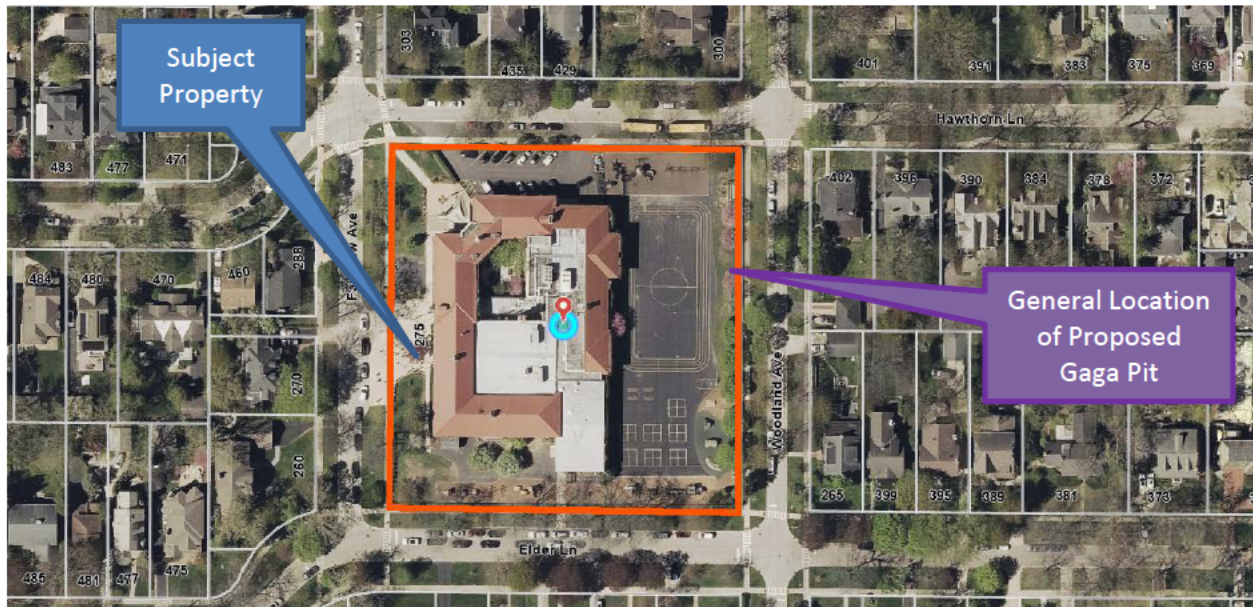


Figure 1 – GIS Aerial Map

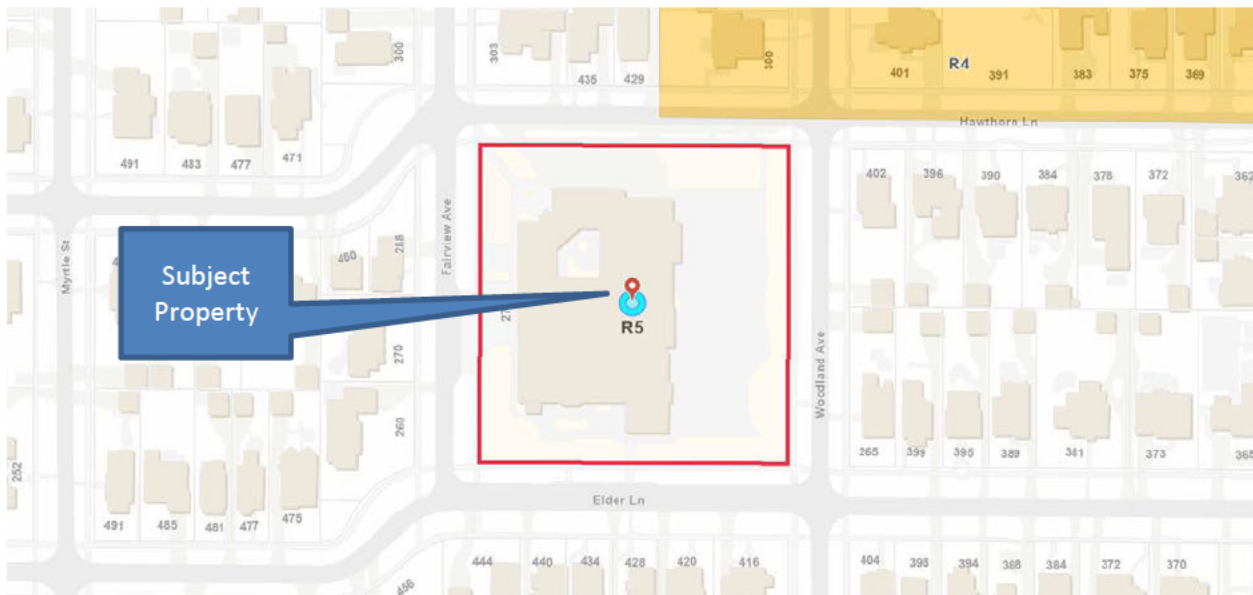


Figure 2 – Zoning Map

PROPERTY HISTORY AND PREVIOUS ZONING APPLICATIONS

Greeley School was constructed circa 1912. Significant additions were constructed in 1923, 1954 and 2008. There are 10 previous zoning cases on file for the Subject Property:

