

**Minutes**  
**Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners**  
**Community Park District of La Grange Park**  
**February 13, 2012**

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 6:35 pm.

Commissioners present were Ted Popernik, Lucy Stastny, Karen Boyd, and Jeff Kilrea. Also present were Executive Director Roy Cripe, Office Manager Peggy Ronovsky, and Bookkeeper Phil Mesi.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

There were none.

4. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS & OPEN FORUM

There were no visitors present.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Regular Meeting: January 16, 2012

Commissioner Kilrea made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; Commissioner Stastny seconded. MOTION CARRIED. There was no further discussion and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

B. Special Meeting: January 23, 2012

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.

6. STAFF REPORTS

A. Executive Director

A written report distributed prior to the meeting was introduced. Executive Director Cripe thanked everyone for their attendance at the recent Master Plan Special Meetings. A brief discussion of the conference sessions attended followed.

B. Buildings and Grounds

A written report distributed prior to the meeting was introduced, which included a tree service price proposal from three local arborists. There was concern for the proposed removal of two Honey Locust trees that were specified in the proposal. It was determined that an e-brief will be put out explaining why removing the trees with their very large thorns are being recommended. The Board agreed that the contract for the entire service being proposed could be approved tonight with the stipulation that removal of the Honey Locust trees not be removed until after the March 12<sup>th</sup>

regular Board meeting. A motion was made by Commissioner Popernik to approve a contract with Bluder's Tree Service with stipulation as discussed in the amount of \$9,750.00; seconded by Commissioner Stastny. MOTION CARRIED. There was no further discussion and the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

A brief discussion took place on the recent vandalism at the Memorial Park ice rinks.

C. Recreation Supervisor Carrara

A written report distributed prior to the meeting was introduced. Questions were asked and answered.

D. Recreation Supervisor Goudeau

A written report distributed prior to the meeting was introduced. Questions were asked and answered.

E. Office Manager

A written report distributed prior to the meeting was introduced. It was noted the glitches in the Peachtree direct deposit system are being out and will hopefully be resolved soon.

F. SAFETY COORDINATOR

A written report distributed prior to the meeting was introduced. There were no questions.

G. FINANCIAL REPORT

A written report distributed prior to the meeting was introduced. There were no questions.

7. APPROVE MONTHLY DISBURSEMENTS

An additional \$401.55 was added to the monthly disbursements for a conference expense reimbursement payable to Commissioner Stastny. Commissioner Popernik made a motion to approve the monthly disbursements in the amount of \$93,772.68; seconded by Commissioner Kilrea. MOTION CARRIED. There was no discussion and the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

8. OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business.

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. OSLAD Grant Application

A memo to the Board dated February 7<sup>th</sup> was introduced. It was noted that professional help writing the grant application at a cost of \$3,700 would be required if the Board decides to apply for a grant. President Ritten asked that the discussion be conducted in an Executive Session as the topic concerns potential land acquisition.

B. Budget Planning Workshop

Wednesday, March 21, 2012 at 6:30pm was set as the date for the workshop.

Tentative approval will be requested during the regular April 9<sup>th</sup> Board meeting, open to the public for at least 30 days, and scheduled for final approval at the regular May Board meeting.

10. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Ritten urged all Board members to keep an open mind and stay true to their own thought processes as the debate about land acquisition continues. It is important that no one feel "railroaded" into a decision on a key issue that will have a long-lasting impact.

11. ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

In accordance with Section 5 ILCS par. 120/2.(c).(5) to discuss the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired, a motion to adjourn to Executive Session was made by Commissioner Boyd at 8:10 pm and was seconded by Commissioner Stastny. MOTION CARRIED. There was no further discussion and the motion passed 5-0 by roll call vote.

12. RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING

President Ritten called the reconvened meeting to order at the hour of 9:15 p.m. Commissioners present were Ted Popernik, Lucy Stastny, Karen Boyd, and Jeff Kilrea. Also present was Executive Director Roy Cripe.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Kilrey made a motion to adjourn at the hour of 9:15 p.m.; seconded by Commissioner Stastny. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.