

Minutes  
Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners  
Community Park District of La Grange Park  
June 8, 2015

1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

President Boyd called the meeting to order in room 101 of the Recreation Center, 1501 Barnsdale Road, La Grange Park, IL at 6:31 p.m. Other Commissioners present were Bob Corte, Jeff Kilrea, Tim Ogden, and Lucy Stastny. Also present was Executive Director Aleks Briedis, Superintendent of Recreation Dean Carrara, Marketing Supervisor Dave Romito, and Financial Coordinator Phil Mesi.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. PARK DISTRICT MISSION

President Boyd recited as follows: The Community Park District of La Grange Park shall offer high quality, affordable and accessible park and recreation facilities, programs and services in a financially responsible manner.

4. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

5. APPROVE MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Stastny made a motion; seconded by Commissioner Corte to approve the May 11, 2015 public hearing minutes as submitted. MOTION CARRIED. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Commissioner Ogden made a motion; seconded by Commissioner Kilrea to approve the May 11, 2015 regular meeting minutes as amended. MOTION CARRIED. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Commissioner Kilrea made a motion; seconded by Commissioner Stastny to approve the May 11, 2015 Executive session meeting minutes as submitted. MOTION CARRIED. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

6. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

LaGrange Park residents Ray Wielgos, Joan Wielgos, and Anthony Kaliterna were in attendance.

Resident Ray Wielgos congratulated President Boyd for being elected President and Commissioner Corte for being elected. Mr. Wielgos presented a summary of the Veteran's Memorial Event held on May 24th. There were a total of thirty-seven (37)

bricks installed by Jim Zwit, Jim's son and Roy Cripe for the Memorial Day ceremony. Approximately 200 people attended the ceremony.

Mr. Wielgo would like to see the Memorial Day Ceremony to become an annual event and also hold an annual event on Veteran's Day. Mr. Wielgos and Mr. Zwit would like to offer their services to help with these events. President Boyd commented that the ceremony was very nicely done and thanked Mr. Wielgos.

## 7. STAFF REPORTS

### A. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A written report provided prior to the meeting was introduced by Executive Director Aleks Briedis. In addition to his report, he informed the Board that he met with Representative Welch. In this meeting, the OSLAD Grant was discussed and that Rep Welch believes the funds will be released, just not sure when. It was recommended that concerned citizens write to the Governor requesting the funds be released. Executive Director Briedis will be giving a tour of the parks to Representative Welch and welcomed any board/staff member to join the tour.

Commissioner Stastny asked about the police report. Executive Director Briedis expanded on each of the incidents. He will be calling the police department when he receives the report and will include the findings in the packet in the future.

### B. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

A written report provided prior to the meeting by Maintenance Supervisor Martin Healy was introduced by Executive Director Briedis. A brief discussion was held regarding the lights around the Veteran's Memorial site and that they have been removed to get fixed. Commissioner Stastny stated how nice of a job Martin Healy did with the flowers around the Veterans Memorial. Resident Ray Wielgos, who was part of the Veteran's Memorial Committee, asked to have a garbage can near the site. Executive Director Briedis said the garbage can was budgeted in the OSLAD Grant and he will look into placing one there temporarily. Executive Director Briedis mentioned that the LADSE program participants were helping pull weeds at Memorial Park. These are young adults with special needs that come out about four to five weeks a summer to help in the Parks while gaining experience to find permanent employment. .

### C. SUPERINTENDENT OF RECREATION

A written report provided prior to the meeting was introduced by Superintendent of Recreation Dean Carrara. Superintendent Carrara stated that the Run for the Roses was down 130 participants. Staff is sending out surveys to figure out why participation was down. Afternoon Antics participation numbers have increased from last year. The girls' softball program has 5 teams.

D. RECREATION SUPERVISOR

A written report provided prior to the meeting by Recreation Supervisor Darla Goudeau was introduced by Executive Director Briedis. There were no questions or comments.

E. MARKETING SUPERVISOR

A written report provided prior to the meeting was introduced by Marketing Supervisor Dave Romito. The survey program, Survey Monkey, was used for Run for the Roses. He reviewed the results of the survey. This survey program will be used for other District activities and programs in the future. Resident Kaliterna let his concerns known and gave his suggestions about Run for the Roses. President Boyd thanked resident Kaliterna and explained that this is the first time in several years that we have lost money on the race and that is one of the reasons why we are doing the survey.