1. In 1964, ZBA Case No. 928 was approved for a front yard setback variation to allow a classroom structure;
2. In 1994, ZBA Case No. 1608 was approved for a special use permit and a variation to allow a storage shed;
3. Ordinance M-577-99 was adopted in June 1999 by the Village Council, granting front yard setback variations from Elder and Hawthorn Lanes, and Woodland Avenue to allow replacement of playground equipment;
4. In 1999, ZBA Case No. 99-29-SU was a request to expand the parking lot that would have exceeded the permitted impermeable lot coverage and added parking spaces that would not have met the required front yard setback. The application was withdrawn;
5. Ordinance M-6-2007 was adopted in May 2007 by the Village Council, granting a Special Use Permit and variations to allow construction of a two-story addition on the northeast corner of the existing school building. The approved variations were for (a) GFA; (b) roofed lot coverage; and (c) impermeable lot coverage;
6. In 2014, ZBA Case No. 14-11-SU was a request to install play equipment that would not have met the required front yard setbacks from Elder Lane and Woodland Avenue. The application was withdrawn;
7. Ordinance M-3-2015 was adopted in January 2015 by the Village Council, granting a Special Use permit and variations to allow an outdoor classroom and playground improvements. The approved variations were for the required front yard setbacks from Elder Lane and Woodland Avenue;
8. In 2016, ZBA Case No. 16-20-SU was a request to replace the kindergarten playground equipment that would not have met the required front yard setback from Elder Lane. The application was withdrawn;
9. Ordinance M-4-2017 was adopted in May 2017 by the Village Council, granting a Special Use Permit and a variation to allow improvements to the kindergarten playground. The approved variation was for the required front yard setback from Elder Lane; and
10. Ordinance M-8-2022 was adopted in April 2022 by the Village Council, granting an amendment to a Special Use Permit, zoning variations, and a Certificate of Appropriateness to allow improvements to the existing playground located on the northeast corner of the Subject Property. The approved variations were for (i) ILC, (ii) Front Yard Lot Coverage; and (iii) the front yard setback from Hawthorn Lane.

Figures 3 and 4 on the following page are photos of the site where the gaga ball pit is proposed.



Figure 3 – Subject Property – East Elevation (Woodland Avenue)

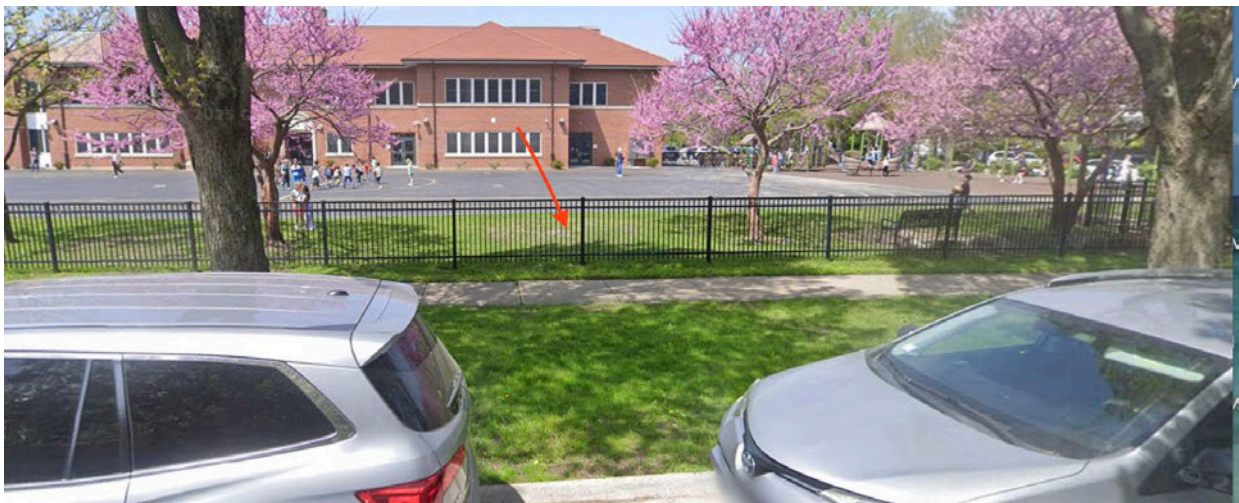


Figure 4 – Subject Property – General Location of Proposed Gaga Ball Pit

PROPOSED PLAN

The Applicant is proposing installation of a gaga ball pit east of the existing asphalt play surface. The proposed gaga ball pit would be constructed of black composite wood with black metal corners, and measure 14.5 feet in diameter and 2.5 feet in height. The gaga ball pit would be on a perforated rubber mat system, measuring 20 feet by 16.42 feet (328 square feet).

The proposed plan calls for the removal of a pear tree. The Applicant has submitted a tree removal permit, which has been approved by Village Forestry. The location of the tree to be removed is identified in Figure 5 and a photo of the tree is provided in Figure 7 later in this report.

The proposed site plan and an image representing the proposed gaga pit are provided below and on the following page as Figures 5 and 6. The application materials are included in this report as **Attachment B**.

