

MINUTES  
REGULAR PARK DISTRICT BOARD MEETING  
COMMUNITY PARK DISTRICT of La GRANGE PARK  
1501 BARNSDALE ROAD, La GRANGE PARK, ILLINOIS  
June 9, 2025 - 6:30 PM

1. Call to Order & Roll Call  
President Corte called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Present were Commissioners Marusic, Sauer and Zuck. Executive Director Jessica Cannaday, Superintendent of Recreation Juan Montes, Lauterbach & Amen Financial Assistant Sam Crane and Special Events and Marketing Manager Susan Zander as recorder.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. 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.
4. Open Forum  
9 residents were present. John G. spoke in favor of the Park District acquiring the fitness center on 31<sup>st</sup> street.
5. Approval of the June 9, 2025 Agenda  
Commissioner Zuck made a motion to approve the June 9, 2025 Agenda, seconded by Commissioner Sauer. Motion was passed unanimously by voice vote.
6. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes
  - a. May 12, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes  
Commissioner Marusic made a motion to approve the May 12, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes, seconded by Commissioner Zuck. Motion was passed unanimously by voice vote.
  - b. May 12, 2025 Executive Meeting Minutes  
Commissioner Zuck made a motion to approve the May 12, 2025 Executive Meeting Minutes, seconded by Commissioner Marusic. Motion was passed unanimously by voice vote.
  - c. June 4, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes  
Commissioner Sauer made a motion to approve the June 4, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes, seconded by Commissioner Zuck. Motion was passed unanimously by voice vote.
  - d. June 4, 2025 Executive Meeting Minutes  
Commissioner Marusic made a motion to approve the June 4, 2025 Executive Meeting Minutes, seconded by Commissioner Zuck. Motion was passed unanimously by voice vote.
7. Communications/Proclamations/Presentations
  - a. President Corte read a proclamation declaring July Parks and Rec Month
8. Staff Recognition  
Executive Director Cannaday read a letter from Bandits regarding the exemplary work of the Parks team in maintaining the fields during league play.

9. 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 Juan Montes presented his report. Commissioner Zuck requested more information on registration numbers.

ii. Recreation Manager Report

Superintendent of Recreation Juan Montes presented the Recreation Manager Michele Ritacco's report.

iii. Marketing & Events Report

Marketing and Events Manager Susan Zander's presented her report. Commissioner Zuck asked for clarification on the 'Wednesdays are Wonderful' initiative.

c. Parks Report

Superintendent of Park Sara Earhart's report was presented.

d. Financial Reports

Lauterbach & Amen Financial Assistant Sam Crane presented her report.

10. Approve Monthly Disbursements

Commissioner Sauer made a motion to approve the monthly disbursements in the amount of \$482,690.89, seconded by Commissioner Zuck. Motion was passed unanimously by roll call vote.

11. Committee Reports

a. Sustainability

The next meeting of the Sustainability Committee will be held September 8 at 6:00pm

b. Arbor Advocates

Commissioner Zuck provided an update on the most recent Arbor Advocates meeting and progress on the Urban Forestry Management Plan update.

12. Unfinished Business

a. REVISED Draft Budget and Appropriations Ordinance #002-25

Commissioner Marusic made a motion to accept and display the revised Draft Budget and Appropriations Ordinance, seconded by Commissioner Sauer. Motion was passed unanimously by roll call vote.

b. Recreation Center Expansion

Executive Director Cannaday provided updates and stated that the ground breaking may happen in the spring of 2026.

c. Meadowcrest Property Improvements

Executive Director Cannaday stated the district is waiting on additional quotes for the improvement project.

13. New Business

a. Robinhood and Stone Monroe Park Improvements

Executive Director Cannaday presented options for improving the parks. Questions were asked and answered regarding court and field options.

b. Fitness Center Acquisition

Executive Director Cannaday presented updates on the fitness center.

14. Executive Session

At 7:25pm, President Corte asked for a motion to adjourn to Executive Session 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 and in accordance with the Open Meetings Act under Section 2(c)(5) to discuss the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body.

Commissioner Marusic made the motion to adjourn seconded by Commissioner Sauer. Motion was passed unanimously by voice vote.

15. Reconvene Open Session

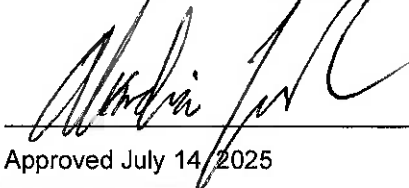
At 8:50pm President Corte reconvened open session. Additionally present were commissioners Sauer, Zuck, and Marusic; superintendent Montes; and executive director Cannaday.

16. Potential Action on Items Discussed in Executive Session

17. Next Regular Meeting: Monday, July 14, 2025 at 6:30pm

18. Adjournment

At 8:51pm, Commissioner Marusic made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting, seconded by Commissioner Zuck. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

  
Approved July 14, 2025