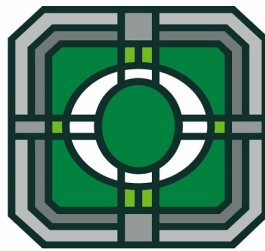


# VILLAGE OF ORLAND PARK

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## **Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, April 7, 2026**

**7:00 PM**

**Village Hall**

## **Plan Commission**

*Nick Parisi, Chairman  
Edward Schussler, Vice Chairman  
Commissioners: John J. Paul, Yousef Zaatar,  
Daniel Sanchez, Kathy Fenton and Dave Shalabi*

## **CALLED TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Present:** 7 - Chairman Parisi; Member Fenton; Member Paul; Member Sanchez; Member Schussler; Member Shalabi, Member Zaatar

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

### **2026-0365 Minutes for the March 3, 2026 Plan Commission Meeting**

**A motion was made by Member Schussler, seconded by Member Fenton, that this matter be APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Chairman Parisi, Member Fenton, Member Paul, Member Sanchez, Member Schussler, Member Shalabi and Member Zaatar

**Nay:** 0

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### **OPEN PUBLIC HEARING**

**A motion was made by Chairman Parisi, seconded by Member Paul, that this matter be APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Chairman Parisi, Member Fenton, Member Paul, Member Sanchez, Member Schussler, Member Shalabi and Member Zaatar

**Nay:** 0

### **2025-0895 Special Use for Animal Services - VEG Veterinary ER**

Village Attorney Anne Skrodzki swore in petitioners.

Josh Shelley, Real Estate Director for VEG ER for Pets, gave a brief presentation stating they are an emergency services and urgent care provider. Mr. Shelley stated they don't do vaccines, spaying, or neutering, and that they see the worst of the worst. The busiest hours are between 5 p.m. and 9 p.m., and pet owners are able to stay with their pets during procedures at their open-concept hospital. They've been operating 129 locations across 30 states. (refer to audio)

Chairman Parisi asked if they were familiar with the conditions. Civil Engineer Tom Szafranski from Kimley-Horn stated two trees, 14 red grasses and 40 daylily plants are proposed within the landscape island to bring this portion of the overall parking lot closer to code compliance. He added that it has been reviewed and approved by Village staff and this is the only external improvement associated with the project. (refer to audio)

Associate Planner Andrew Gardiner respectfully requested the staff report be

entered into the record as written and as presented during this meeting. (refer to staff report)

Mr. Gardiner gave a brief presentation stating VEG Veterinary Clinic would like to occupy three units within the Ravinia Plaza Shopping Center on LaGrange Road and 153rd Street. The petitioner is not proposing any changes to the exterior façade and per the Land Development Code Section 6-201.C.2.: BIZ District: Special Use(s) for Animal Services, the petitioner plans to install sound batt insulation within all of their interior walls and specialty noise cancelling ceiling tiles. (refer to audio)

Mr. Gardiner stated staff recommends to accept and make findings of fact as discussed at this Plan Commission meeting and within the staff report dated March 26, 2026, and staff recommends the Plan Commission approve a Special Use for Animal Services subject to conditions.

[Commissioners]

Some of the commissioners had no questions and stated they are excited to see the project coming to Orland Park. Another commissioner asked about the hours of operation to which Mr. Shelley stated they are open 24-7, including holidays and weekends. A commissioner responded it's a good idea. Another commissioner asked staff if this project was a special use because of the concern that an operation like this could adversely affect the property on either side. Staff responded yes, the special use standards ask the Petitioners to address possible impacts on adjacent properties. He also asked if the ordinance requires soundproofing provisions or if it was the petitioner's idea. Staff stated that it was the petitioner's idea. The commissioner suggested adding that to the Code if the business has tenants on either side. Another commissioner asked who is responsible for pet clean-up. Mr. Shelley stated if a dog has to go out, they are double-leashed by staff and taken out and cleaned up immediately and brought back in. Mr. Shelly also stated that the majority of the pets are sick and can't walk or have to be sedated. Taking them outside or noise will be minimal as it is not a puppy daycare. The commissioner asked if there would be signage to remind people to pick-up after their animals and Mr. Shelley stated we would love that, that's fine. They have a doggy depot center similar to Petco and PetSmart at their locations. Another commissioner asked what challenges they've had with neighboring tenants that they've worked through. Mr. Shelley stated that they have to get waivers from the other tenants and once they explain their service, it is understood that it's needed. He added they haven't had issues with co-tenants besides outdated codes.

#### PLAN COMMISSION RECOMMENDED ACTION

Regarding Case Number 2025-0895, also known as Special Use for Animal Services - VEG Veterinary ER, staff recommends to accept and make findings of fact as discussed at this Plan Commission meeting and within the Staff Report

dated March 26, 2026.

And

Staff recommends the Plan Commission approve a Special Use for Animal Services - VEG Veterinary ER at 15132 LaGrange Road, subject to the following conditions:

1. Meet all building code requirements and final engineering requirements, including required permits from outside agencies.
2. In cooperation with property ownership, provide and maintain a new parking lot landscape island along the drive aisle east of the main entryway consistent with the submitted plans.

#### PLAN COMMISSION RECOMMENDED MOTION

Regarding Case Number 2025-0895, also known as Special Use for Animal Services - VEG Veterinary ER, I move to approve the Staff Recommended Action as presented in the Staff Report to the Plan Commission for this case.

**A motion was made by Member Schussler, seconded by Member Fenton, that this matter be APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Chairman Parisi, Member Fenton, Member Paul, Member Sanchez, Member Schussler, Member Shalabi and Member Zaatar

**Nay:** 0

#### CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

**A motion was made by Chairman Parisi, seconded by Member Paul, that this matter be APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Chairman Parisi, Member Fenton, Member Paul, Member Sanchez, Member Schussler, Member Shalabi and Member Zaatar

**Nay:** 0

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Ms. Skrodzki stated per our discussion at a previous Plan Commission meeting, the procedure for the findings of fact will be that you've now directed staff to conform the findings of fact to your discussion tonight and your action. The findings of fact will reflect that you recommend that this special use be approved and reflect the items that you put forth for discussion on that topic. They will be distributed to the Plan Commission members for review and Chairman Parisi will sign off on them so that they can be forwarded to the Village Board for further action at the Board meeting. As we previously discussed, that will be the new procedure for the adoption of written findings on your recommendations to be forwarded to the Board for their consideration.

**2026-0363 Memo: New Petitions**

**NON-SCHEDULED CITIZENS & VISITORS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

**A motion was made by Member Schussler, seconded by Member Fenton, that this matter be ADJOURNED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Chairman Parisi, Member Fenton, Member Paul, Member Sanchez, Member Schussler, Member Shalabi and Member Zaatar

**Nay:** 0