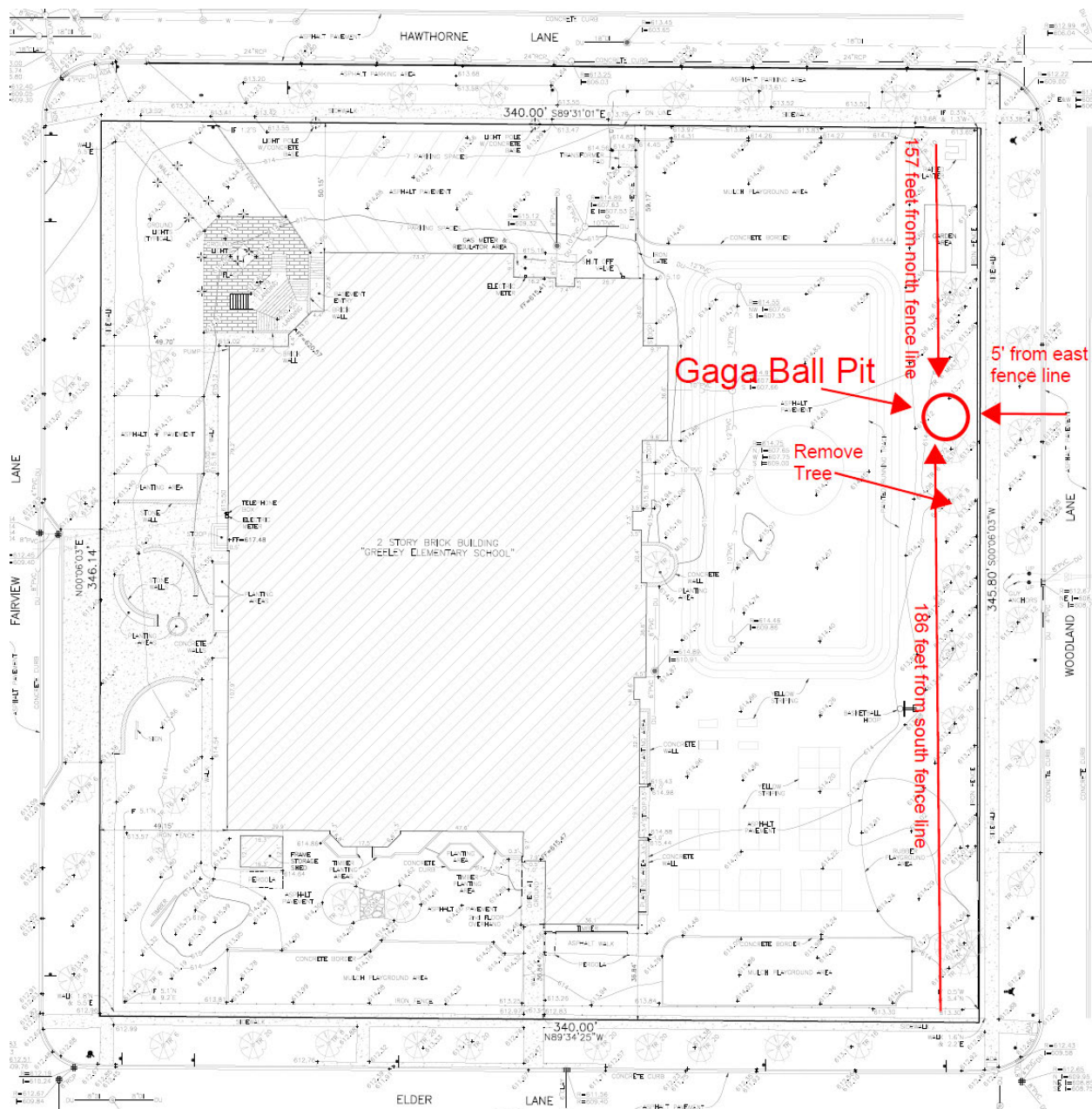


Figure 5 – Proposed Site Plan



Figure 6 - Hubbard Woods School Gaga Pit



Figure 7 – Pear Tree to be Removed

Based on the proposed plan, it appears additional stormwater detention would not be required because the increase in impermeable lot coverage is less than 25% (proposed increase of 1%). Village Engineering staff will review the permit necessary for the proposed improvement, which is required to comply with Village stormwater regulations. Figure 8 on following page represents the Subject Property's proximity to the floodplain; the cyan represents the 100-year flood area.



Figure 8 – GIS Floodplain Map

REQUESTED ZONING RELIEF

The attached zoning matrix highlights the existing lot and the proposed improvement's compliance with the R-5 zoning district (Attachment A). Two variations are being requested to allow the proposed gaga ball pit: (1) ~~impermeable lot coverage~~; and (2) front yard setback.

Impermeable Lot Coverage (ILC). ~~The maximum permitted ILC in the R-5 District is 50% of the lot area. The maximum allowed ILC on the Subject Property is 58,813.5 square feet. The site currently contains 90,380 square feet of ILC (76.84% of the lot area), exceeding the maximum permitted ILC by 31,566.5 square feet (53.67%). The increase in ILC with the proposed gaga pit is 328.4 square feet; bringing the total ILC to 90,708.4 square feet (77.11% of the lot area), requiring a variation of 31,894.9 square feet (54.23%).~~

Front Yard Setback (Woodland Avenue). The minimum required front yard setback in the R-5 District is 30 feet. There is existing play equipment on the Subject Property that currently provides a front yard setback of 7 feet from the east property line along Woodland Avenue. The proposed gaga ball pit would provide a front yard setback of 5.5 feet, whereas a minimum of 30 feet is required, a variation of 24.5 feet (81.67%).

FINDINGS

In the attached application materials submitted by the Applicant, the Applicant has provided a statement of justification regarding how the requested variations meet the standards for granting such zoning relief. Does the ZBA find that the requested variations meet the standards for granting such variations; and if so, is the ZBA prepared to make a recommendation to the Village Council regarding the requested relief? If so, a ZBA member may wish to make a motion recommending approval or recommending denial based upon the following:

Move to recommend approval [denial] of the following requested zoning variations to allow:

1. ~~Impermeable Lot Coverage (ILC)~~ of 90,708.4 square feet, whereas a maximum of 58,813.5 square feet is permitted, a variation of 31,894.9 square feet (54.23%) [Section 17.30.030 – Intensity of Use of Lot]; and
2. **Front Yard Setback (Woodland Avenue)** of 5.5 feet, whereas a minimum of 30 feet is required, a variation of 24.5 feet 81.67%) [Section 17.30.050 – Front and Corner Yard Setbacks].

