

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF THE PARK DISTRICT OF LA GRANGE, ILLINOIS
536 EAST AVENUE, LA GRANGE, ILLINOIS**

MAY 11, 2026

President Opyd called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Commissioners Vear, Posey, Weber, Carter, Opyd

ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Executive Director Jenny Bechtold
Director of Finance & HR Jamie Hollock
Director of Recreation Kevin Miller
Parks, Grounds, & Planning Manger- Tim White
GM of Facilities and Operations Mike Hay
HR & Administration Coordinator Madonna Giampietro

OTHERS PRESENT: John Pluto, Jonathan Robinson, and Rose Naseef

President Opyd welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked for any announcements or changes to the agenda, and it was announced that Agenda Item 2.2 would be excluded from this meeting as the LGLL representative could not attend the meeting, but that a comment from him would be read. There were no other changes to the agenda.

Communications, Presentations & Declarations

Public Comments

President Opyd opened the floor for public comments he explained that public comments are limited to three minutes and commentors should state their name and address prior to their comment.

Jonathan Robinson, 16 7th Ave. La Grange, reiterated his written comment from last month's meeting regarding his request for the board meetings of the Park District of La Grange to be video recorded for transparency.

John Pluto, La Grange, asked if the sediment at the bottom of the catch basins at Sedgwick Park, which the Village cleans out, will be tested. It was explained that TSC advised the district to go about our standard maintenance to keep the catch basins clean. John expressed his concerns about the water line running across Sedgwick Park. He also added his thoughts on the number of trees which were cut down at Sedgwick Park.

President Opyd read a letter to be entered into the comments from Michael

Buttron from La Grange Little League. The email was a request that the Park District allow LGLL to continue to sell apparel items, which make little to no profit, at the concessions at Sedgwick Park through an addendum to the current agreement.

Consent Agenda

President Opyd asked for a motion to approve Item 3.1 Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of April 20, 2026; Item 3.2 Approval of the Minutes of the Public Hearing Meeting of April 20, 2026; Item 3.3 Approval of the Financial Reports dated April 30, 2026; and Item 3.4 Approval of the Consolidated Vouchers for May dated May 11, 2026. The motion was so moved by Commissioner Posey, seconded by Commissioner Carter, and passed by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Posey, Carter, Weber, Vear, Opyd
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None

Staff Reports

Executive Director Jennifer Bechtold

- Executive Director Bechtold presented her report. Commissioner Posey asked a question regarding how we will enforce the no motorized vehicles in our parks rule? Director Bechtold answered that staff are currently working on updating the conduct ordinances to include this so the police can help enforce the policy. Executive Director reminded everyone that the June meeting is the Annual Meeting, meaning that the board will nominate and elect positions.

Executive Director Bechtold asked for a consensus regarding the La Grange Little League request to add an addendum to sell apparel at the concession stand at Sedgwick. She added that the addendum would include a statement about following state and federal laws on sales tax. Commissioner Posey said she does not have any issue with LGLL selling apparel at the concession stand. Commissioner Carter added that he is good with it. Commissioner Vear stated that as long as it is during games or sponsored events, he is okay with it. President Opyd explained that he has no issue if they are informed about the possible tax implications. He added that with all commissioners having weighed in, there is a consensus to add an addendum allowing LGLL to sell apparel at the concession stand at Sedgwick Park. Executive Director Bechtold will put together the addendum for approval at a future board meeting.

Commissioner Vear asked if there was any update on permits. Executive Director Bechtold answered that we received the MWRD permit for Denning Park restrooms. We are still in a holding pattern for permits for Sedgwick and Gilbert Parks. President Opyd asked, if the Gilbert Park

sewers already connect to Western Springs. Executive Director Bechtold responded yes.

Finance & Human Resources Director Jamie Hollock

- Director Hollock presented her report.

Director of Recreation Kevin Miller

- Director Miller presented his report. He reminded the Board about the Pet Parade; the park district is spot #44. He added that the Park District will be at the Farmer’s Market on June 18, July 16, and August 13.

