

Special Meeting of the Normal Township Board

Wednesday, July 8, 2026 at 3:30 PM

Activity and Recreation Center, 600 East Willow, Normal, Illinois 61761

1. The meeting was called to Order at 3:40 PM by Supervisor Able.
2. Public Comment: None
3. Roll call was taken by Jenni Grigsby-Rogal, Recording Secretary.

Supervisor Krystle Able	Present
Trustee Dylan Hile Broad	Present
Trustee Jodie Slothower	Present
Trustee Tanner Starr	Present
Trustee Natasha Syed	Absent

Staff Present: Elicssha Sanders, Beth Theobald & Josh Taylor

Others Present: Jenni Grigsby-Rogal, Youth Committee

4. New Business

- a. Approve Minutes of June 30, 2026 meeting minutes.

Trustee Hile-Broad moved to approve minutes from the June 30th Special Meeting. Second: Trustee Starr. The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote, 4-0.

- b. Approve down payment of \$200 on staff appreciation event.

Trustee Starr moved to approve a \$200 down payment for a staff appreciation event. Second: Trustee Hile-Broad. The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote, 4-0. The event is scheduled for Saturday, October 17th from 3-5 PM at Curtis Orchard. ARC vans may be used to transport up to 10 staff, if needed.

- c. Strategic Planning Session to Identify Goals and Metrics for the New Development Department. No votes were taken as this was a general discussion of ideas for identifying goals and metrics.

Staff and trustees discussed past and current practices related to stewardship of donors. They emphasized the importance of recognition and the many ways the new development department may focus on these important relationships which will allow the ARC to expand and improve programming with no cost to members. Potential funding opportunities such as naming rights, program sponsorships, changes with the newsletter and/or adding an additional program book were discussed. Beth Theobald emphasized the importance of making sure the community is aware that the ARC may accept charitable contributions along with the need for strategic focus on giving rather than one-time, event-based inquiries. The group also discussed how there will be a need for long-term planning due to the ARC building and parking constraints. Three main fundraising events are on the calendar – the September breakfast, February silent auction and an event to be determined for May or June. A fishing derby is one idea that has been discussed. Beth Theobald shared about sponsorships she has already secured for the September breakfast.

5. Board Good & Welfare: The trustees and staff welcomed new staff members Beth Theobald and Josh Taylor.
6. The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 PM.