



**Edwardsville Township Board Meeting
Edwardsville Township Hall
300 West Park Street Edwardsville, IL
7:00 P.M. Tuesday, July 21, 2026**

The in-person meeting of the Edwardsville Township Board of Trustees was called to order at the Edwardsville Township Office, 300 West Park St., Edwardsville, Illinois by Supervisor Janet Haroian at 7:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Lead by Trustee Mandy Darr

ROLL CALL: Township Trustees Bethany Behrhorst, Mandy Darr, Dan Rees, Clerk Dave Schwind, and Township Supervisor Janet Haroian, present. Trustee Yolanda Crochrell, Township Highway Commissioner Danny Picarella, Township Assessor Jennifer Hegel, and Edwardsville Township Attorney Tonya Genovese were absent.

PRESENTATIONS: Beth Browne, Edwardsville Art Center
Dave Lipe, USTA Edwardsville Futures

PUBLIC HEARING:

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes June 16, 2026 Meeting.

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES & List of Bills for Approval

Motion to approve the consent agenda: Motion to approve Trustee Beth Behrhorst, seconded by Trustee Rees. Voting, "Yes," Trustees Behrhorst, Darr, Rees, Supervisor Haroian. Voting, "No," none. Motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE

Madison County Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearing Notice.
Madison County Circuit Clerk – June Fines Report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

ACTION ITEMS:

Resolution No. 2026–R16 A Resolution Authorizing a Service Agreement with the Edwardsville Art Center Motion to approve was made by Trustee Rees, seconded by Trustee Darr. Voting, "Yes," Trustees Behrhorst, Darr, Rees, Supervisor Haroian. Voting, "No," none. Motion passed.

Resolution No. 2026–R17 A Resolution Authorizing a Service Agreement with the USTA Edwardsville Futures. Motion to approve was made by Trustee Darr, seconded by Trustee Rees. Voting, "Yes," Trustees Behrhorst, Darr, Rees, Supervisor Haroian. Voting, "No," none. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

Christine Doty, Community Outreach Director, reached the milestone of 20 years of service to Edwardsville Township and was recognized for that achievement with a gift of flowers and a plaque, currently on display in her office.

Edwardsville Township has received 100 Farmer's Market vouchers for distribution through our General Assistance program. The vouchers are valued at \$40 each. This month the GA office has also instituted the Virtual GA software program that allows for faster processing of applications and provides documentation for approvals and denials. It is something the office has requested in the past and this year we put it into the budget. Christine can now easily issue a report outlining the number of community members that received assistance, the number denied, and the amount provided in assistance.

I am going to read the Township Park Superintendent's July report since there have been some comments posted recently on social media that seem to cast the park conditions in a negative light. *SEE ATTACHED. I wanted to make it clear that Superintendent Ayers has been on top of staffing needs, groundskeeping conditions and meeting the needs of our park guests. She has been visible in the park training staff, doing a lot of the grounds tasks herself if someone has called off work, and making sure that pavilions and playgrounds are prepared for daily use. If you reviewed the list of bills, you would see a payment to an outside mowing company that mowed the grounds twice while we awaited the return of our mower from the repair shop. I will note that there is a low area in the large soccer field that has settled and holds water when it rains, causing issues with the mower and weed growth. This has been an ongoing issue for several years, hence the relocation of the soccer goals. I also want to note that there is a lot of trash disposed of in the dumpster on site, especially during the busy summer months with daily pavilion rentals and parties hosted by our guests. Trash is picked up twice a week and at times, we have noticed that there is more trash in the dumpster than our Park personnel have put there. This means that our average monthly cost of \$500 is absorbing the disposal cost of someone else's trash. I have requested the purchase of additional cameras for monitoring the park in hopes of stopping this practice of public dumping.

During my absence, there were many emails exchanged between the township attorney, building architect, contractor and our administrator. We are still waiting for a fix for the drainage problem. The stumbling block appears to be who will bear the cost of the proposed fix. We hope to have this resolved soon with the attorney's assistance.

The Edwardsville Intelligencer ran a story this past weekend about the City of Edwardsville and possible sites for a skate park. Last year several representatives from the township met with city officials at the township park to discuss the possibility of us hosting the location of a joint skate park and mini-pitch, which would be constructed and owned by the city, while leasing the underlying township property to the city. I wanted to make you aware that initial discussions have been held that may or may not develop further. The use of a long-term ground lease and a memorandum of understanding between the city and township would require

board action. If talks go further for the park as a possible site, I will keep you informed.

If any of the Trustees wish to help with the organizational planning and implementation of the upcoming Touch-A-Truck, please let Administrator Ayers know. Sponsorships have been coming into the office along with commitments for vehicles to be displayed. We will need more food trucks/vendors in order to fully serve the visitors to the event. Remember that the event is Saturday, September 12th this year.

We will also be seeking volunteers to assist with the Township's bike helmet/safety program tent in the Kids' Zone at the Edwardsville Rotary Criterium on August 15th. Criterium info, along with a course map, was distributed at last month's meeting. If anyone needs the info, please let me know.

Since we approved the donation for the Edwardsville Futures' Fan Appreciation Day, July 31st, please let me or Administrator Ayers know if you are interested in participating in the coin toss for the matches that day. It's always a great event and fun experience.

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:

Completed another round of mowing and weed eating

We have completed 2 road projects in Edwardsville; Samuel Drive and Old Carpenter Road

We are still working with engineers on Mont Road, it will be going out for bid, and it should be getting started shortly

We had a surprise visit from TOIRMA. He was very impressed by all the training and record keeping at the Road Department. He ask if he could even take pictures to show his staff

-We are planning to oil & chip August 24 & 25 weather permitting

-Carrie has completed another quarterly meeting with MS4 and working diligently with the engineers at Volkert to get easements and deeds prepared and recorded with the County

ASSESSOR'S COMMENTS:

All changes were published in the Edwardsville Intelligencer on July 17, 2026.
The deadline for filing objections or responses is August 17, 2026.

A total of 803 changes were processed.

Aaron King, our Office Assistant, has officially earned his CIAO certification.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ACTION ON ITEMS IN CLOSED SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the board, Trustee Behrhorst moved to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Darr, the meeting adjourned at 7:42 PM. Next meeting will be Tuesday, August 18, 2026, at 7:00 P.M. at the Edwardsville Township Office, 300 West Park St., Edwardsville, Illinois.

Town Clerk:



Date:

08-18-2026



Township Park Superintendent's Report – July 2026

I would like to send a huge "Thank You" to our park laborers who endured seven straight days of extreme heat, coupled with heavy rainfall and large guest events while emptying over one hundred bags of debris from park grounds and constantly cleaning restrooms and pavilions. Our staff currently consists of two full-time Skilled Park Laborers and one seasonal Skilled Park Laborer. As Park Superintendent, I provide hands on oversight and assist with daily tasks seven days a week.

The park grounds were adorned with a plethora of flags July 3-4 in recognition of the 4th of July Holiday.

Airplane Park receives a high volume of visitors daily who utilize the restrooms, playgrounds, pavilions, courts, soccer fields and access the trails. Our park laborers maintained the sprawling grounds despite the weather conditions and also helped monitor over forty events while enforcing park policies. They faced equipment failure and endured the heatwave to ensure that the park remained in pristine condition. We are incredibly grateful to our local contractor partners who lent a helping hand and assisted with mowing and the removal of large, storm-damaged tree branches while our equipment is being repaired.

We are excited to show off the park at our **12th Annual Touch-A-Truck event on Saturday, September 12, 2026 from 10a-2p. It promises to be a day of Wheels, Wonder, and Wow!**