

Minutes
Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Community Park District of La Grange Park
June 10, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

President Ogden called the meeting to order in room 101 of the Recreation Center, 1501 Barnsdale Road, La Grange Park, IL at 6:32 p.m. Other Commissioners present were Karen Boyd, Robert Corte, Peggy Ronovsky, and Lucy Stastny. Also present were Interim Executive Director Roy Cripe, Recreation Supervisor Ashley Jusk, Superintendent of Recreation Dean Carrara and Financial Coordinator Phil Mesi.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. PARK DISTRICT MISSION

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

Commissioner Boyd asked that a St. Francis Church request to rent Memorial Park be added to New Business. There was no objection.

5. APPROVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

A. May 13, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Stastny made a motion to approve the May 13, 2019 regular meeting minutes as written. Commissioner Ronovsky seconded. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

B. May 13, 2019 Executive Session Minutes

Commissioner Stastny made a motion to approve the May 13, 2019 Executive Session minutes as written. Commissioner Boyd seconded. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

6. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

A. Chuck Bosco, Commander VFW Post #10778

President Ogden commented that Chuck spoke eloquently at the Memorial Day service. Mr. Bosco asked if the Board would be willing to

allow him to coordinate the 2020 Memorial Day event. He said he has served as the chair for the Western Springs Memorial Day parade and would use his several contacts to make the event even more fulfilling and personal to the local community by acting as an advisor to Superintendent of Recreation Carrara and the Board. The Board replied that Mr. Bosco's volunteer service is welcomed but said there really is no budget for this event. Mr. Bosco said he will look into fundraising opportunities. Anything left over will go toward the upkeep of Memorial Park. Questions were asked and answered.

7. STAFF REPORTS

A. Executive Director

A written report distributed to the Board prior to the meeting was introduced by Interim Executive Director Roy Cripe. Commissioner Stastny thanked Cripe for thinking of inviting participants in the Illinois Special Olympics games. Cripe suggested a resolution or letter from the Board. The SEASPAR golf outing is July 13. Anyone interested in going should contact him.

The status of a project involving a man-gate at Robinhood Park was given.

Cripe said that Casey Wichmann from the Illinois Association of Park Districts reported there are 8 applications received for our Executive Director position; 7 of which are fantastic. The IAPD Search Team will meet this Friday to determine which applications will be presented to the Park District Board on Wednesday, June 26.

A draft copy of the Cook County Clerk's Property Tax Levy Report Office was introduced. Our assessed evaluation from 2017 to 2018 dropped a little, but is close our FY 2019-20 budget estimate.

B. Building & Grounds

A written report distributed to the Board prior to the meeting by Maintenance Supervisor Martin Healy was introduced by Interim Executive Director Cripe. Commissioner Stastny inquired about the \$2,700 expense for tree damage. The costs were for storm damage as well as tree trimming. There have been 3 different occurrences so far this year, for a total of \$6,400.

C. Superintendent of Recreation

A written report distributed to the Board prior to the meeting was introduced by Superintendent of Recreation Dean Carrara. Today was the first day of all the summer programs. It was gorgeous out and a great day

to kick things off. There were no further questions.

D. Recreation Supervisor

A written report distributed to the Board prior to the meeting was introduced by Recreation Supervisor Ashley Jusk. She said June 19 is the first concert and asked that the Board wear their Park District shirts to be introduced by President Ogden to the audience and for a group picture.

Jusk said there have been negative comments pertaining to the change of open hours at the splash pad. She said this is the most comments we've ever had on Facebook. It appears from 11-1 is the prime time to be at the splash pad. We will reconsider next month.

E. Office Manager

A written report distributed to the Board prior to the meeting by Office Manager Nancy Baum and was introduced by Interim Executive Director Cripe. There were no questions.

F. Safety Coordinator

A written report distributed to the Board prior to the meeting by Safety Coordinator Megan Jadron was introduced by Interim Executive Director Cripe. There were no questions.

F. Financial Consultant

Financial statements for the month ending May 30, 2019 and distributed to the Board prior to the meeting were introduced by Financial Consultant Phil Mesi. Questions were asked and answered.

8. APPROVE MONTHLY DISBURSEMENTS

A Purchase Journal included in the packet was introduced by Financial Consultant Phil Mesi. There were no questions. Commissioner Ronovsky made a motion to approve the monthly disbursements totaling \$103,379.38; seconded by Commissioner Stastny. The motion passed 5-0 by roll call vote.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. 1st National Bank of Brookfield Authorized Signatures

Interim Executive Director Cripe distributed pages for each Board member to sign as being authorized to sign Bank documents.

B. Park Board Appreciation Letter to Former Executive Director Aleks Briedis

Commissioner Stastny made a motion to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Corte. Motion passed 5-0 by a roll call vote.

10. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approve Budget & Appropriations Ordinance #01-2019

The Ordinance preamble was read into the minutes by President Ogden. Commissioner Stastny made a motion; seconded by Commissioner Ronovsky to approve the Budget & Appropriations Ordinance #01-2019 as presented. Motion passed 5-0 by roll call vote. Interim Executive Director Cripe was directed to post the Ordinance on the Park District website and to file the Ordinance with the Cook County Clerk's office.

B. St. Francis Request to Rent Memorial Park

Commissioner Boyd said there has been an unofficial request made to use Memorial Park for an outdoor mass. Following a brief discussion, the Board agreed that the fee should be discounted or free but felt more information is needed about the number of guests, facilities to be used and other facts before making any decisions.

11. OPEN FORUM

A. Comments from Floor – There were none.

B. Comments from Commissioners

Commissioner Corte mentioned the pickle ball courts that were featured in Sunday's Chicago Tribune. The State of IL is going to give the city the money for the repairs. He also mentioned that, since Commissioner Boyd is the biggest Cub fan on the board, he recommends that she represents the Board when Cubs players attend the dedication of Hanesworth North field.

Commissioner Ronovsky said we need for our Park User's Policy Manual to be more coordinated with the Village ordinances. As things are now, the police cannot issue tickets for violation of many of our Ordinances and we no longer pay an off-duty officer to enforce our ordinances. Interim Executive Director Cripe was directed to put something together for the next Executive Director to consider.

C. Comments from the President

President Ogden thanked the Board for helping out with another great month. The budget is completed and ready for another awesome year with a new Executive Director.

13. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

At the hour of 7:34 p.m. Commissioner Ronovsky made the motion; seconded by Commissioner Boyd to adjourn the meeting to Executive Session in accordance with Section 2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act to

discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees. The motion passed 5- 0 by a roll call vote

14. RECONVENE TO OPEN MEETING & ROLL CALL

President Ogden called the reconvened Regular Meeting to order in room 101 of the Recreation Center, 1501 Barnsdale Road, La Grange Park, IL at 7:54 p.m. Other Commissioners present were Peggy Ronovsky, Lucy Stastny, Karen Boyd and Bob Corte. Also present were Interim Executive Director Roy Cripe.

15. ACTION, IF ANY, FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION – There was none.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Stastny made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Corte to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:54 p.m. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.