

Minutes
Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Community Park District of La Grange Park
September 11, 2017

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 6:29 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, Office Manager Peggy Ronovsky, and Recreation Supervisor Ashley Simoncelli.

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

There were no additions or deletions.

5. APPROVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Stastny made a motion to approve the August 14, 2017 regular meeting minutes as submitted. Seconded by Commissioner Corte. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

6. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

There were no visitors.

7. STAFF REPORTS

A. Executive Director

A written report was included in the packet by Executive Director Aleks Briedis. The Board will meet Executive Director Briedis at Memorial Park on October 9, 2017 at 6:00 pm for a tour of the park. The regular meeting will commence at the Recreation Center after the tour.

B. Building & Grounds

A written report was included in the packet by Maintenance Supervisor Martin Healy and was presented by Executive Director Briedis. There were no additions to his report.

C. Superintendent of Recreation

A written report was included in the packet and was presented by Superintendent of Recreation Dean Carrara. There were no additions to his report.

D. Recreation Supervisor

A written report was included in the packet and was presented by Recreation Supervisor Ashley Simoncelli. Ready Teddy started on September 11, 2017 and has two new teachers. One is an aide in Room 102 and the other is an enrichment

teacher. The Board recommended that since we have control/access to the electronic board at Memorial Park to make a slide thanking all the Music Under the Stars Sponsors. It was also mentioned to recognize and thank them on the website. The board also suggested looking into a kid friendly performance during the summer at the amphitheater and advertising to Ready Teddy parents.

E. Recreation Supervisor

A written report was included in the packet by Recreation Supervisor Dave Romito and was presented by Executive Director Briedis. There were no additions to his report.

F. Office Manager

A written report was included in the packet and presented by Office Manager Peggy Ronovsky. There were no additions to her report.

G. Safety Coordinator

A written report was included in the packet by Safety Coordinator Megan Jadron and was presented by Executive Director Briedis. There were no additions to her report.

H. Financial Consultant

Financial statements were included in the packet for the month ending August 31, 2017 by Financial Consultant Phil Mesi. Questions were asked and answered by Executive Director Aleks Briedis.

8. APPROVE MONTHLY DISBURSEMENTS

A motion was made by Commissioner Kilrea to approve the monthly disbursements in the amount of \$182,770.10. Seconded by Commissioner Corte. Motion passed 5-0 by a roll call vote.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Review of Budget with Audited Financials

A brief discussion was held and Executive Director Briedis answered any questions the Board had.

B. Update on Memorial Park

The tennis courts electrical service is wired and there will be a button to push to turn on the lights during the evening hours. The lights are on a timer so residents will not be able to turn on the lights after 10:00 pm. Vandalism occurred on another shelter door and concrete. Officer Drexler took the police report and returned later in the afternoon to power wash the ground to remove the stains. Builders Land will turn over the shelter keys and the Park District will take ownership of the Memorial Park shelter once the punch list is completed. Some of the new playground equipment will need to be moved to meet the fall zones. The original plans had an incorrect fall zone distance. They are triple checking measurements and placing the new equipment to code. Executive Director Briedis answered questions.

C. Little Free Libraries Agreement

A brief discussion was held. Board recommendation to add into the agreement that the library should contact the park district to see if maintenance department is

available to repair and will be billed. The Park District is willing to work with the library, however will not responsible for the maintenance of the little libraries.

10. NEW BUSINESS

There is no new business.

11. OPEN FORUM

A. Comments from the Floor
There were no comments.

B. Comments from Commissioners
There were no comments.

C. Comments from the President
The fundraiser held on September 2, 2017 hosted by Tim Gallagher and his committee was a success. They were able to raise \$9,000 for the sponsored family. President Boyd wants to implement the same rule that former president Lou Ritten implemented to include the board in all the emails to Executive Briedis. By doing this, it will keep all the board members on the same page. Also, President Boyd recommended any complaints should go directly to Executive Director Briedis and not the staff.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Stastny made the motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:29 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Ogden. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.