CYCLE BROOKFIELD MEETING
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2026
SLAGER'S ON 47TH—7:00 P.M.

Chris V. called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

Present:

Chris Valadez, Joe O'Connor, Pete Janunas, Elaine Jans, Ken Knasiak, Joe Seymour, Carolyn Morriss, Robin Fuener, Joan Engstrom, Jason Phillip, Terri Rivera, Hanna Miller

1. Approval of Minutes:
1.1 August 20, 2026 minutes were distributed. Ken K. indicated that in Section 5.1, it was incorrectly noted that Joseph Seymour would remain as Secretary in 2027, instead of Treasurer in 2027. There being no further corrections, motion was made by Ken K. to approve the minutes as written. Seconded by Hanna M. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Past Events Report
2.1 Brook Park Block Party – Saturday, August 29, 2026 – 10:00 a.m. to 2:0 p.m.
Block party was a great success. Pete J. obtained 80 children's helmets from Greenway Bike House for $500.00. Jason P. arranged Cycle Brookfield's attendance at the event with the Brook Park Council. Carolyn M. bought a spinning wheel and participants won either a helmet, safety flashing light, stickers or tattoos. Joe O. set up two safety courses for participants to test their skills. Joe S. purchased large safety cones to use for the safety courses. Joan E. and Elaine J. volunteered with set up, take down, and helping with the Cycle Brookfield table. Nate Morriss also helped with set up and take down.

It was discussed that if Cycle Brookfield were to participate in this event next year, a couple of children's bikes should be brought, so that children who came to the event without their bike could participate in the safety courses.

2.2 First Friday Slow Roll – September 4, 2026 – 6:30 p.m. – Compassion Factory
Joe O. reported that 31 participants signed the waiver. He also reported a concern that one of the volunteer marshalls were rushing to the intersections to control traffic, which is not a responsibility of a volunteer.

It was discussed to hold a training session in March, 2027 for volunteer marshalls.

It was also suggested to use the 2-way radio as communication for the lead marshalls for the October Friday Slow Roll.

3. Current Business Review:
3.1 Finances – Joe S. presented Cycle Brookfield statement through August 31, 2026 which does not include all of the expenses from the Brook Park Block Party. Currently there is a balance of $6,970.39 in the checking account, which includes petty cash of $40.00.

3.2 Membership
Joe O. reported membership remains at 103. At this time of the year, increase in membership is not anticipated, but it was suggested that a plan be set to increase membership for 2027.

3.3. Inventory Review
Inventory in Robin's next remains the same as August, 2026, with the exception of the 24 children's helmets that were not given away at the Brook Park Block Party.

It was once again suggested that a 2026 race day shirt should be given to each sponsor. Chris V. and Terri R. will distribute the t-shirts to the sponsors.

3.4. Village Planning Updates
Jason P., who has been in contact with members of the Conservation Commission, reported that a date for installation of proposed bike racks in Brookfield has not yet been set.

Chris V. suggested that Cycle Brookfield members attend Village Board meetings, and comment on the proposed bike rack deadline during the Public Comment portion of the Board meeting, or Cycle Brookfield should reach out to the Village to have the proposed bike racks be put on one of the upcoming Village Board meeting agendas.

4. **Upcoming Events**

4.1. Congress Park Bike Rodeo
Congress Park School in in the process of renovating the school yard area, and has not yet set a date for this event.

4.2. First Friday Slow Roll –October 2, 2026 – 6:00 p.m. – Compassion Factory
Joe O. will bring the two way radios to be used for communication by the Ride Leaders.

4.3. Tour de Proviso – Saturday October 3, 2026 – Village of Melrose Park Village Hall
Joe O. will lead participants from Brookfield, IL to the Village Hall in Melrose Park. He will create a flyer with this information and post it on Facebook.

4.4 Oak to Moore Oktoberfest Ride – Saturday, October 20, 2025 – 10:00 a.m. – Imperial Oak
Joe O. will lead the approximately 30 mile round trip ride. Flyer has been created and posted.

4.5 Haunted Halloween Ride – Friday, October 30, 2026 – Compassion Factory
Details will be determined at the October 15, 2026 Cycle Brookfield meeting.

5. New Business

5.1. Cycle Brookfield Chicago Crit
It was announced that Cycle Brookfield will not be the sponsor/host for the 2027 Cycle Brookfield Chicago Grit bicycle races. Cycle Brookfield will be willing to support whoever takes on the host/sponsor of the event. Pete J. would be the lead support from Cycle Brookfield.

5.2. Cycle Brookfield 2027 Officers
Proposed slate is as follows:
President, Ken Knasiak; Vice President, Carolyn Morris; Treasurer, Joe Seymour; and Secretary, Hanna Miller. Joe O'Connor will continue at Ride Director/Lead.

Other support committees may be developed.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 p.m. by Terri R., and second by Carolyn M. The motion passed unanimously.

Next regular Cycle Brookfield meeting will be on Thursday, October 15, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at Slager's on 47th Street.

Minutes submitted by: Elaine Jans, Secretary