

**CYCLE BROOKFIELD MEETING  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 2026  
SLAGERS ON 47TH—7:00 P.M.**

Chris V. called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

Present:

Chris Valadez, Joe O'Connor, Elaine Jans, Ken Knasiak, Joe Seymour, Carolyn Morriss, Robin Fuener, Jeanne McTeague, Joan Engstrom, Steve Walker, Jason Phillip, Terri Rivera

**1. Approval of Minutes:**

1.1 Cycle Brookfield did not hold a regular monthly meeting in July, 2026. June 18, 2026 minutes were distributed. Correction of AGAIN spelling Joe O'Connors' last name with an "e" instead of an "o". There being no further changes, motion was made by Joe O. to approve the minutes as written, and seconded by Ken K. Motion carried unanimously.

**2. Past Events Report**

2.1 Gears2You back to school BBQ and Cycle Brookfield Slow Roll – Saturday, August 15, 2026—3:30 p.m.

Joe O. created route and led 3.5 mile slow ride. Event was held at Gears2You who provided food, beverages, ice cream cart, music, free raffle items, and bicycle checks. A trek domain gravel bicycle was also raffled with raffle tickets sold at \$10 each or three for \$25. Raffle netted \$260, and Gears2You donated half--\$130—to Cycle Brookfield.

**3. Current Business Review:**

3.1 Finances – Joe S. presented Cycle Brookfield statement through August 19, 2026 which outlined income and expenses for both the Cycle Brookfield Crit and Cycle Brookfield other activities. Currently there is a balance of \$6,945.12 in the checking account, which includes the \$750 New Belgium grant, and petty cash of \$40.00.

Cycle Brookfield has not yet received monies from New Joy Book, which would represent 10% of sales from July 17 through 19, and were sponsorship for the Cycle Brookfield Crit.

**3.2 Membership**

Joe O. reported a total of 103 members. New membership sign up typically starts slowing up August through the end of the year.

**3.3. Inventory Review**

Elaine J. inventoried all items in Robin's Nest. There are currently two 2026 Crit pre-sale shirts, 40-2026 Crit race day shirts, 12-2025 Crit Race day shirts, 8 Cycle Brookfield t-shirts, 2 Cycle Brookfield ladies shirts and 3 SRAM Crit shirts.

It was suggested that a 2026 race day shirt should be given to each sponsor.

There are three speed guns that were used for the AARP bike audit. Ken K. motioned that since Cycle Brookfield does not need three speed guns, two of them should be sold. Joan E. seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

### **3.4. Village Planning Updates**

Chris V. indicated that Cycle Brookfield should update what the Village is doing regarding bike lanes, bike racks and other advocacy items. He suggested Cycle Brookfield members should start attending Village meetings.

## **4. Upcoming Events**

4.1. Brook Park Block Party – Saturday, August 29, 2026 – 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.—Brook Park Elementary School, LaGrange Park

Carolyn M. and Jason P. are coordinating this event. Monies from the \$750 New Belgium Grant will be used to purchase helmets, safety cones for obstacle course, possibly safety lights, Cycle Brookfield logo stickers and bicycle stickers and “tatoos,” and for copying bike safety and Village E-bike flyers

4.2. Congress Park School Bike Rodeo –Traditionally held in September

Joe O. has not yet heard from school

4.3. Lincoln School Back to School Bash – Traditionally held in September

Carolyn M. will reach out to Lincoln School

## **5. New Business**

5.1. Cycle Brookfield Chicago Crit

Chris V. has given information regarding his role in the Crit to Pete J.

Cycle Brookfield will have to determine by December, 2026 if they want to continue the Crit, so they can present this to the Village Board in January, 2027.

5.2. Cycle Brookfield 2027 Officers

Currently, the office of President and Secretary will need to be filled, and possibly Vice President.

Joe S. has indicated he would like to remain as Treasurer.

Chris V. will finalize Officer duties’ descriptions, and will present them at the September, 2026 meeting.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 p.m. by Joe O., and second by Carolyn M. The motion passed unanimously.

Next regular Cycle Brookfield meeting will be on Thursday, September 16, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at Slagers on 47<sup>th</sup> Street.

Minutes submitted by: Elaine Jans, Secretary