

Minutes
Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Community Park District of La Grange Park
August 13, 2012

1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

President Ritten called the meeting to order in room 101 of the Recreation Center, 1501 Barnsdale Road, La Grange Park, IL at 6:30 pm.

Commissioners present were, Lucy Stastny, Karen Boyd and Jeff Kilrea. Ted Popernik was absent. Also present was Recreation Superintendent Dean Carrara, Office Manager Peggy Ronovsky and Financial Consultant Phil Mesi.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA : None

4. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS & OPEN FORUM - There were none.

5. APPROVE MINUTES

A. Regular Meeting, July 9, 2012

Office Manager Ronovsky noted that the date shown on the minutes should be corrected to July 9, 2012. Commissioner Boyd made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Stastny to approve the minutes as amended. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Commissioner Popernik was absent.

6. STAFF REPORTS

A. Executive Director

A written report was submitted prior to the meeting by Executive Director Roy Cripe who was absent. President Ritten gave a brief update on the Memorial Park Sign project and the OSLAD grant application.

B. Buildings and Grounds Supervisor

A written report was submitted prior to the meeting by Supervisor Martin Healy who was absent. There were comments on the higher frequency of graffiti in our parks. Superintendent Carrara complimented the Park Maintenance Staff and Supervisor Healy for the continued high level of baseball field maintenance.

C. Superintendent of Recreation

A written report was submitted prior to the meeting by Superintendent Dean Carrara. President Ritten complimented Staff on the Fall 2012 brochure but asked that the logo always use the standard colors. He thanked Superintendent Carrara for

providing the Recreation Center room schedule. There was a brief discussion about the Park District's ping pong program and the number of tables provided. The Board concurred with the Staff's recommendation not to purchase and store additional tables.

D. Recreation Supervisor

A written report was submitted prior to the meeting by Supervisor Darla Goudeau who was absent. Questions regarding Ready Teddy enrollments were asked and answered. The higher number of Recreation Center rentals was noted.

E. Office Manager

A written report was submitted prior to the meeting by Office Manager Peggy Ronovsky. There were no questions or comments.

F. Risk Manager

A written report was submitted prior to the meeting by Risk Manager Megan Jadron who was absent. In reply to a question, Superintendent Carrara said that no camp days have been cancelled due to high outdoor temperatures; however, low impact activities are planned on hot days. Special first aid provision for heat exhaustion is also available.

G. Financial Report

Financial statements were submitted prior to the meeting by Finance Consultant Phil Mesi. The Y-T-D collection of the second installment of 2011 property tax revenue was noted. Mr. Mesi said that next month's financial statements will be adjusted in accordance with the year end audit of our books.

7. DISBURSEMENTS

Questions regarding specific payables were asked and answered. President Ritten asked Staff to look at options for fish aquarium cleaning services, which presently cost \$60.00 per month. Commissioner Boyd made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Stastny to approve payment of the bills totaling \$164,940.86. There was no further discussion and the motion passed 4-0 by roll call vote. Commissioner Popernik was absent.

8. OLD BUSINESS

2012-17 Outdoor Facilities Master Plan: Review 2nd Draft

President Ritten noted that a spreadsheet budget provided by Staff shows a negative capital projects fund balance in the third. The Board will resolve the problem in a later meeting.

The Board discussed Robinhood Park as presented in the master plan. The Board agreed to retain the use of the two alleys in the conceptual plan. The bocce ball and/or horseshoe concept was also retained. There was consensus that only one tennis court is needed in Robinhood Park. An overhead electric high line that travels over the tennis courts was noted. A comment was made about installing a tennis hitting wall. The Board agreed there is no need for two water fountains in Robinhood Park. The Board thought a good approach might be to turn off the water fountain supply lines and to monitor park patron reaction. Staff was asked to provide a report on the number of man-hours per year it takes to maintain water fountains. There was a consensus not to retain the permanent restroom in the conceptual plan. There was a consensus to retain the perimeter path concept in the plan. There was consensus not to include electricity in the park shelter and not to retain basketball in the conceptual plan.

Discussion turned to the Memorial Park conceptual master plan. There was consensus to retain the concept of replacing the existing field house with a new family shelter. The Board agreed to retain the spray pad concept; however, research on the cost of maintenance is required. There was consensus to retain the sports court improvements in the conceptual plan but to make it a lower priority. Replacing the existing retaining wall above the amphitheater was considered a lower priority. Re-routing the picnic area sidewalk was considered a high priority. The Board recognized that the conceptual plan in the picnic area may be amended depending upon the location of a new Veteran's Memorial. An idea was introduced to increase the number of tennis courts at Memorial Park and to reduce the number of tennis courts in other park areas. A follow-up idea was to move the multi-use play court to Robinhood. Another thought was to monitor the number of people who are using individual park elements.

Discussion turned to the Stone-Monroe conceptual master plan. There was consensus not to redesign the baseball fields that would reduce two small fields into one larger field. Superintendent Carrara felt that programing needs makes Robinhood Park a better location for combining baseball fields. Moving both fields a few feet north was discussed as a way to provide for more space between the backstops, the adjacent boundary fencing and the streets. Superintendent Carrara felt that both tennis courts at Stone-Monroe should remain. The Board felt installing electric service in the shelter was not a pressing need. The Board felt that the sidewalk south of the tennis courts should not be removed.

The Board recognized that the time line for conducting a final public hearing for the master plan will be moved back one month.

9. NEW BUSINESS

Approve Multi-Board Residential Real Estate Contract & Ryder in Connection with 534 Beach Avenue Property

President Ritten gave a brief verbal status report. The contract is nearing completion and will be submitted for Park Board approval in September.

10. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Ritten reported that he has read the final OSLAD submittal and felt that it is well done. Board members were invited to read the document. President Ritten reminded those present that the annual volunteer picnic is scheduled for next Wednesday.

11. ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING

Commissioner Stastny made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Boyd to adjourn the regular meeting at the hour of 8:18 pm. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.