

MINUTES
REGULAR PARK DISTRICT BOARD MEETING
COMMUNITY PARK DISTRICT of La GRANGE PARK
1501 BARNSDALE ROAD, La GRANGE PARK, ILLINOIS
May 13, 2024 - 6:30 PM (Immediately Following Public Hearing)

1. PUBLIC HEARING- FOR THE COMBINED ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE 002-24 FOR FISCAL YEAR MAY 1, 2024 – APRIL 30, 2025

(Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the La Grange Suburban Life – April 4, 2024)

a. Call to Order and Roll Call

President Corte called the meeting to order at 6:30. Present were Commissioners Ogden, Sauer, Stastny, and Zuck. Also present was Executive Director Jessica Cannaday, Recreation Manager Michele Ritacco, Lauterbach & Amen Financial Assistant Nicole Kozlowski and Executive Administrative Assistant Laura Raimondi as recorder.

b. Public Hearing for the Proposed Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal Year May 1, 2024 – April 30, 2025

No one was present for public hearing.

c. Adjournment of Public Hearing

Having provided the opportunity for public comment on the Combined Annual Budget and Appropriations Ordinance 002-24 for fiscal year May 1, 2024-April 30, 2025, President Corte asked for a motion to adjourn at 6:31. Commissioner Stastny made the motion to adjourn seconded by Commissioner Zuck. Motion was passed unanimously by voice vote.

2. Call to Order & Roll Call:

President Corte called the Regular Park District Board Meeting to order at 6:32. Present were Commissioners Ogden, Sauer, Stastny, and Zuck. Also present was Executive Director Jessica Cannaday, Recreation Manager Michele Ritacco, Lauterbach & Amen Financial Assistant Nicole Kozlowski and Executive Administrative Assistant Laura Raimondi as recorder.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Park District Mission: The Community Park District of La Grange Park supports a healthy and inclusive community by positively impacting physical, social, emotional, and environmental well-being.

5. Open Forum

None.

6. Approval of the May 13, 2024 Agenda

Commissioner Ogden made a motion to approve the May 13, 2024 agenda, seconded by Commissioner Stastny. Motion was passed unanimously by a voice vote.

7. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes

- a. April 15, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes
Commissioner Stastny made a motion to approve the April 15, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes, seconded by Commissioner Zuck. Motion was passed unanimously by voice vote.
- b. April 15, 2024 Executive Meeting Minutes
Commissioner Stastny made a motion to approve the April 15, 2024 Executive Meeting Minutes, seconded by Commissioner Sauer. Motion was passed unanimously by voice vote.

8. Communications/Proclamations/Presentations

- a. Andy Arndt – Meristem Financial Advisors
Mr. Arndt provided updated impact numbers should the board issue voter approved referendum bonds and explained the purpose and structure of a bond parameters ordinance.

9. Staff Recognition

- a. Michele Ritacco
Executive Director Cannaday introduced Michele Ritacco as the new Recreation Manager. She stated that Michele is a veteran staff member and has tackled the new role with enthusiasm.
- b. Laura Raimondi
Recognized for 2 years of duty.

10. Staff Reports

- a. Executive Report
Executive Director Jessica Cannaday presented her report. Questions were asked and answered.
- b. Recreation Report
 - i. Superintendent of Recreation
Superintendent of Recreation Zak Kerby's report was presented.
 - ii. Marketing and Events Manager
Marketing and Events Manager Susan Zander's report was presented.
- c. Parks Report
Superintendent of Parks Sara Earhart's report was presented.
- d. Financial Reports
Nicole Kozlowski of Lauterbach & Amen presented her report.

11. Approve Monthly Disbursements

Commissioner Ogden made a motion to approve monthly disbursements in the amount of \$262,810.81 seconded by Commissioner Stastny. Motion was passed unanimously by a Roll Call vote.

12. Committee Reports

- a. Sustainability
 - i. Arbor Advocates
Planted ten trees at Robinhood Park and planting ten trees at Memorial Park in May.

13. Unfinished Business

- a. Ordinance 002-24 2024/25 Budget & Appropriations Ordinance
Commissioner Zuck made a motion to approve Ordinance 002-24 2024/25 Budget & Appropriations Ordinance, seconded by Commissioner Sauer. Motion was passed unanimously by a Roll Call vote.

14. New Business

- a. Annual Meeting
 - i. Election of Park District Board Officers
 - 1. President
Commissioner Zuck nominated Robert Corte as President seconded by Commissioner Ogden. Passed unanimously by a voice vote.
 - 2. Vice President
Commissioner Corte nominated Lucy Stastny as Vice President seconded by Commissioner Zuck. Passed unanimously by a voice vote.
 - 3. Secretary
Commissioner Stastny nominated Alexandria Zuck as Secretary seconded by Commissioner Sauer. Passed unanimously by a voice vote.
 - 4. Treasurer
Commissioner Stastny nominated Timothy Ogden as Treasurer seconded by Commissioner Zuck. Passed unanimously by a voice vote.
- b. Fund Balance Policy
Commissioner Ogden made a motion to approve resolution 004-24 amending the district's fund balance policy, seconded by Commissioner Sauer. The motion was passed unanimously by a Roll Call vote.
- c. ORDINANCE 004-24 An Ordinance providing for the issue of not to exceed \$10,700,000 General Obligation Park Bonds, Series 2024, of the District for the purpose of paying costs of the capital projects approved by referendum at the April 4, 2023, consolidated election, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the proposed sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof.

Commissioner Zuck made a motion to approve Ordinance 004-24 seconded by Commissioner Ogden. Motion was passed unanimously by a Roll Call vote.
- d. Energy Contract
The board discussed the current energy prices. Consensus was reached to allow Executive Director Cannaday to enter into a new contract so long as the rates were lower than existing. There was also board consensus not to pursue purchasing green energy certificates.

15. Next Regular Meeting: Monday, June 10, 2024 at 6:30pm

16. Adjournment

President Corte called the meeting to adjourn at 7:48 pm. Commissioner Stastny made a motion to adjourn seconded by Commissioner Zuck. Motion was passed unanimously by voice vote.



Secretary

Approved June 10, 2024