

Minutes
Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Community Park District of La Grange Park
April 8, 2019 6:28 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Vice President Kilrea called the meeting to order in room 101 of the Recreation Center, 1501 Barnsdale Road, La Grange Park, IL at 6:29 p.m. Other Commissioners present were Bob Corte, Lucy Stastny, and Tim Ogden. Also present were Recreation Supervisor Ashley Jusk, Maintenance Supervisor Martin Healy, Superintendent of Recreation Dean Carrara, Executive Director Aleks Briedis and Financial Coordinator Phil Mesi. President Boyd was absent.

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 Stastny asked for clarification on the amount AYSO donated to the Park District in the section 'Recognition of Visitors'. All present agreed to the addition.

5. APPROVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

A. Commissioner Corte made a motion to approve the March 11, 2019 regular meeting minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Ogden. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. President Boyd was absent.

B. Commissioner Stastny made a motion to approve the March 11, 2019 executive session minutes as submitted. Seconded by Commissioner Corte. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

6. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

LaGrange Park residents Joan Wielgos, Ray Wielgos and Jim Zwit were in attendance.

A. Ray Wielgos brought two concerns to the board. The first was in regards a rumor that the Park District experienced a theft. He asked if this is true and if so what is being done about it. Vice President Kilrea stated that there was a theft by a Park District employee that was discovered with in-house financial controls. The employee was immediately terminated and the matter was taken to the La Grange Park Police. The police department is currently investigating the case and will take their findings to the States Attorney's office for further handling. In subsequent conversation, it was clarified that this is a criminal case; which gives the State's Attorney full prosecuting authority.

Mr. Wielgos's second concern was in regard to the financial health of the Park District. Commissioner Kilrea said that complete financial statements are made available to the public every month and show that the Park District is in good financial shape. Continued

conversation clarified that the Park District's fund balance was spent down this year in order to finish paying for improvements at Memorial Park.

- B. Jim Zwit gave a summary of his long volunteer experience managing the Memorial Day event. He expressed frustration regarding poor communication between him, the Board and Staff. Vice President Kilrea expressed regret for the way this matter was handled and thanked Jim for his past dedication to the Park District's Veterans Memorial.

7. STAFF REPORTS

A. Executive Director

A written report previously delivered to the Board was introduced by Executive Director Aleks Briedis. He gave a reminder that the play is set for the weekend.

B. Building & Grounds

A written report previously delivered to the Board was introduced by Maintenance Supervisor Martin Healy. In answer to a question, he will ask AYSO to lock up their goals on Saturday after they play. There was an update given on Yena Park, which is getting new turf. Superintendent Healy said he is looking into lighting the Memorial Park bocce ball courts.

C. Superintendent of Recreation

A written report previously delivered to the Board was introduced by Superintendent of Recreation Dean Carrara. He stated that the children's dance recital was a fantastic show and they were at capacity. The Easter egg hunt will take place this weekend in addition to the play. He is preparing for the upcoming summer programs.

D. Recreation Supervisor

A written report previously delivered to the Board was introduced by Recreation Supervisor Ashley Jusk. Ready Teddy is up to 128 enrollees for the next school year, which is more than last year. The Science Fair was a success and the pictures are up on Facebook. We are currently looking for three more sponsors for Music Under the Stars.

E. Safety Coordinator

A written report from Safety Coordinator Megan Jadron was introduced by Executive Director Briedis. There were no additions to her report.

F. Financial Consultant

Financial statements ending March 31, 2019 previously delivered to the Board was introduced by Financial Consultant Phil Mesi. Questions were asked and answered.

8. APPROVE MONTHLY DISBURSEMENTS

A motion was made by Commissioner Ogden to approve the monthly disbursements in the amount of \$75,390.60. Seconded by Commissioner Stastny. Motion passed 4-0 by a roll call vote. President Boyd was absent.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

10. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Consider for Approval of Tentative Ordinance 01-2019 Budget and Appropriations
A motion was made by Commissioner Ogden to approve the Tentative Ordinance 01-2019 Budget and Appropriations. Seconded by Commissioner Corte. Motion passed 4-0 by a roll call vote. President Boyd was absent.
- B. Consider for Approval of IAPD Proposal for Director Search Service
The proposal previously delivered to the Board was introduced by Executive Director Briedis. Discussion was tabled until the May 13th Board meeting.

11. OPEN FORUM

- A. Comments from the Floor
There were no comments.
- B. Comments from Commissioners
Commissioner Kilrea stated that this is his last meeting after 8 years. He thanked Roy Cripe and Aleks Briedis for showing him the ropes and being good friends and good stewards of the Park District. He also thanked Lou Ritten, Karen Boyd, Bob Corte, Tim Ogden, Lucy Stastny and Pete Stojic. It was a pleasure getting to know everyone and see people being serious about their town. Thank you to Phil Mesi for everything he has done last few years. The staff is awesome and wonderful to work with and we are lucky to have them.

12. 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.

Commissioner Corte made the motion to adjourn the regular meeting and go into executive session at 7:12 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Ogden. Motion passed 4- 0 by a roll call vote. President Boyd was absent.

13. RECONVENE TO OPEN MEETING & ROLL CALL

The Regular Meeting of the Park Board reconvened at 7:19 p.m. Those present were Jeff Kilrea, Bob Corte, Lucy Stastny, and Tim Ogden. Karen Boyd was absent

14. ACTION, IF ANY, FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

No action was taken.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Corte made a motion to adjourn at the hour of 7:20 p.m. Commissioner Ogden seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.