

Minutes  
Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners  
Community Park District of La Grange Park  
April 8, 2013

1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

President Ritten called the meeting to order in room 101 of the Recreation Center, 1501 Barnsdale Road, La Grange Park, IL at 6:33 pm.

Other Commissioners present were Ted Popernik, Lucy Stastny, and Karen Boyd. Commissioner Kilrea was absent. Also present were Executive Director Roy Cripe, Office Coordinator Peggy Ronovsky, Bookkeeper Phil Mesi, and Buildings and Grounds Supervisor Martin Healy.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

President Ritten asked that Agenda #9 be moved to Recognition of Visitors for the convenience of resident John Remiasz. There was no objection.

4. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS & OPEN FORUM

La Grange Park residents William Yena, Nancy Thomas, John Remiasz, Tim Ogden, and David Radditz were present.

John Remiasz made a request to install a gate at his expense to a Park District owned fence in Robinhood Park. Executive Director Cripe introduced a summary of conditions that had been reviewed and approved by the Park District attorney. Commissioner Boyd made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Stastny to approve a letter of understanding drafted by the Park District that permits a gate to be constructed along the east fence of Robinhood Park at 1112 Forest, subject to the signing and recording of a covenant agreement. MOTION CARRIED. There was no further discussion and the motion passed 4-0 by roll call vote with Commissioner Kilrea being absent.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Regular Meeting: March 11, 2013

A grammatical correction was made. Commissioner Boyd made a motion to approve the minutes as amended; Commissioner Stastny seconded. MOTION CARRIED. There was no further discussion and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote. Commissioner Kilrea was absent.

B. Special Meeting: March 18, 2013

President Ritten noted that only two of the three Board members attending the March 18<sup>th</sup> meeting are present tonight and recommended that approval of the March 18<sup>th</sup> minutes be tabled to the next meeting. All agreed.

## 6. STAFF REPORTS

### A. Executive Director

A written report submitted by Roy Cripe prior to the meeting was introduced. He reminded the Board that the La Grange Park Little League's 60<sup>th</sup> annual opening day parade is on April 21<sup>st</sup> and that all Commissioners are invited. Executive Director Cripe said that permission was given to the VFW to sell poppies outside the Recreation Building on Poppy Day. They will donate a percentage of the proceeds to the Veteran's Memorial Fund. There were no objections. In reply to a question, Executive Director Cripe said our practice has been to post messages on the La Grange Road message board free of charge for not-for-profit businesses, organizations, and local governments who are located in La Grange Park Village.

### B. Buildings and Grounds

A written report submitted by Martin Healy prior to the meeting was introduced. He said as a consequence to not receiving grant money from the Mayors Caucus only seventeen of the thirty-three trees needed to replace trees infected with the European Ash Bore will be planted this fiscal year. All diseased ash trees have been removed

### C. Superintendent of Recreation

A written report submitted by Dean Carrara prior to the meeting was introduced. Questions on Girls' softball were asked and answered.

### D. Recreation Supervisor Goudeau

A written report submitted by Darla Goudeau prior to the meeting was introduced. President Ritten commended Mrs. Goudeau for booking all concert sponsorships so early in the spring.

### E. Office Manager

A written report submitted by Peggy Ronovsky prior to the meeting was introduced. She commented on the procedures for placing messages on the La Grange Road message board.

### F. Safety Coordinator

A written report submitted by Coordinator Megan Jadron prior to the meeting was introduced. There were no questions or comments.

### G. Financial Report

Reports for the month ending March 31, 2013 were presented by Financial Consultant Phil Mesi. There were no questions or comments.

## 7. APPROVE MONTHLY DISBURSEMENTS

A list of disbursements submitted for approval was introduced. Commissioner Boyd made a motion to approve the monthly disbursements as presented in the amount of \$76,205.76; seconded by Commissioner Stastny. MOTION CARRIED. There was no

further discussion and the motion passed 4-0 by roll call vote with Commissioner Kilrea being absent.

## 8. OLD BUSINESS

### A. Review Proposed Memorial Park Improvements for OSLAD Grant Submittal

A memo to the Park District Board was introduced showing the estimated operating cost for the proposed spray pad. Following a discussion, the Board agreed that including a spray pad in the OSLAD grant application would be too expensive in money and manpower. The Board directed Staff to propose a substitute element that is less costly to maintain and that appeals to a wider age range of children.

### B. Approve Fund Transfers in Current FY2012-2013 Budget

A memo to the Park District Board was introduced recommending that \$42,000 from the General Corporate Fund and \$40,000 from the Recreation Fund be transferred to the Capital Projects Fund. Following a discussion, a motion to approve fund transfers in current FY 2012-2013 budget as recommended was made by Commissioner Boyd; seconded by Commissioner Stastny. MOTION CARRIED. There was no further discussion and the motion passed 4-0 by roll call vote with Commissioner Kilrea being absent.

### C. Approve FY 2013-14 Budget & Appropriations Ordinance in Tentative Form for the Year Beginning May 1, 2013 and Ending April 30, 2014

Ordinance #13-01 entitled "Combined Budget and Appropriations Ordinance for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2013 and ending April 30, 2014" was introduced. A brief summary of the budget was given. Following discussion, the Board scheduled a public hearing for the subject budget to be held on May 13, 2013 beginning at 6:30 p.m. A motion was made by Commissioner Boyd; seconded by Commissioner Stastny to approve the Ordinance #13-01 in tentative form for the year beginning May 1, 2013 and ending April 30, 2014. MOTION CARRIED. There was no further discussion and the motion passed 4-0 by roll call vote with Commissioner Kilrea being absent.

## 9. NEW BUSINESS

### A. Consider Resident Request to Construct a Gate on a Park District Fence

This matter was addressed under agenda item #4, "Recognition of Visitors and Open Forum".

## 10. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Ritten thanked everyone for a great Easter Egg Hunt. He also reminded everyone to vote on April 9, 2013 and wished all candidates good luck. There will be a social after the May 13<sup>th</sup> meeting to welcome new Commissioners and to thank outgoing Commissioner Ted Popernik.

## 11. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made at 8:05 p.m. by Commissioner Boyd; seconded by Commissioner Stastny to adjourn to executive session in accordance with Section 2

(c)(21) of the Open Meetings Act for the purpose of discussing the minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this act,. MOTION CARRIED. There was no further discussion and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote. Commissioner Kilrea was absent.

#### 12. RECONVENE OPEN MEETING

President Ritten called the reconvened open meeting to order at 8:12 pm in room 101 of the Recreation Center, 1501 Barnsdale Road, La Grange Park, IL. Other Commissioners present were Ted Popernik, Lucy Stastny, and Karen Boyd. Commissioner Kilrea was absent.

Commissioner Boyd made a motion; seconded by Commissioner Statstny to approve the February 11, 2013 Executive Session minutes and the March 11, 2013 Executive Session minutes as presented. MOTION CARRIED: There was no further discussion and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote. Commissioner Kilrea was absent.

#### 13. ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING

Commissioner Stastny made a motion; seconded by Commissioner Boyd to adjourn the regular meeting at the hour of 8:14 p.m. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Commissioner Kilrea was absent.