

MINUTES  
REGULAR PARK DISTRICT BOARD MEETING  
COMMUNITY PARK DISTRICT of La GRANGE PARK  
1501 BARNSDALE ROAD, La GRANGE PARK, ILLINOIS  
July 14, 2025 - 6:30 PM (Immediately Following Public Hearing)

1. **PUBLIC HEARING- FOR THE COMBINED ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE 002-25 FOR FISCAL YEAR MAY 1, 2025 – APRIL 30, 2026**

(Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the La Grange Suburban Life – June 12, 2025)

a. **Call to Order and Roll Call**

President Corte called the Public Hearing to order at 6:30 pm, additionally present were Commissioners Marusic, Sauer, Ogden and Zuck. Also present were Executive Director Jessica Cannaday, Superintendent of Recreation Juan Montes, Superintendent of Parks Sara Earhart, Lauterbach & Amen financial consultant Nicole Giddens and Special Events Assistant Laura Raimondi as recorder.

b. **Public Hearing for the Proposed Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal Year May 1, 2025 – April 30, 2026**

President Corte invited anyone present wishing to provide testimony regarding the Combined Annual Budget and Appropriations Ordinance for Fiscal Year May 1, 2025-April 30 2026. No one present provided testimony regarding said ordinance.

c. **Adjournment of Public Hearing**

Having provided the opportunity for all interested parties to provide testimony regarding the Budget and Appropriations Ordinance, commissioner Ogden made a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing at 6:32pm, seconded by Commissioner Marusic. Motion was passed by voice vote.

2. **Call to Order & Roll Call**

President Corte called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 6:32 pm. Additionally present were Commissioners Marusic, Sauer, Ogden and Zuck. Also present were Executive Director Jessica Cannaday, Superintendent of Recreation Juan Montes, Superintendent of Parks Sara Earhart, Lauterbach & Amen financial consultant Nicole Giddens and Special Events Assistant Laura Raimondi as recorder.

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

4. **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.

5. **Open Forum**

No one present spoke addressed the board during open forum.

6. Approval of the July 14, 2025 Agenda

Commissioner Zuck made a motion to approve the July 14, 2025 Agenda seconded by Commissioner Sauer. Motion was passed by a voice vote.

7. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes

a. June 9, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Marusic made a motion to approve the June 9, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes seconded by Commissioner Ogden. Motion was passed by a voice vote.

b. June 9, 2025 Executive Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Marusic made a motion to approve the June 9, 2025 Executive Meeting Minutes seconded by Commissioner Ogden. Motion was passed by voice vote.

c. June 30, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Marusic made a motion to approve the June 30, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes seconded by Commissioner Zuck. Motion was passed by voice vote.

d. June 30, 2025 Executive Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Marusic made a motion to approve the June 30, 2025 Executive Meeting Minutes seconded by Commissioner Sauer. Motion was passed by voice vote.

8. Communications/Proclamations/Presentations

a. Neighbors Helping Neighbors

La Grange Park resident Molly Martin was present to request use of Stone Monroe Park with fees waived for Neighbors Helping Neighbors benefit. The board directed executive director Cannaday to exercise her authority to waive fees as the district has in the past for the event.

Representatives from Plymouth Place were present to request use of Memorial Park Amphitheater and Pavillion with fees waived for an event with City Lights Orchestra. They expressed their appreciation for a potential partnership with the Community Park District on this event. The board expressed its support for the event and directed staff to exercise their operational authority to assist in organizing and executing the event.

Michael Davidow of Troop 111 presented his Mason Bee House Eagle Scout project. He stated he intends on building 7 Bee houses for use in our parks. He presented a bee house he and his father had built as the prototype. Questions were asked and answered. The board thanked Mr. Davidow and directed staff to exercise their operational authority to support the execution of the Eagle Scout Project.

9. Staff Recognition

a. Fitness Manager

Executive Director Cannaday introduced the new full time Fitness Manager, Spencer Clark. Spencer has been with the park district since 2019, and the team is excited to welcome him in this new capacity.

In accordance with the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any individual who is in need of a reasonable accommodation in order to participate in or benefit from attendance at a public meeting of the Community Park District Board of Commissioners should contact Jessica Cannaday, Executive Director at 708-354-4580.

#### 10. Staff Reports

##### a. Executive Report

Executive Director Jessica Cannaday presented her report. She provided an update on Yena Park stating that on Wednesday July 16th the district will be resubmitting permits to the Village. The backstops must meet the guidelines before construction can continue. She also provided an update on Community Park Fitness Memberships and costs. Questions were asked and answered.

##### b. Recreation Report

###### i. Recreation Manager Report

Superintendent of Recreation Juan Montes presented and gave an update on summer events that have been underway. Questions were asked and answered.

###### ii. Marketing & Events Report

Report was presented, questions were asked and answered.

##### c. Parks Report

Superintendent of Parks Sara Earhart presented her report. Sara added that she was invited to participate in an interview with Field Museum – Keller Science Action Center. Questions were asked and answered.

##### d. Financial Reports

Lauterbach & Amen Financial Assistant Nicole Giddens presented the financial reports.

#### 11. Approve Monthly Disbursements

Commissioner Sauer made a motion to approve the monthly disbursements in the amount of \$310,107.74, seconded by Commissioner Zuck. Motion was approved by roll call vote.

#### 12. Committee Reports

##### a. Sustainability

Next meeting will take place September 8 prior to the Board Meeting.

#### 13. Unfinished Business

##### a. Budget and Appropriations Ordinance #002-25

Commissioner Ogden made a motion to approve the Combined Annual Budget and Appropriations Ordinance 002-25 for Fiscal Year May 1 2025-April 30, 2026, seconded by Commissioner Marusic. Motion was passed unanimously by a Roll Call Vote.

##### b. Recreation Center Expansion

Executive director Cannaday presented the playground options that were to be considered for an alternate bid in the Recreation Center Expansion project. She stated that from a cost-perspective and play-value perspective, staff is recommending option 1. The board had no objections to staff's recommendations.

##### c. Meadowcrest Property Improvements

Commissioner Marusic made a motion to approve a contract with Dig Right In for landscaping improvements at Meadowcrest, not to exceed \$29,900. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Zuck and passed unanimously by a Roll Call Vote.

- d. Robinhood Park Playground Equipment  
Executive director Cannaday explained that Superintendent Earhart had successfully obtained a grant for the playground replacement at Robinhood Park. Commissioner Zuck made a motion to approve a contract with GameTime for the replacement of the playground equipment at Robinhood Park, seconded by Commissioner Sauer. Motion was passed unanimously by a Roll Call Vote.
- e. Robinhood Park Mini Pitch  
For discussion only, the board confirmed that should the project moved forward, no lighting to be added and the park will continue to close at dusk.
- f. Stone Monroe Park Tennis Court Improvements  
Discussions were had.

14. New Business

- a. Employee Recreational Facility Use Policy  
Commissioner Zuck made a motion to allocate free family membership for IMRF eligible employees and free individual memberships to part time employees, seconded by Commissioner Sauer. Motion was passed unanimously by a Roll Call Vote.

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

16. Adjournment

President Corte called the meeting to adjourn at 8:00pm. Commissioner Ogden made a motion to adjourn seconded by Commissioner Zuck. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

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**Approved August 11, 2025**