The Zoning Board of Appeals finds, based on evidence in the record or a public document, that the variations requested are **in harmony [not in harmony]** with the general purpose and intent of the Zoning Ordinance and that each of the following eight standards on which evidence is required pursuant to Section 17.60.050 of this Code **have been met [have not been met]** in connection with this variation application **[subject to the following conditions...]**

1. The property in question cannot yield a reasonable return if permitted to be used only under the conditions allowed by regulations in that zone.
2. The plight of the owner is due to unique circumstances. Such circumstances must be associated with the characteristics of the property in question, rather than being related to the occupants.
3. The variation, if granted, will not alter the essential character of the locality.
4. An adequate supply of light and air to the adjacent property will not be impaired.
5. The hazard from fire and other damages to the property will not be increased.
6. The taxable value of the land and buildings throughout the Village will not diminish.
7. The congestion in the public street will not increase.
8. The public health, safety, comfort, morals, and welfare of the inhabitants of the Village will not otherwise be impaired.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: Zoning Matrix

Attachment B: Application Materials

ATTACHMENT A

ZONING MATRIX

UPDATED July 17, 2026

ADDRESS: 275 Fairview Avenue - Greeley Elementary School

CASE NO: 26-20-V2

ZONING: R-5

ITEM	MIN/MAX REQUIREMENT	EXISTING	PROPOSED	DIFFERENCE BETWEEN PROPOSED & EXISTING	ZONING CODE COMPLIANCE (2)
Min. Lot Size	8,900 SF	117,627 SF	N/A	N/A	OK
Min. Average Lot Width	70 FT	339.82 FT	N/A	N/A	OK
Min. Lot Depth	120 FT	346.14 FT	N/A	N/A	OK
Max. Roofed Lot Coverage	29,406.75 SF (1)	36,453.88 SF	36,453.88 SF	0 FT	EXISTING NONCONFORMING
Max. Gross Floor Area	28,869.21 SF (1)	73,424.74 SF	73,424.74 SF	0 FT	EXISTING NONCONFORMING
Max. Impermeable Lot Coverage	58,813.5 SF (1)	90,380 SF	90,380 SF	0 FT	EXISTING NONCONFORMING
Min. Front Yard (Hawthorn/North)	30 FT	5.83 FT (3)	5.83 FT (3)	0 FT	EXISTING NONCONFORMING
Min. Front Yard (Fairview/West)	30 FT	49.15 FT	49.15 FT	0 FT	OK
Min. Front Yard (Elder/South)	30 FT	11 FT (3)	11 FT (3)	0 FT	EXISTING NONCONFORMING
Min. Front Yard (Woodland/East)	30 FT	7 FT (3)	5.5 FT	-1.5 FT	24.5 FEET (81.67%) VARIATION

NOTES:

(1) Based on lot area of 117,627 s.f.

(2) Variation amount is the difference between proposed and requirement.

(3) Setback to existing play equipment.

VILLAGE OF WINNETKA, ILLINOIS
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

ZONING VARIATION APPLICATION

Case No. 26-20-V2

Property Information

Site Address: 275 Fairview Ave

Owner Information

Name: Winnetka Public Schools District 36

Address: [REDACTED]

City, State, ZIP: Winnetka, IL. 60093

Email: [REDACTED]

Primary Contact: Adam Rappaport

Phone No. [REDACTED]

Date property acquired by owner: 01/01/1913

Architect Information

Name: _____

Primary Contact: _____

Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Phone No. _____

Email: _____

Attorney Information

Name: _____

Primary Contact: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone No. _____

Email: _____

Nature of any restrictions on property: Institutional use (school) within a residentially zoned district.

The property has existing non-conformances exceeding the allowed impermeable surface and a front yard set back encroachment

Brief explanation of variation(s) requested (attach separate sheet providing additional details): Winnetka Public

School District 36 requests a variance to increase the total impermeable surface on the lot and in the front yard set back
in order to install a gaga ball pit.

Property Owner Signature: [REDACTED]

Date: 05/06/2026

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Ann Klaassen](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Village of Winnetka / ZBA & DRB / Email re: Greeley Elementary School Gaga Pit
Date: Sunday, June 14, 2026 2:52:40 PM

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Hi Ann!

Would you please include the message below in the board packets for the ZBA & DRB regarding the Greeley Elementary School Gaga Pit project? I believe the project will go before both bodies in July, and will be presented by our principal, Lindsay Kopinski (copied).

Many thanks,
Kate

Dear Members of the Village of Winnetka Zoning Board of Appeals, and Design Review Board:

My name is Kate Casale MacNally, and I am writing in my capacity as the 2025-2026 president of the Greeley Elementary School Parent-Teacher Organization ("PTO").

First, please allow me to express my gratitude for your work and efforts on behalf of our community. I served on the ZBA myself for 4 years, and I have a special appreciation for the countless hours of work you do each month behind the scenes to make our Village run efficiently, often without public accolades. Thank you, thank you!

