

MINUTES
REGULAR PARK DISTRICT BOARD MEETING COMMUNITY PARK DISTRICT of
LA GRANGE PARK 1501 BARNSDALE ROAD, La GRANGE PARK, ILLINOIS
May 11, 2026

1. Call to Order & Roll Call:

President Corte called the May 11, 2026 Regular Meeting of the Community Park District Board of Park Commissioners to order at 6:30 p.m.

Commissioners present were Sauer, Zuck, Ogden and Marusic. Additionally present were: Executive Director, Jessica Cannaday; Superintendent of Parks, Sara Earhart; Superintendent of Recreation, Juan Montes; Financial Assistant, Nicole Giddens and Manager of Marketing and Special Events, Susan Zander as Recording Secretary.

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

Resident Nancy Yena addressed the Board regarding the timeline of the project, stating that she drives by once or twice a week and doesn't feel like she sees adequate progress. She also stated that realizes she has not stayed in contact with the park district regarding the project.

Resident Mary Rita Ryan addressed the Board regarding Illinois House Bill 1429, which proposes amendments to the Bill of Rights for the Homeless Act concerning the treatment of individuals experiencing unsheltered homelessness on public property. Executive Director Cannaday outlined the Community Park District's ongoing efforts to address issues related to homelessness within District parks and facilities, including coordination with local agencies and enforcement of existing policies.

5. Approval of the May 11, 2026 Agenda

Commissioner Ogden made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Marusic. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

6. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes

- a. April 20, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes
Commissioner Sauer made a motion to approve the April 20, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes, seconded by Commissioner Zuck. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
- b. April 20, 2026 Executive Meeting Minutes
Commissioner Zuck made a motion to approve the April 20, 2026 Executive Meeting Minutes, seconded by Commissioner Marusic. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

7. Communications/Proclamations/Presentations

8. Staff Recognition

Executive Director Jessica Cannaday shared that staff has done a great job hiring and preparing for summer camp. She also stated that Superintendent of Parks Sara Earhart has gotten the splash pad up and running in time for Memorial Day.

9. Staff Reports

- a. Executive Report
Executive Director Cannaday reported that construction of the Recreation Center remains ahead of schedule. She also provided an update on Yena Park, noting that the project is nearing completion and that native planting areas will be fenced following the park's opening. In response to an inquiry from President Corte regarding the tennis courts, Executive Director Cannaday stated that improvements at Stone-Monroe Park and Robinhood Park are expected to be completed shortly.
- b. Recreation Report
 - i. Superintendent of Recreation
Juan Montes presented the Recreation Report. Questions were asked and answered.
 - ii. Marketing and Events Manager
 - iii. Recreation Manager
- c. Parks Report
Sara Earhart presented the Parks Report. Questions were asked and answered.
- d. Financial Reports
Nicole Gidden presented the Financial Report.

10. Approve Monthly Disbursements

Commissioner Ogden made a motion to approve the monthly disbursements in the amount of \$1,136,235.79, seconded by Commissioner Zuck. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

11. Committee Reports

12. Unfinished Business

- a. Draft Budget and Appropriations Ordinance 001-26

Questions about the Draft Budget and Appropriations were asked and answered by Jessica Cannaday. The Budget and Appropriations Hearing has been set for Monday, June 15 at 6:30pm.

13. New Business

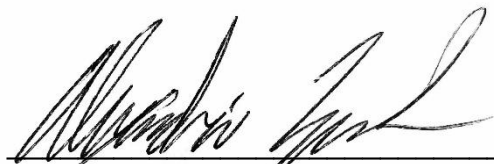
Annual Meeting, Election of Park District Board Officers

- I. President
Commissioner Zuck nominated Robert Corte as President of the Park District Board. Commissioner Corte accepted the nomination. The nomination was seconded by Treasurer Ogden and passed unanimously.
- II. Vice President
Commissioner Ogden nominated Sheri Sauer as Vice President of the Park District Board, seconded by President Corte. Vice President Sauer was elected unanimously.
- III. Secretary
Vice President Sauer nominated Alexandria Zuck as Secretary of the Park District Board, and the nomination was seconded by Commissioner Marusic. Secretary Zuck was elected unanimously.
- IV. Treasurer
Secretary Zuck Nominated Timothy Ogden as Treasurer of the Park District Board, and the nomination was seconded by President Corte. Treasurer Ogden was elected unanimously.

14. Next Regular Meeting: Monday, June 15, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.

15. Adjournment

At 7:00 p.m., Commissioner Marusic made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting, seconded by Commissioner Ogden. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.



Alexandria Zuck, Secretary
Approved June 15, 2026