

MINUTES
REGULAR PARK DISTRICT BOARD MEETING
COMMUNITY PARK DISTRICT of La GRANGE PARK
1501 BARNSDALE ROAD, La GRANGE PARK, ILLINOIS
August 11, 2025 - 6:30 PM



1. Call to Order & Roll Call

President Corte called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Present were Commissioners Marusic, Ogden, Sauer and Zuck. Executive Director Jessica Cannaday, Recreation Manager Michele Ritacco, Lauterbach & Amen Financial Assistant Sam Crane and Special Events and Marketing Manager Susan Zander as recorder.

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

Mike from Landworks provided an update on the Yena Park timeline, noting that with the permitting process resolved, crews will return to the site to resume work in early September.

5. Approval of the August 11, 2025 Agenda

Commissioner Sauer made a motion to approve the August 11, 2025 Agenda, seconded by Commissioner Zuck. Motion was passed unanimously by voice vote.

6. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Marusic made a motion to approve the July 14, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes, seconded by Commissioner Ogden. Motion was passed unanimously by voice vote.

7. Communications/Proclamations/Presentations

8. Staff Recognition

Executive Director Jessica Cannaday commended staff for their outstanding efforts on the Community Park Fitness facility, noting their hard work and dedication ensured the facility was completed and opened in record time.

9. Staff Reports

a. Executive Report

Executive Director Jessica Cannaday presented her report. She noted that: Dig Right In will soon begin constructing the garden at the Meadowcrest property. Work at Yena Park is progressing with

Landworks. Projects at Robinhood and the Recreation Center are awaiting Village permits. Staff is exploring tennis court options at Robinhood and Stone Monroe.

b. Recreation Report

i. Superintendent of Recreation

Superintendent of Recreation Juan Montes report was presented.

ii. Recreation Manager Report

Recreation Manager Michele Ritacco's presented her report.

iii. Marketing & Events Report

Marketing and Events Manager Susan Zander presented her report.

c. Parks Report

Superintendent of Park Sara Earhart's report was presented.

d. Financial Reports

Lauterbach & Amen Financial Assistant Sam Crane presented her report.

10. Approve Monthly Disbursements

Commissioner Ogden made a motion to approve the monthly disbursements in the amount of \$466,685.46, seconded by Commissioner Zuck. Motion was passed unanimously by roll call vote.

11. Committee Reports

a. Sustainability

12. Unfinished Business

13. New Business

- a. Commissioner Ogden made a motion to approve the purchase of a John Deere Bunker and Field Rake, seconded by Commissioner Marusic. Motion was passed unanimously by roll call vote.
- b. Commissioner Ogden made a motion to pass a Change Order for Yena Park not to exceed \$160,000, seconded by Commissioner Zuck. During discussion, President Corte clarified that requirements in the permitting process and Village Code have added an additional \$87,000 to the Yena Park Project, not including mandated tree replacement costs. Further discussion ensued. Motion was passed unanimously by roll call vote.

14. Next Regular Meeting: Monday, August 11, 2025 at 6:30pm

15. Adjournment

At 7:21pm, Commissioner Marusic made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting, seconded by Commissioner Ogden. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Approved 9/8/2025