About three years ago, our then-fourth-grade class asked to gift the school a gaga pit for the use of the students who so enjoyed playing this schoolyard game during recess. We purchased a very good model from Amazon, but since it was intended for backyard/family use, it was quickly rendered inoperable due to the wear and tear it received from a student body of 350+ people daily!

This school year, as part of their leadership work, our 4th grade liaisons to the PTO expressed how much they missed this, and wanted to gift a gaga pit to the school. Over the past 8 months, we've worked with our counterparts at Hubbard Woods Elementary School who installed a permanent gaga pit a few years ago themselves, as well as with Adam Rappaport, the District 36 Director of Buildings and Grounds, and Greeley Principal Lindsay Kopinski. We've identified the right spot for the pit, received the required approval of the D36 School Board, placed the order for materials, and created the work calendar for the site preparation and materials installation. With your approval, we'll be able to install the gaga pit and have everything ready for the first day of school on August 26th.

I'm so sorry that I'm not able to be with you this evening, but Lindsay Kopinski and I have worked very closely this past year on this. Indeed, during the 2026-2027 school year, I'll continue on the Greeley PTO as the president ex officio, so I will happily help see this project

over the goal line. While I have full faith that Lindsay will be able to answer your questions, I'm more than happy to communicate with any of you on this matter - please don't hesitate to reach out!

Again, my most sincere gratitude for your work for our Village, and in particular for your efforts on behalf of the Greeley community.

Many thanks,
Kate Casale MacNally
[REDACTED] Elder Lane, Winnetka
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

STANDARDS FOR GRANTING OF ZONING VARIATIONS-Greeley School Gaga Pit

1. The proposed removable Gaga Pit would not alter this condition. The property would continue to yield the same reasonable return and remain usable under the existing zoning regulations for the district. The Gaga Pit is a temporary, removable recreational feature rather than a permanent structural change, and its presence does not impact the fundamental economic use, value, or permitted use of the property.
2. The proposed removable Gaga Pit does not create or relate to any unique hardship associated with the property itself. The request is not based on unusual physical characteristics, constraints, or conditions of the property, nor is it tied to the circumstances of any particular occupants. Rather, the Gaga Pit is a temporary, removable recreational feature intended to support student activity and does not arise from or alter any unique condition of the property.
3. The proposed removable Gaga Pit, if approved, would not alter the essential character of the locality. As a temporary, removable recreational feature located on school property, it is consistent with the existing educational and recreational use of the site. The Gaga Pit would not change the fundamental nature, appearance, or function of the surrounding neighborhood, nor would it introduce a use that is incompatible with the character of the area.
4. The proposed removable Gaga Pit would not impair the adequate supply of light and air to adjacent properties. As a low-profile, temporary, and removable recreational feature, it would not create meaningful obstruction, shadowing, or barriers that would affect neighboring properties' access to light or air circulation.
5. The proposed removable Gaga Pit would not increase the hazard from fire or other damage to the property. As a temporary, low-profile recreational feature, it does not introduce combustible building materials, obstruct emergency access, or create conditions that would increase safety risks to the property or surrounding area.
6. The proposed removable Gaga Pit would not diminish the taxable value of land and buildings throughout the Village. As a temporary, removable recreational feature located on school property, it does not negatively alter the use, character, or desirability of the surrounding area. Rather, it supports the existing educational and recreational function of the property without creating conditions that would reasonably be expected to adversely impact property values.

STANDARDS FOR GRANTING OF ZONING VARIATIONS-Greeley School Gaga Pit

7. The proposed removable Gaga Pit would not increase congestion on public streets. As a temporary recreational feature intended for use by students already on school grounds during the regular school day, it would not generate additional traffic, parking demand, or vehicle activity beyond the property's existing educational use.
8. The proposed removable Gaga Pit would not impair the public health, safety, comfort, morals, or general welfare of the inhabitants of the Village. As a temporary, removable recreational feature located on existing school property and intended for supervised student use, it aligns with the educational and recreational purpose of the site. Rather than creating harm, it supports student physical activity, social interaction, and overall well-being without introducing conditions that would negatively impact the broader community.

**WINNETKA ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING MINUTES EXCERPT
JULY 13, 2026**

Zoning Board Members Present: Matt Bradley, Chairman
Lynn Hanley
Bob Lind
Mike Nielsen
Michael Ritter

Zoning Board Members Absent: Mark Haller
Kathryn Leister

Village Staff: Scott Mangum, Director of Community Development
Ann Klaassen, Assistant Director of Community
Development
Christopher Marx, Associate Planner

b. Case No. 26-20-V: 275 Fairview Avenue (Greeley Elementary School): An application seeking approval of a zoning variation to allow installation of a Gaga ball pit at 275 Fairview Avenue. The requested variation would permit the proposed Gaga pit to provide less than the minimum required front yard setback along the east property line (Woodland Avenue). The Village Council has final jurisdiction on this request.

Ms. Klaassen stated that information received after the agenda packet was posted, describing a perforated rubber floor matting system to be installed beneath the GaGa pit, eliminated the need for the impermeable lot coverage variation originally included in the request, so the Board would consider only the front yard setback variation. She stated the site is zoned R-5, single-family residential, typical of the Village's school sites, and is subject to front yard setback requirements on all four lot lines. Ms. Klaassen described the proposed GaGa pit as approximately 14.5 feet in diameter and 2.5 feet in height, to be installed on a rubber flooring mat surface measuring approximately 20 feet by 16.5 feet, located east of the existing asphalt play surface and approximately 5.5 feet from the property line, or 5 feet from the existing fence. She stated installation would require removal of a pear tree, for which Village Forestry approved the removal permit, and that no replacement is required. Ms. Klaassen noted existing play equipment on the site is already nonconforming, situated as close as approximately 7 feet from the property line, and the proposed GaGa pit would sit slightly closer, at 5.5 feet. She stated the Design Review Board was also scheduled to consider the request later that week, and that no public comment had been received. She asked if there were any questions.

