

MINUTES  
REGULAR PARK DISTRICT BOARD MEETING  
COMMUNITY PARK DISTRICT of La GRANGE PARK  
1501 BARNSDALE ROAD, La GRANGE PARK, ILLINOIS  
March 10, 2025 - 6:30 PM

1. Call to order and Roll Call

President Corte called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Present were Commissioners Ogden, Sauer, Stastny and Zuck. Executive Director Jessica Cannaday, Superintendent of Parks Sara Earhart, Lauterbach & Amen Financial Assistant Sam Crane and Special Events and Marketing Assistant Laura Raimondi as recorder.

President Corte asked for a motion and a second to allow Commissioner Zuck to attend meeting via Zoom. Commissioner Ogden made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Stastny. Motion was passed unanimously by a voice vote.

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

No one present.

5. Approval of the March 10, 2025 Agenda

President Corte asked to amend the agenda to include Items 15 Reconvene to Open session and 16 Potential Action on Items Discussed in Executive Session. Commissioner Ogden made a motion to approve the amended March 10, 2025 Agenda, seconded by Commissioner Stastny. Motion was passed unanimously by voice vote.

6. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes

a. February 10, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

With one change of a spelling error, Commissioner Stastny made a motion to approve the February 10, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes, seconded by Commissioner Sauer. Motion was passed unanimously by voice vote.

b. February 10, 2025 Executive Meeting Minutes

c. Commissioner Ogden made a motion to approve the February 10, 2025 Executive Meeting Minutes seconded by Commissioner Sauer. Motion was passed unanimously by voice vote.

7. Communications/Proclamations/Presentations

Ron McGrath, Architect from TRIA, presented the site plan for the Community Park District of La Grange Park Rec Center gymnasium addition.

8. Staff Recognition

9. Staff Reports

a. Executive Report

Executive Director Jessica Cannaday presented her report. She gave an update on the Meadowcrest property. She stated that the district would likely have to install some kind of fencing to keep motorized bikes from damaging the turf at Memorial. She updated that at the time of the board meeting, Summer Camp revenue had increased to \$271,000.

b. Recreation Report

i. Superintendent of Recreation

Superintendent of Recreation Zak Kerby's report was presented. President Corte requested that staff ensure that exterior lighting be designed with consideration to Dark Sky parameters.

ii. Recreation Manager

Recreation Manager Michele Ritacco's report was presented.

iii. Marketing and Events Manager

Marketing and Events Manager Susan Zander's report was presented.

c. Parks Report

Superintendent of Parks Sara Earhart presented her report.

d. Financial Reports

Lauterbach & Amen Financial Assistant Sam Crane presented her report.

10. Approve Monthly Disbursements

Commissioner Stastny made a motion to approve the monthly disbursements in the amount of \$295,806.24, seconded by Commissioner Ogden. Motion was passed unanimously by roll call vote.

11. Committee Reports

a. Sustainability

i. Arbor Advocates

Meeting was held prior to board meeting. Plans to celebrate Arbor Day on April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025 12-1. Two trees will be planted.

12. Unfinished Business

a. 2025/2026 Agency Goals and Funding

Goals for parks discussed. The board directed the Executive Director to move forward with engaging bond counsel on the next steps to issue general obligation bonds.

13. New Business

a. TruGreen Contract

Commissioner Ogden made a motion to approve the TruGreen Contract seconded by Commissioner Stastny. Motion was passed unanimously by roll call vote.

b. Easement Agreement

Commissioner Stastny made a motion to approve the Easement Agreement seconded by Commissioner Sauer. Motion was passed unanimously by roll call vote.

- c. 2024/2025 Budget Projections and 2025/2026 Preliminary Budget Discussions to budget for next year. Budget & Appropriations draft next month.
- d. IAPD Legislative Conference  
Commissioner Stastny made a motion to approve \$500 for one Board Member to travel to Springfield for IAPD Legislative Conference, seconded by Commissioner Sauer. Motion was passed unanimously by roll call vote.

14. Executive Session

President Corte asked for a motion to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:38 pm 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 Ogden made the motion to adjourn seconded by Commissioner Sauer. Motion was passed unanimously by voice vote.

15. Reconvene Open Session

President Corte reconvened open session at 8:53pm. Additionally present were Commissioners Stastny, Zuck, Ogden, Sauer, and Executive Director Cannaday.

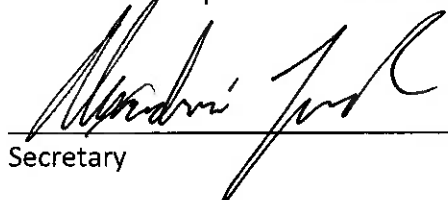
16. Potential Action on Items Discussed in Executive Session

None

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

18. Adjournment

At 8:55 p.m. President Corte asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Commissioner Stastny and seconded by Commissioner Sauer. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

  
Secretary

Approved April 14, 2025

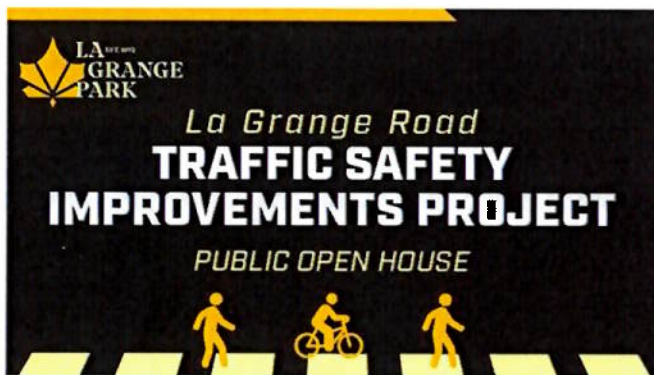
April 11, 2025

Dear Community Park District Residents,

**The Village of La Grange Park** is considering road projects that would widen Woodlawn Avenue past Memorial Park and add a 4-way stop light or Emergency Vehicle activated light at Woodlawn and La Grange Road.

The addition of this traffic light would require IDOT to widen La Grange Road past Memorial Park. Your Community Park District Commissioners are committed to working with the Village of La Grange Park to improve pedestrian safety while ensuring safe access to your parks, as well as protecting and preserving the quality of the public green space in La Grange Park.

Please join your park district commissioners in attending this important Village meeting to discuss **how this concept would impact Memorial Park**, pedestrian safety, and traffic conditions in La Grange Park. **Resident input is critical.**



**Village of La Grange Park Input Meeting**

**Date:** Wednesday, April 23

**Time:** 5-7pm

**Location:** La Grange Park Public Library

*This is an open house format, you do not need to arrive right at 5pm or stay until 7pm. Please come by, talk to Village officials and planners and provide your input!*

Please make sure to visit [www.lagrangepark.org](http://www.lagrangepark.org) to view the **La Grange Road Traffic Safety Improvements** project as well as the **Village of La Grange Park Village Market Streetscape Improvement Plan Final Report** for more information.

Sincerely,

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