

## 2019 Platforms

### VILLAGE

#### PLANK #1

The Village of Winnetka (the “Village”) Council should endeavour to cooperate with the boards and finance committees of the other three taxing authorities (i.e., the Board of Trustees of the Winnetka-Northfield Public Library District, the Winnetka Park District Board of Commissioners, and the School Board of The Winnetka Public Schools) regarding the order and priority of projected major capital expenditures.

#### PLANK #2

The Village Council should lower the costs of permits for rehabilitation for historic homes. In addition to reviewing rehabilitation costs, the Village should consider other options to preserve historic homes.

## LIBRARY

### PLANK #1

The Board of Trustees of the Winnetka-Northfield Public Library District (the “Library Board”) should endeavour to cooperate with the boards and finance committees of the other three taxing authorities (i.e., the Village of Winnetka Council, the Winnetka Park District Board of Commissioners, and the School Board of The Winnetka Public Schools) regarding the order and priority of projected major capital expenditures.

### PLANK #2

The Winnetka-Northfield Public Library District (the “Library District”) should better publicize, promote, and explain how Library patrons can borrow e-books, audiobooks, newspapers, magazines, movies, and music from the Library District by downloading them to their smartphones, home computers, laptops, Kindles, iPads, or similar devices.

### PLANK #3

The Library District should better publicize, promote, and explain how Library patrons can utilize the equipment available in The Studio and the types of projects that can be done with such equipment.

### PLANK #4

The Library District should increase its use of e-mail communications and social media outreach to publicize, promote, and educate Library patrons about the Library District’s available materials and programs.

## SCHOOLS

### PLANK #1

The School Board of The Winnetka Public Schools (the “School Board”) should endeavour to cooperate with the boards and finance committees of the other three taxing authorities (i.e., the Village of Winnetka Council, the Winnetka Park District Board of Commissioners, and the Board of Trustees of the Winnetka-Northfield Public Library District) regarding the order and priority of projected major capital expenditures.

### PLANK #2

The School Board should review operational efficiencies throughout the Winnetka Public Schools District 36 (the “School District”), while continuing to focus on the quality of teachers, curriculum, and education.

### PLANK #3

The School District should maintain programs in the arts, foreign languages, and kinetic wellness, while also continuing to focus on developing students’ competence in STEM (i.e., science, technology, engineering, and mathematics).

### PLANK #4

The School Board should carefully consider the specific costs and benefits of capital improvements beyond those necessary for health and safety. The School Board should clearly convey to the public at all stages of the process the projected costs and benefits of any proposed investment.

## PARKS

### PLANK #1

The Winnetka Park District (the “Park District”) Board of Commissioners (the “Parks Board”) should endeavour to cooperate with the boards and finance committees of the other three taxing authorities (i.e., the Village of Winnetka (the “Village”) Council, the Board of Trustees of the Winnetka-Northfield Public Library District, and the School Board of The Winnetka Public Schools) regarding the order and priority of projected major capital expenditures.

### PLANK #2

The Park District should continue to implement Winnetka Waterfront 2030 with a priority on improving communication about the plan. The focus for Winnetka Waterfront 2030 should be on improving water quality, infrastructure, and remediation of erosion rather than amenities and design elements (e.g., food options, fire pits, athletic fields).

### PLANK #3

The Park District should actively make improvements to and address the Green Bay Trail drainage, paved surface, and access that will enhance resident experience. The Park District should also convene a meeting of community volunteer groups, other interested parties, and required Village departments to develop a plan to improve trail habitat and beautification of the trail. The Park District should continue to coordinate with volunteer groups interested in leading funding for trail beautification.

### PLANK #4

The Park District should carefully evaluate the concept for a dog park. For the majority of respondents who have an interest in a park, the Park District should continue to explore site alternatives that are aligned with expressed priorities: site conditions, cost to develop, availability of parking. Comments were also notably about location and proximity to schools, so this cannot be ignored in any planning and the two sites laid out as options may not be the right combination of these priorities. Also, respondents would like to minimize any fees associated with a dog park to under \$50. One idea from the survey comments could be to identify partnership opportunities with other villages for dog park access. On July 19, 2019, the Parks Board announced that all previously-planned meetings related to the dog park for July and August 2019 were canceled and there would be no new actions taken, as they re-prioritize and re-evaluate a dog park and its location based on community feedback.