Ms. Hanley asked whether the location of the GaGa pit, so close to the fence, raised concerns about balls leaving the property. Chairman Bradley also raised this concern. No additional questions were raised at this time.

Chairman Bradley swore in those speaking to this matter. Lindsay Kopinski, Principal of Greeley Elementary School, stated a prior temporary GaGa pit at the same location did not hold up to student use, and that the school is seeking a permanent installation similar to one at Hubbard Woods School. In response to the Board's question about balls leaving the site, she explained the game is played close to the ground, below ankle height, by students in kindergarten through fourth grade, making it unlikely that balls would leave the enclosed play area. No additional questions were raised at this time.

Chairman Bradley asked for public comment. No comments were made at this time. He then called the matter in for discussion.

Mr. Nielsen stated the impermeable lot coverage concern had been resolved by the proposed rubber matting system and that he is in favor of the setback relief given the location. Mr. Lind agreed the proposed location was appropriate. Ms. Hanley concurred. Mr. Ritter agreed. Chairman Bradley agreed, noting the Village's standards do not translate well to institutional uses such as schools, and stated he is in favor. Ms. Hanley added, as she has noted in connection with similar applications, that she would encourage the Village to consider regulating institutional uses, such as schools, through planned development procedures rather than standard residential zoning.

Chairman Bradley asked for a motion to recommend approval of the request as included on page no. 249 of the agenda packet. A motion to recommend approval of the variation request was made by Ms. Hanley and seconded by Mr. Lind. A vote was taken and the motion unanimously passed, 5 to 0:

AYES: Bradley, Hanley, Lind, Nielsen, Ritter

NAYS: None

Respectfully submitted,

Recording Secretary

ATTACHMENT 3

Winnetka Design Review Board/Sign Board of Appeals Meeting Minutes Excerpt July 16, 2026

Members Present:

Katie Moor, Chairperson
Wesley Barker
Fritz Duda
Peter Evanich
Colin Kennedy
Heather Niehoff

Members Absent:

Chris Baggett

Village Staff:

Scott Mangum, Director of Community Development
Ann Klaassen, Assistant Director of Community
Development
Davorka Kirincic, Building and Code Enforcement
Manager

c. **Case No. 26-20-V2: 275 Fairview Avenue – Greeley Elementary School: A Certificate of Appropriateness for the proposed design of a GaGa ball pit. The Village Council has final jurisdiction on this request.**

Ms. Klaassen stated that, since the posting of the agenda packet, the Applicant provided additional information regarding a perforated rubber flooring mat system for the surface of the GaGa pit, as well as an updated site plan. She stated the site is unique in that it has front yards on all four sides, is zoned R-5, Single-Family Residential, and is surrounded by R-5 and R-4 zoning. She stated the GaGa pit would be located on a grassy area between the existing asphalt play surface and an existing fence, approximately 5.5 feet from the east property line along Woodland Avenue, and that installation would require removal of a pear tree, which Village Forestry has approved. She described the GaGa pit as a black composite wood structure with black metal corners, approximately 14.5 feet in diameter and 2.5 feet in height, with the perforated rubber matting extending beyond the pit's perimeter and able to be cut to fit if necessary. She noted the Zoning Board of Appeals considered a related front yard setback variation on July 13, 2026, and recommended approval to the Village Council, and that the impermeable lot coverage variation noted in the agenda packet is no longer necessary given the proposed matting system. She stated staff had nothing further and asked if there were any questions.

No questions were raised for staff or the Applicant, and no members of the public were present to comment.

Chairperson Moor asked for a motion. Ms. Niehoff moved to approve. Mr. Barker seconded. A vote was taken and the motion unanimously passed, 6 to 0:

AYES: Barker, Duda, Evanich, Kennedy, Moor, Niehoff

NAYS: None



Agenda Item Executive Summary

TITLE: Village Owned Street Ends Update

PRESENTER: Hannah Lipman

AGENDA DATE: August 4, 2026

CONSENT: No

ITEM TYPE: Old Business

ITEM HISTORY:

On June 9, 2026, Village Council completed a comprehensive review of Village-owned street ends for the first time in over two decades.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The seven street ends at Lake Michigan are platted right-of-ways that have existed for many years, and some street-ends have limited functionality to serve as full public access to Lake Michigan. Many of the street ends have important Village utilities such as stormwater outfalls and also serve as road or driveway access points to existing single-family residences.

As part of the review, Council discussed the following street ends:

- Ravines Extension (Fisher Lane)
- Tower Road
- Spruce Street
- Elm Street
- Oak Street
- Cherry Street
- Willow Road

For each location, Council considered:

- 1) The level of public access and intended use,
- 2) Whether capital improvements are necessary to support the intended use,
- 3) Signage and public information, and
- 4) Clarifying public and private boundaries.

Several consistent themes emerged throughout Council's discussion. These include:

- Clearly defining and protecting Village property boundaries,
- Establishing greater consistency among Village-owned street ends, where feasible,
- Develop design standards to guide future improvements and scenic overlooks, and
- Evaluating opportunities to expand passive recreational use and scenic overlooks where appropriate while balancing costs and competing capital priorities.

