

Minutes  
Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners  
Community Park District of La Grange Park  
April 9, 2018

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Boyd called the meeting to order in room 101 of the Recreation Center, 1501 Barnsdale Road, La Grange Park, IL at 6:28 p.m. Other Commissioners present were Bob Corte, Jeff Kilrea, Tim Ogden, and Lucy Stastny. Also present were Executive Director Aleks Briedis, Superintendent of Recreation Dean Carrara, Recreation Supervisor Ashley Simoncelli, Office Manager Peggy Ronovsky, and Financial Coordinator Phil Mesi.

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

Veterans Memorial Community Representative Jim Zwit was unable to attend the meeting to discuss the Memorial Day Event.

5. APPROVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Corte made a motion to approve the March 12, 2018 regular meeting minutes as submitted. Seconded by Commissioner Stastny. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Commissioner Ogden made a motion to approve the March 12, 2018 executive session minutes as submitted. Seconded by Commissioner Kilrea. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

6. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Jim Zwit was unable to attend the meeting to discuss the Memorial Day event and instead sent an email to Executive Director Briedis with his plan for the event. Director Briedis provided the email to the Board. The ceremony will be held on Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. Jim has received confirmation from past participants to attend this year's ceremony. He has spoken with the LGP Police and Fire Departments and asked them to send representatives as well. The ceremony will be about 30 minutes long. President Boyd requested that the Park District be more involved with the ceremony and asked that a Board member give a speech at the ceremony and further encouraged Board members and staff attendance. Commissioner Ogden volunteered to speak during the ceremony on the Park District Board of Commissioners behalf.

7. STAFF REPORTS

A. Executive Director

A written report was included in the packet by Executive Director Aleks Briedis. AYSO has reached out asking how they can help with the field repairs at Memorial Park. They also told Executive Briedis they would like to use the fields in the Fall but understand if the fields are not playable. AYSO will be giving a contribution for

Memorial Park field repair. Commissioner Corte requested that staff remind AYSO to not use the fields during or after rain when the fields could become damaged.

- B. Building & Grounds  
A written report was included in the packet by Maintenance Supervisor Martin Healy and was presented by Executive Director Briedis. Bathrooms at Memorial Park will be open from Memorial Day to Labor Day.
  - C. Superintendent of Recreation  
A written report was included in the packet by Superintendent of Recreation Dean He informed the Board that the Easter Egg hunt had a really good turnout considering the cold weather.
  - D. Recreation Supervisor  
A written report was included in the packet by Recreation Supervisor Ashley Simoncelli. Ready Teddy is up to 127 enrollees for the next school year, which is more than last year at this time. Music Under the Stars is fully sponsored. She also informed the Board she is looking into the Arts Tour Grant through the Illinois Arts Council to help supplement the concert series.
  - E. Recreation Supervisor  
A written report was included in the packet by Recreation Supervisor Dave Romito and was presented by Executive Director Briedis. The Little Mermaid show is April 27-29.
  - F. Office Manager  
A written report was included in the packet by Office Manager Peggy Ronovsky. Resident registration for the Summer starts this Thursday, with non-resident beginning the following Thursday.
  - G. Safety Coordinator  
A written report was included in the packet by Safety Coordinator Megan Jadron and was presented by Executive Director Briedis. Megan has been working on ordering the rules signs for the playgrounds and splash pad.
  - H. Financial Consultant  
Financial statements were included in the packet for the month ending March 31, 2018 by Financial Consultant Phil Mesi. Questions were asked and answered.
8. APPROVE MONTHLY DISBURSEMENTS  
A motion was made by Commissioner Kilrea to approve the monthly disbursements in the amount of \$82,538.92. Seconded by Commissioner Stastny. Motion passed 5-0 by a roll call vote.
9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS  
There was not any unfinished business.
10. 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 6:55 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Ogden. Motion passed 5-0 by a roll call vote

#### 11. RECONVENE OPEN MEETING & ROLL CALL

President Boyd called reconvened the meeting at 7:18 p.m. Other Commissioners present were Bob Corte, Jeff Kilrea, Tim Ogden, and Lucy Stastny. Also present were Executive Director Aleks Briedis, Superintendent of Recreation Dean Carrara, Recreation Supervisor Ashley Simoncelli, and Office Manager Peggy Ronovsky.

#### 12. NEW BUSINESS

##### A. Consider Approval of Resolution of 02-2018 Early Retirement Incentive

Commissioner Ogden made the motion to approve Ordinance 02-2018 Early Retirement Incentive. Seconded by Commissioner Stastny. Motion passed 3-2 by a roll call vote. Corte – nay, Kilrea – aye, Ogden – aye, Stastny – nay, Boyd – aye.

The Board emphasized that this resolution and approval in no way binds future Boards. The open window for the ERI is for 12 months, June 1, 2018 to May 1, 2019. Approval of the ERI does not bind future Boards to approve future ERI proposals and that this one act does not establish any precedence.

##### B. Consider Approval of Tentative Ordinance 03-2018 Budget and Appropriations

Director Briedis stated that there were no major changes from the budget presented at the last meeting. Questions were asked and answered.

Commissioner Stastny made the motion to approve the tentative Ordinance 03-2018 Budget and Appropriations. Seconded by Commissioner Ogden. Motion passed 5-0 by a roll call vote.

#### 13. OPEN FORUM

##### A. Comments from the floor

There were no comments from the floor.

##### B. Comments from the Commissioners

A brief discussion was held regarding Little League projects at Hanesworth Park. The Board inquired about the timing of the construction of the fence along Barnsdale Road. Executive Briedis stated he was not sure but thought they may be waiting until after the repaving of Barnsdale Road.

##### C. Comments from the President

President Boyd congratulated Paralympian Gold Medal Winner and LaGrange resident Josh Misiewicz. She also expressed again Board concerns about the need to come up with new CPD programs to bring in new revenue.

Executive Briedis informed the Board that Pinner Electric informed him there is a grant for sports LED lighting. They offered to help the Park District apply for the grant for the tennis courts and parking lot at Memorial Park. A discussion was held on the Barnsdale Road construction. Director Briedis will keep the Board and participants informed of the status.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Kilrea made the motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:38 p.m.  
Seconded by Commissioner Corte. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.