

## MINUTES

REGULAR PARK DISTRICT BOARD MEETING  
COMMUNITY PARK DISTRICT of La GRANGE PARK  
1501 BARNSDALE ROAD, La GRANGE PARK, ILLINOIS  
November 13, 2023 - 6:30 PM

1. Call to Order & Roll Call:

President Corte called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Present were Commissioners Stastny, Sauer and Zuck. Additionally present were Executive Director Jessica Cannaday, Superintendent of Recreation Zachary Kerby, Marketing and Event Manager Susan Zander, Superintendent of Parks Sara Earhart, Financial Assistant Eric Nelessen of Lauterbach & Amen and Executive Administrative Assistant Laura Raimondi as recorder. Absent was Commissioner Ogden.

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

There were 5 members of the public wishing to address the board during open forum:

Matt Yena, La Grange Park resident and Ready Teddy parent shared his disappointment regarding Ready Teddy teacher Michele Delestowicz leaving the park district.

Relja Popovic, La Grange Park resident and AYSO representative wished to clarify what he had said at the previous board meeting. He feels that the use of public parks shouldn't be exclusive to any one party.

Drew McElligot, La Grange Park resident and previous AYSO representative stated that he had participated in meeting for the mini pitch. He wishes the park district to serve all members of the community. Mr. McElligot stated the park district does not provide soccer fields, and suggested turning tennis courts into soccer field. He believes the mini pitch will not benefit AYSO soccer.

Madeline D'Anna, La Grange Park Resident and Ready Teddy Parent expressed her disappointment in Ready Teddy teacher Michele Delestowicz leaving the park district.

Julie Mason, La Grange Park resident and Ready Teddy Parent expressed her support for the park district's handling of HR issues related to Ready Teddy.

5. Approval of the November 13, 2023 Agenda

Commissioner Stastny made a motion to approve the November 13, 2023 Agenda, seconded by Commissioner Sauer. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

6. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes

a. October 9, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Stastny made a motion to approve the October 9, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes, seconded by Commissioner Sauer. Motion passed. Ayes: Corte, Sauer, and Stastny. Abstain: Zuck.

b. October 9, 2023 Executive Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Stastny made a motion to approve the October 9, 2023 Executive Meeting minutes, seconded by Commissioner Sauer. Motion passed. Ayes: Corte, Sauer, and Stastny. Abstain: Zuck.

7. Communications/Proclamations/Presentations

8. Staff Recognition

9. Staff Reports

a. Executive Report

Executive Director Jessica Cannaday presented her report. She stated that AYSO recently clarified a statement stating they provided more than \$7,500 in user fees to the park district and provided data showing that they have contributed an average of \$2,564 per Fiscal Year since FY 2015/16. According to AYSO data, the league serves over 500 La Grange Park athletes each year. Questions were asked and answered.

b. Recreation Report

i. Superintendent of Recreation

Superintendent of Recreation Zak Kerby presented his report. Questions were asked and answered.

ii. Recreation Manager

Recreation Manager Jacqueline Newton's report was presented. Commissioner Zuck asked if there was an update on the Bill's Place Fundraiser for Ready Teddy. Staff stated that final numbers were not yet in.

iii. Marketing and Event Manager

Marketing and Event Manager Susan Zander presented her report. Questions were asked and answered.

c. Parks Report

Superintendent of Parks Sara Earhart presented her report, including a comprehensive update to the Urban Forestry Management Plan.

d. Financial Reports

Lauterbach & Amen Financial Assistant Eric Nelessen presented the financial report. He stated that tax revenue should be coming in soon. There were no questions.

10. Approve Monthly Disbursements

Commissioner Stastny made a motion to approve monthly disbursements in the

amount of \$223,225.03 seconded by Commissioner Zuck. Motion was passed unanimously by roll call vote.

11. Committee Reports

a. Sustainability

i. Arbor Advocates

President Corte stated he would like to get more people involved and offer more educational sessions. Discussion ensued on the nature of possible programming.

b. Long Range Planning – No report.

12. Unfinished Business

a. Limiting Rate Referendum

The board postponed the discussion. A decision will be made at December's board meeting.

b. Master Plan Update – Robinhood Park Discussion

13. New Business

a. 2023 Tax Levy Draft Ordinance

Commissioner Zuck made a motion to levy \$1,051,966, or as much thereof as may be authorized by law, to defray expenses and liabilities of the park district seconded by Commissioner Stastny. Motion was passed unanimously by roll call vote.

b. TruGreen Contract 2024

Commissioner Stastny made a motion to approve a 2024 TruGreen Contract in an amount not to exceed \$15,000 seconded by commissioner Zuck. Motion was passed unanimously by roll call vote.

c. 2024 Board Meeting Dates

Commissioner Sauer made a motion to approve the 2024 Board Meeting Dates seconded by commissioner Stastny. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

d. Appointing a Delegate to the IAPD Annual Business Meeting

Commissioner Stastny made a motion to appoint a delegate to the IAPD Annual Business Meeting seconded by commissioner Zuck. Motion was passed unanimously by voice vote.

14. 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.

President Corte stated that there was no need for Executive Session.

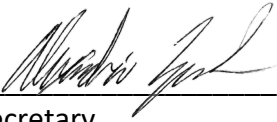
15. Reconvene Open Session

16. Potential Action on Items Discussed in Executive Session

17. Next Regular Meeting: Monday, December 11th, 2023, 6:00pm

18. Adjournment

At 7:15pm President Corte asked for a motion and a second to adjourn the regular meeting. Commissioner Stastny made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Sauer. The motion passed unanimously by.

  
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Secretary

Approved December 11, 2023