President Opyd asked what age ranges are expected for the performing arts programs like dance and theater. Director Miller answered that dance will range from 2.5 years old to 12 years old with possibly some adult dance classes; and theater will encompass youth ages 5-12.

GM of Operations and Facilities Mike Hay

- General Manager Mike Hay presented his report. He thanked the staff members who worked on the hiring process to bring the group fitness instructors in-house.

Parks, Grounds, and Planning Manager Tim White

- Manager White presented his report. He added that the repairs of the Denning Park swing set will be completed by 5.13.2026, however the playground might have to be closed later in the month due to increased construction traffic at the park which has now received the MWRD permit to move forward with the project. Commissioner Posey asked about end-of-the-year picnics and Executive Director Bechtold answered that the schools are all set and all permitted for their picnics.

Action Items

Ratify the AYSO Addendum #1 to Affiliate Agreement-Field Lighting (Sedwick Park).

Director Bechtold summarized Addendum #1 which allows AYSO to use temporary lighting at Sedgwick Park April 13-June 12, 2026, from sunset until 10pm and AYSO is fully responsible for equipment, costs, and compliance. The addendum includes required insurance and indemnification protections.

Commissioner Carter moved to ratify Addendum #1 to the AYSO Affiliate Agreement for temporary field lighting at Sedwick Park. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Weber and passed by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Carter, Weber, Posey, Vear, Opyd
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None

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Discussion and/or Approval of Wight & Co. Final Design Agreement-Sedgwick OSLAD Grant.

Executive Director Bechtold explained the scope of the expanded project which includes additional amenities such as a boardwalk, trail connections, signage, shade structures, and plantings.

Commissioner Vear asked if these additional services from Wight were at the same percentage as the other work and Executive Director Bechtold answered that it was actually 1% less.

Commissioner Vear moved to approve the professional services agreement with Wight & Company for Sedgwick Park OSLAD Final Design Services in the amount of \$ 48,500. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Posey and passed by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Vear, Posey, Weber, Carter, Opyd
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None

Board Business

Old Business

New Business

Review of Bid #4 Results for 2024 Referendum-Restrooms, Denning and Sedgwick Parks.

Executive Director Bechtold presented the bid results from the bid opening held on April 16, 2026, for the Restrooms at Sedgwick and Denning Parks. There was no board action required at this time.

Review of Bid #6 Results for 2024 Referendum-Bid Package #27 Playground equipment.

No board action required at this time the items presented are for informational purposes and to document the outcome of the May 7, 2026, public bid opening.

Committee Reports

Administration Committee

No report at this time.

Parks and Facilities Committee

No report at this time.

Recreation & Cultural Programming Committee/Arts & Cultural Affairs Committee

Commissioner Posey would like to see the district explore multigenerational programming opportunities. This is a topic she has been exposed to from several

different mediums-books/professional websites/discussions with peers and feels that La Grange is unique in that we have multigenerational housing and families in the “sandwich” generation throughout the district. She added that she would like to help facilitate these types of programs. Commissioner Vear added that Plymouth Place might be a good place to start as they have a vibrant music program which at some point might be a positive collaboration with the district.

Public Comments (Board Manual Section #152)

Rose Naseef, 911 S. Stone, La Grange, added her thoughts on the multigenerational programming discussion. She felt that bringing in the nature aspect to the topic would be beneficial, like gardening, and tree walks.

Board Comments

Commissioner Posey expressed how happy she is to see the parks projects in the home stretch.

Commissioner Vear congratulated the staff for working on and completing the transition of the group fitness employees from contractor to in-house.

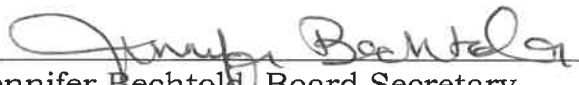
President Opyd urged everyone to take a walk over and check out the newly completed multisport court at Community Park. He said the court looks great and he is happy to see it being used.

Adjournment

President Opyd asked for a motion to adjourn at 6:41P.M. The motion was so moved by Commissioner Vear, seconded by Commissioner Carter, and passed unanimously by Voice Vote.



Brian Opyd, President



Jennifer Bechtold, Board Secretary
Approved June 8, 2026