

Minutes – Draft
Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Community Park District of La Grange Park
March 14, 2016

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

President Boyd called the meeting to order in room 101 of the Recreation Center, 1501 Barnsdale Road, La Grange Park, IL at 6:29 p.m. Other Commissioners present were, Bob Corte, Jeff Kilrea, Tim Ogden, and Lucy Stastny. Also present were Executive Director Aleks Briedis, Maintenance Supervisor Martin Healy, Superintendent Dean Carrara, Recreation Supervisor Darla Goudeau, Marketing Manager Dave Romito, Office Manager Peggy Ronovsky, 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 are none.

5. APPROVE MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Ogden made a motion; seconded by Commissioner Corte to approve the February 8, 2016 minutes as amended. MOTION CARRIED. There was no further discussion and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Commissioner Stastny made a motion; seconded by Commissioner Kilrea to approve the February 8, 2016 Executive Session minutes as submitted. MOTION CARRIED. There was no further discussion and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

6. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Bryan Mathie, La Grange Park resident, was in attendance

New Business Item B, The Beekeeping Proposal Discussion, was moved up and discussed at this time. Mr. Mathie is proposing an ordinance to be passed to allow bee hives in the Village. In this discussion, he stated that he wants to request to use an area in one of the parks or the Southeast corner of the Park District Building property for an apiary. Mr. Mathie is also requesting to offer beekeeping classes to educate the residents of La Grange Park. Additional questions were asked and answered at this time. At this time the Board has directed Executive Director Briedis to do more research on this topic by contacting other villages that have a beekeeping ordinance, and PDRMA to see if additional insurance coverage is needed.

7. STAFF REPORTS

A. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A written report provided prior to the meeting was introduced by Executive Director Aleks Briedis. He informed the Board that he received a letter stating the Community Park District of La Grange Park has been excluded from the Solar Panel program due to lack of roof space. He added that the Park District received a plaque for PDRMA accreditation.

B. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

A written report provided prior to the meeting was introduced by Maintenance Supervisor Martin Healy. There were no additions to the report.

C. SUPERINTENDENT OF RECREATION

A written report provided prior to the meeting was introduced by Superintendent of Recreation Dean Carrara. A brief discussion was held regarding the program financial report. Questions were raised about classes being cancelled due to low enrollment. Superintendent of Recreation Carrara stated that there are a lot of factors due to low enrollment, one of them being when a long time fitness instructor leaves.

D. RECREATION SUPERVISOR

A written report provided prior to the meeting was introduced by Recreation Supervisor Darla Goudeau. The Board asked about sponsors for the concert series. Supervisor Goudeau stated that she has found six sponsors. Questions were asked and answered regarding the rental report.

E. RECREATION SUPERVISOR – MARKETING

A written report provided prior to the meeting was introduced by Supervisor Dave Romito. He stated that the Summer Brochure will be mailed on March 28th. He thanked Office Manager Ronovsky for all of her help.

F. OFFICE MANAGER

A written report provided prior to the meeting was introduced by Office Manager Peggy Ronovsky. A brief discussion was held regarding online registration. It was explained that the process is taking a little longer than expected as the back end of the program is not as user friendly as was thought. Both she and Executive Director Briedis will be dedicating the majority of the work day for the next two weeks on getting it ready for the next brochure registration.

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 additions to the report.

H. FINANCIAL COORDINATOR

Financial statements provided prior to the meeting for the month ending February 29, 2016 was introduced by Financial Consultant Phil Mesi. Questions were asked and answered.

8. APPROVE MONTHLY DISBURSEMENTS

A motion was made by Commissioner Ogden; seconded by Commissioner Stastny to approve the monthly disbursements in the amount of \$122,998.96. MOTION CARRIED. There was no further discussion and the motion passed by 5-0 roll call vote.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Approve release of Executive Session Minutes

Commissioner Kilrea made a motion; seconded by Commissioner Stastny to approve the release of the July 13, 2015 Executive Session Meeting minutes. MOTION CARRIED. There was no further discussion and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

B. Consider Ordinance No. 01-2016 Adopting Updated Purchases and Finance Policies

This ordinance helps to pay more bills online.

Commissioner Kilrea made a motion; seconded by Commissioner Ogden to adopt and pass Ordinance No. 01-2016. MOTION CARRIED. There was no further discussion and the motion passed by 5-0 roll call vote.

C. Approve Special Meeting for April 4, 2016

Commissioner Stastny made a motion; seconded by Commissioner Corte to approve the Special Meeting on April 4, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. MOTION CARRIED. There was no further discussion and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

10. NEW BUSINESS

A. Review first draft of 2016-17 Budget

A discussion was led by Executive Director Briedis who covered highlighted points of each fund. Questions were asked and answered while covering each fund. Executive Director Briedis informed the board to feel free to contact him before, as well as at the Special Meeting on April 4th, with any questions they may have.

B. Beekeeping Proposal Discussion

This was discussed during Recognition of Visitors. Executive Director Briedis added that this past weekend he went on a Girl Scout field trip with his daughters in which the topic was beekeeping. After his experience, he said he is in favor of the proposal. The Board suggested, if this ordinance is passed, to have an informational meeting for residents on beekeeping.

11. OPEN FORUM

A. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

No comments

B. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

No Comments

C. COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

President Boyd stated that she posted support on Facebook for an individual who is running for State Representative. She wanted to assure everyone this was coming personally from her and not on the behalf of the Park District. She also sent an e-mail to Mr. Murphy of IAPD stating that Lou Ritten may be someone that IAPD should interview for an oral history of the District. She encouraged Board and Staff to vote during the primary election.

12. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act under Section 2(c)(1) to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees. Commissioner Corte made a motion; seconded by Commissioner Kilrea to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:07 p.m. to begin the Executive Session. MOTION CARRIED. There was no further discussion and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

13. RECONVENE OPEN MEETING & ROLL CALL

President Boyd reconvened the open meeting at 9:00 p.m. Other Commissioners present were, Bob Corte, Jeff Kilrea, Tim Ogden, and Lucy Stastny.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Corte made the motion; seconded by Commissioner Stastny to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:01 p.m. MOTION CARRIED. There was no further discussion and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.