

Minutes  
Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners  
Community Park District of La Grange Park  
September 14, 2015

1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

President Boyd 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, Tim Ogden, and Lucy Stastny. Also present was Executive Director Aleks Briedis, Office Manager Peggy Ronovsky, Recreation Supervisor Darla Goudeau, Superintendent Dean Carrara, Marketing Manager Dave Romito, and Financial Coordinator Phil Mesi. Commissioner Kilrea was absent.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. PARK DISTRICT MISSION

President Boyd recited as follows: 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

There are none.

5. APPROVE MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Corte made a motion; seconded by Commissioner Stastny to approve the August 10, 2015 regular meeting minutes as submitted. MOTION CARRIED. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

6. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

There were no visitors

7. STAFF REPORTS

A. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A written report provided prior to the meeting was introduced by Executive Director Aleks Briedis. He mentioned the Park District won the Helen Doria Arts in the Park award and said he will let Dave discuss more during his report. Since we received this award, the Park District is attending a reception at Chevy Chase Golf Course in Wheeling, IL and asked the Board if anyone was interested in attending as well. All board members declined due to other commitments. Ready Teddy teachers have been set up with e-mail addresses. Parents will be able to email [RT102@communityparkdistrict.org](mailto:RT102@communityparkdistrict.org), [RT103@communityparkdistrict.org](mailto:RT103@communityparkdistrict.org), etc. and it will automatically go to Darla and the teachers in the classrooms. Executive Director Briedis received an email from MWRD (Metropolitan Water Reclamation District) offering the President of MWRD to come to

the Park District and talk about MWRD. The Board suggested passing this information onto the Village to host something.

#### B. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

A written report provided prior to the meeting by Maintenance Supervisor, Martin Healy was introduced by Executive Director Briedis. Commissioner Stastny asked who paints the lines for the soccer fields at the parks. Director Briedis answered that AYSO paints their own lines. Commissioner Corte asked if the painting of the train was complete at Beach Oak Park and if the dead plants in the planters will be removed. Director Briedis stated that the painting was almost complete and was not finished last week due to the rain. He will check with Martin on cleaning up the planters. Commissioner Corte asked how often tree trimmers come out to maintain the trees. He noticed that at Yena Park tree branches were hanging over the volleyball court. Director Briedis informed them that Martin keeps an eye on it and contacts the tree service when needed. Commissioner Corte also mentioned again that the lights at the Veterans Memorial site need to be checked as there is still a lot of water in them. Director Briedis stated he will look into it. President Boyd commented that the new mulch in the parks looks very nice.

#### C. SUPERINTENDENT OF RECREATION

A written report provided prior to the meeting was introduced by Superintendent of Recreation Dean Carrara. He had both Power Plumbing and Preferred Plumbing come to check out the floor drain in room 102 because there was an odor coming out of it. It is not harmful to the Ready Teddy students, just an unpleasant odor. He has asked Roy Rogers to keep a record of standing water in the pipe before deciding on the next step. He also mentioned that we will be offering Pickle Ball on Saturdays for kids in the next brochure. Park Jr High said that we can use their equipment. He also stated that this past summer's Afternoon Antics program saw the most participation in its history. He will continue offering the program at Robinhood Park for the summer of 2016.

#### D. RECREATION SUPERVISOR

A written report provided prior to the meeting was introduced by Recreation Supervisor Darla Goudeau. She informed the Board that Ready Teddy will have a new holiday fundraiser using Aspire, which will have holiday items and wrapping paper for sale. Ready Teddy will receive 50% of the profit. She also stated that the Fireside Story event has been moved to October 9<sup>th</sup>.

#### E. RECREATION SUPERVISOR - MARKETING

A written report provided prior to the meeting by was introduced by Recreation Supervisor Dave Romito. He discussed the Helen Doria Arts in the Park award which is a statewide award. He submitted an essay along with pictures. The award gala will be on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Supervisor Romito offered to send the nomination to any board members who would like to see it. He will be contacting local newspapers and other media outlets with a press release. President Boyd stated that this award brings a lot of credit to the District.

F. OFFICE MANAGER

A written report provided prior to the meeting was introduced by Office Manager Peggy Ronovsky. There were no questions or comments.

G. SAFETY COORDINATOR

A written report provided prior to the meeting by Safety Coordinator Megan Jadron was introduced by Executive Director Aleks Briedis. There were no questions or comments.

H. FINANCIAL COORDINATOR

Financial statements provided prior to the meeting for the month ending August 31, 2015 was introduced by Financial Consultant Phil Mesi. He informed the Board everything is right on schedule and right on line.

8. APPROVE MONTHLY DISBURSEMENTS

A motion was made by Commissioner Ogden; seconded by Commissioner Corte to approve the monthly disbursements in the amount of \$124,362.06. MOTION CARRIED. There was no further discussion and the motion passed 4-0 by roll call vote. Commissioner Kilrea was absent.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. WATER FOUNTAINS

This item is tabled until the October 12, 2015 meeting.

B. VETERANS MEMORIAL COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE

A brief discussion was held.

Commissioner Stastny made the motion; seconded by Commissioner Ogden to approve Jim Zwit as the Veterans Memorial Community Representative. MOTION CARRIED. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

C. REVIEW OF BUDGET AFTER AUDIT

A discussion was held regarding the audited financials by fund. The following funds' taxes came in higher than estimated: Corporate Fund, IMRF Fund and FICA Fund. The following funds' taxes came in lower than expected: Recreation Fund and SEASPAR Fund. The following funds had no changes: Audit Fund, Liability Fund, and B & I Fund.

10. NEW BUSINESS

A. AUDITOR BID

A brief discussion was held. Executive Director Briedis recommended continuing to work with Lauterbach & Amen and sign a three (3) year contract.

Commissioner Ogden made a motion; seconded by Commissioner Stastny to approve engagement of Lauterbach & Amen for another three year contract. MOTION CARRIED. There was no further discussion and the motion passed 4-0 by roll call vote. Commissioner Kilrea was absent.

11. OPEN FORUM

A. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

There were no comments from the floor.

B. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Ogden shared with the group he attended a fundraiser at Stone Monroe Park the previous weekend. He said \$5,000 was raised and it was a great time.

C. COMMENTS FROM PRESIDENT

President Boyd said she was happy to have Jim Zwit as the new Veterans Memorial Community Representative. She also commended Dave, Darla, and Dee on all the hard work they have done and for receiving the Arts in the Park award. If the Board has not gone over the IPRA magazine to do so as the conference information in there and to start to think about what they would like to attend.

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. A motion was made by Commissioner Corte; seconded by Commissioner Stastny to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:26 p.m and go into Executive Session MOTION CARRIED. There was no further discussion and the motion passed 4-0 by roll call vote. Commissioner Kilrea was absent.

13. RECONVENE OPEN MEETING & ROLL CALL

President Boyd reconvened the open meeting at 7:54 p.m. Other Commissioners present were Lucy Stastny, Bob Corte, and Tim Ogden. Also present was Executive Director Aleks Briedis.

President Boyd stated no action was necessary from the executive session.

14. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Ogden; seconded by Commissioner Corte to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:54 p.m. There was no further discussion and motion passed unanimously by voice vote.