Supervisor Romito asked the Board about taking a group picture for the brochure. The Board decided to take it before the second concert on June 24<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Corte asked how posters are distributed for the Concert Series and requested one for his business.

F. OFFICE MANAGER

A written report provided prior to the meeting by Office Manager Peggy Ronovsky was introduced by Executive Director Aleks Briedis. There were no questions or comments.

G. SAFETY COORDINATOR

A written report provided prior to the meeting by Safety Coordinator Megan Jadron was introduced by Executive Director Aleks Briedis. There were no questions or comments.

H. FINANCIAL COORDINATOR

Financial statements provide prior to the meeting for the month ending May 31, 2015 was introduced by Financial Consultant Phil Mesi. There were no questions or comments.

8. APPROVE MONTHLY DISBURSEMENTS

A motion was made by Commissioner Kilrea; seconded by Commissioner Stastny to approve the monthly disbursements in the amount of \$146,001.08. MOTION CARRIED. There was no further discussion and the motion passed 5-0 by roll call vote.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. UPDATE ON MEMORIAL PARK PROJECTS

This item was discussed during Executive Director Briedis' report. President Boyd asked about the Forest Road Trail project. Executive Director Briedis stated that the Forest Preserve is now telling the District that we must have the plans go through the Cook County Building & Zoning Department. Executive Director Briedis stated that producing engineered drawings would be cost prohibitive and that he will be coming back to the Board with the request to cancel the project and return the grant funds if this happens. He will be contacting our County Commissioner.

## 10. NEW BUSINESS

### A. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 02-2015 PREVAILING WAGE

Executive Director Briedis stated that by State law this must be passed every June. President Boyd asked what would happen if the Governor passed legislation to abolish prevailing wage. Executive Director Briedis stated that we would then pass another ordinance removing the usage of prevailing wages.

Commissioner Stastny made the motion; seconded by Commissioner Ogden to approve Ordinance 02-2015 Prevailing Wages. MOTION CARRIED. There was no further discussion and the motion passed 5-0 by roll call vote.

### B. REVIEW FY 14-15 ESTIMATED YEAR END VS UNAUDITED ACTUALS

Executive Director Briedis reviewed the report included in the packet with the Board regarding the estimated year ends versus unaudited actual of all the funds. No motion is required.

### C. BRICK DEDICATION CEREMONY

Executive Director Briedis asked if the Board wants to have a ceremony and install bricks for both Memorial Day and/or Veteran's Day. He informed the Board that there were damaged bricks in the last shipment that unfortunately are the District's responsibility costing us about \$550 in replacement bricks. This will affect the fund balance. Mr. Wielgos stated that he believes we should have a ceremony on both days. Mr. Wielgos stated that he would be willing to take over the brick orders. Executive Director Briedis stated District staff need to be in charge in collecting the orders and money and ordering and purchasing of the bricks. The Board discussed which day there should be a brick dedication ceremony. The Board stated that the District would only be able to afford to sponsor one event a year. The Board encourages any organization that would like to host an event at the Memorial to do so, following the District's special event process. Executive Director Briedis stated that he will meet with Mr. Wielgos and Mr. Zwit to discuss roles and future ceremonies and come back to the Board with a report and recommendation.

### D. DISBAND VETERANS MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

This committee was strictly created to plan and build the Veterans Memorial. Now that construction is complete, there is no need for the committee.

Commissioner Kilrea made the motion; seconded by Commissioner Ogden to disband the Veterans Memorial Committee with the thanks and gratitude from the Board. MOTION CARRIED. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

#### 11. OPEN FORUM

##### A. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Resident Anthony Kaliterna is requesting to put hockey nets at Yena Park in the tennis courts. The only issue that was foreseen is there can be a conflict between hockey and tennis players who would want to use the court at the same time. Staff will bring a net to Yena and watch for any conflicts.

##### B. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

There were no comments from the Commissioners.

##### C. COMMENTS FROM PRESIDENT

President Boyd announced the score for the Blackhawks game. She also thanked everyone for their hard work.

#### 12. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Corte; seconded by Commissioner Ogden to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:11 p.m. There was no further discussion and motion passed unanimously by voice vote.