Based on Council discussion and resident feedback, staff has identified potential short-, medium- and long-term action items for further evaluation. It is important to note, these are not listed in any particular order according to priority at this time. Additionally, the review and exploration of many items listed below may occur in the short or medium term but, if approved, be implemented over the long term or in alignment with future planned capital improvements.

The following are general guidelines for categorizing as short-, medium- or long-term action items:

Short Term: these are actions that can generally be initiated with existing staff resources and may include things such as research, coordination, policy development, engineering review, legal review, or maintenance work.

Medium Term: these actions could require additional planning, public engagement, Council feedback, consultant engagement to develop conceptual designs, intergovernmental coordination, funding considerations before implementation, and decisions on priorities.

Long Term: these actions are more dependent on significant capital investments, long-term capital planning initiatives, and alignment with other projects.

Short Term

- Engineering to review the Army Corp./IDNR permitting associated with the breakwall north of Ravines Extension to determine why steps are not in place to allow individuals to traverse the shoreline
- Engineering to review the Army Corp./IDNR permitting associated with the breakwall north of Spruce to determine why steps are not in place to allow individuals to traverse the shoreline
- Review plats and easements for each street end to determine the total area/boundaries of each, to then be able to differentiate public and private boundaries.
- Establish uniform signage standards (size, type, verbiage, materials) appropriate for each street end's intended use (utility, passive recreation, etc.).
- Ensure signage consistently communicated that dogs are not allowed
- Working with legal, pursue discussions with the owners of the finger lots at Tower Road to develop some clarity as neighboring riparian landowners at this location
- Working with legal, pursue discussions with the neighbors at Oak Street to re-establish the Village's property rights
- Determine what ongoing maintenance may need to be completed at each street end (clearing of dead trees, mowing, landscaping, etc.)

- Evaluate the controversial sign located at Cherry Street and work with the homeowners on replacing the sign
 - Note, since the June 9th discussion, President Dearborn met with the homeowners and the sign has been replaced
- Communications to work on renaming Spruce Street on any public website forum from a 'Secret Beach' to Spruce Street Extension
- Evaluate the hours of permitted use for each street end and develop recommendations for greater consistency
- Evaluate the system of using a locked gate at Cherry Street and whether or not this gate should remain, potential year-round access, and associated public safety considerations
- Complete engineering for Spruce stairs in anticipation of FY2027 construction

Medium Term

- Community development to review the appropriateness and placement of all street end signage
- Determine solutions to better indicate where public access is and is not permitted (i.e. the shoreline)
- Staff to internally determine the feasibility of an agreement with the finger lot owners and Park District to grade the beach and remove sand from the area so it is at a lower level, no longer impacting the launch area. Staff will need to determine if this is possible given the location of the active water intake pipe
- Explore future use of the former coal chute at Tower Road and whether or not it can be used as an overlook. Staff should determine if possible given safety concerns and the Department of Homeland Security guidelines on safety of utility assets. If re-establishing an overlook is an option, staff should develop a plan that can be discussed with Council
- Begin to develop design standards (benches, seat walls, landscaping, design elements, etc.) for Village-owned street ends that can serve as guidelines for future development and improvements
- Explore transitioning Elm Street into a scenic overlook and prepare conceptual options for Council to review. Consider aligning timing with the eastside stormwater project
- Explore transitioning Oak Street into a scenic overlook or passive recreational use long-term and prepare conceptual options for Council to review
- Oak, Spruce and Elm Streets to be reviewed and considered together from a design standard standpoint

Long Term

- As planning progresses for the future reimagining of Tower Road Pier following the decommissioning of the cooling ponds, consider how the Tower Road street end could be incorporated into the broader planning.

- Consider accessibility (ADA) when reviewing and planning any capital improvements to street ends. Evaluate different options, such as pathways and benches at overlooks where an individual with a disability could sit and look out to the lake
- Explore transitioning Willow into an overlook and develop options for Council to review. Consider aligning timing with the eastside stormwater project

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff will develop an implementation plan and progress-tracking tool for the action items identified above. As work advances, staff will seek Council direction, engage the community where appropriate, evaluate funding opportunities, and provide periodic progress updates to Council.

ATTACHMENTS:

None



Village of WINNETKA, IL

Agenda Item Executive Summary

TITLE: Village Parking Review and Discussion

PRESENTER: Hannah Lipman, Lauren Parisi

AGENDA DATE: August 4, 2026

CONSENT: No

ITEM TYPE: New Business

ITEM HISTORY:

The Village last comprehensively reviewed parking in 2006 by undertaking a parking study. In addition, a feasibility study was completed in 2007 proposing parking options for the Lincoln Avenue surface lot, including a parking garage. Since then, parking-related adjustments have generally been made incrementally, addressing needs reactively as they arise.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Winnetka's three business districts—Elm, Hubbard Woods, and Indian Hill—continue to thrive. With a diverse mix of businesses, consistently low commercial vacancy rates, and strong demand from prospective tenants seeking space in the Village, the districts remain healthy and vibrant economic centers.

As commercial activity continues to grow, the demand for parking has become an increasingly important consideration for businesses, residents, employees, and visitors. While parking availability has long been a topic of discussion, there is currently an opportunity to evaluate both short-term improvements and long-term parking strategies. Proactively addressing parking management will help ensure the Village can continue to support a vibrant, accessible, and economically successful business environment for years to come.

A cross-departmental team from the Manager's Office (including Communications and Economic Development), Police Department, Finance Department, and the Community Development Department are working together to identify areas of improvement. The team is exploring the issues and challenges unique to each business district from their respective department's perspective.

Overview

Village staff have received an increasing number of concerns regarding parking availability within Winnetka's business districts. The most common issues include:

- 1. Limited customer parking near businesses.** Business owners are reporting that it can be difficult for customers to find parking due to several factors:

- Vehicles remain in time-limited spaces beyond the permitted duration.
- Business employees occupy customer-designated parking.
- Contractors utilize customer parking during tenant improvements.
- Parking for service-oriented businesses like salons can also be difficult as time-limited spaces do not accommodate longer appointments.

2. **Limited employee parking.** Included below is a current conditions report that largely reflects in each business district: **there are more employee parking permits issued than there are spaces available.** As a result, employees often park in unauthorized areas and receive parking citations more frequently. In addition, recent construction projects, including One Winnetka and the Hubbard Woods parking garage, have temporarily reduced parking supply, making it more difficult for employees to find designated A-pass (employee) parking.

3. **Limited parking wayfinding and signage.** Residents and visitors have expressed difficulty locating available public parking due to inconsistent or limited wayfinding signage. Improved directional signage and better communication about public parking locations could help distribute parking demand more effectively and reduce the perception of parking shortages.

4. **Misuse of parking permits by students.** High school students are improperly using employee or commuter parking permits, or parking in areas not intended for student use, reducing the availability of spaces for employees and customers.

Current Conditions

Business District	Zone A Stalls*	A-Permit Holders (Employee)	Difference	% Over	Zone C Stalls*	C-Permit Holders (Commuter)	Difference	% Over
West Elm	195	366	-171	87.7%	139	169	-30	22%
East Elm	114	218	-104	91.2%	67	170	-103	153.7%
Hubbard Woods	185	293	-108	58.0%	134	131	3	2%
Indian Hill	46	140	-94	204.3%	115	142	-27	23.5%
WINNETKA TOTAL	540	1017	-477	88%	455	612	-157	35%

**Stall counts are an estimate – may vary by +/-5 spaces in each district*

Difference = Existing stalls – pass holders. A negative difference (red) means more passes are issued than physical stalls; a positive difference (green) means stalls exceed passes issued.

Inventory

The Village issues parking permits for business employees (A-permits) and commuters (C-permits). Parking is reserved for these permit holders within each of Winnetka's three business districts. A-permits are renewed annually for \$10 and C-permits are renewed bi-annually for \$100/residents and \$220/non-residents, effectively \$200 a year for residents and \$440 a year for non-residents. Permits must be applied for in person at Village Hall in exchange for a physical sticker to be placed on the

permit-holders windshield.

Upon preliminary review, it's estimated that there are approximately 540 existing parking stalls reserved for A-permit holders across the Village; however, there are over 1,000 A-permit holders. This equates to 88% more permits issued than existing stalls. Indian Hill is the most extreme case, where over 200% more permits are issued than existing stalls. Given the nature of employment in terms of varied working hours in different industries, hybrid work, larger offices that rotate in-person workdays, etc., it is acceptable and expected that more parking permits be issued than existing stalls. However, this overage should be limited, or other alternatives should be explored.

C-permit findings are similar to A-permits in that more permits are issued than existing stalls, though it is not as severe of a discrepancy. C-permit holders notify the Village of their preferred parking district (i.e. Indian Hill) but are not required to park in a specific district. The most extreme case is East Elm, where 153% more passes are issued than existing stalls, for those who noted East Elm as their preferred district.

Field Observations

Site visits were made to all A-permit and C-permit lots to assess use during potential peak hours (11 AM on either Monday or Tuesday). Most every lot across all three districts appeared to be between 75% in use to 100% full. Most notably the West Elm Station Lot, Lincoln Lot, Hubbard Woods Garage, and the Indian Hill A-permit parking lots were all completely full. Conversely, the commuter lot in Indian Hill was very much underutilized at around 30% (note, survey was done in the summer months when school is not in session).

While public parking spaces weren't analyzed systematically, it was observed that public parking was highly utilized in all three districts, though a handful of spots were available in each. In addition, staff have walked all three business districts recently and talked with most businesses to seek their input on parking challenges and solutions.

Permit Pass Cost

Staff also compared parking permit fees across surrounding communities. Winnetka's resident commuter pass fee (\$200) was the lowest among all communities studied. The business permit fee (\$10) is likewise the lowest of any community with a business permit program in place.

Discussion

With different challenges unique to each district, there isn't a one-size-fits-all solution, and unfortunately no one solution will solve the parking challenges overnight. However, there is opportunity to address many of the challenges. Some action items staff are exploring include:

1. Now that the Economic Development Manager is in place, holding more proactive parking discussions with businesses so employees are clear on guidelines and restrictions.
2. Examine parking permit fee and fine (citation) structures.
3. Review enforcement policies and procedures to address abuse (consider escalating fine structures and monitoring strategies for offending vehicles).
4. Adjust parking pass distribution-related processes (i.e. stickier passes to deter removal).
5. Consider 15-minute loading zones near service establishments.
6. Consider implementing technology to streamline processes such as a mobile app for commuter parking.
7. Explore space designated for commercial trucks.
8. Review appropriate length of parking time allotted as signage differs on the same block.
9. Long term, create clearer wayfinding/signage.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff plans to return to Council later this year for direction or potential Council approval on changes that could take effect with the start of the new year (January 2027) and seeks guidance on the preferred substantive changes that could effectively address challenges articulated by businesses and customers within the business districts.

ATTACHMENTS:

None