

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF THE PARK DISTRICT OF LA GRANGE, ILLINOIS
536 EAST AVE, LA GRANGE, ILLINOIS**

AUGUST 12, 2024

President Opyd called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Commissioners Vear, Posey, Opyd

ABSENT: Commissioners Weber, Lacey

STAFF PRESENT: Executive Director Jenny Bechtold
Director of Finance Jamie Hollock
Director of Recreation Kevin Miller
Director of Parks Maintenance Eric Krueger

OTHERS PRESENT: Attorney Derke Price
Hank Beckman
John Pluto
Rose Naseef
Regina McClinton
Chad Gilbert
Laura Seliga

Communications, Presentations & Declarations

Public Comments (Board Manual Section #152)

President Opyd mentioned that public comments are limited to three minutes and commentors should say their name and address.

John Pluto, 718 East Ave, La Grange, shared concerns with the 2024 Park Plan Proposal regarding flooding issues and the basketball court location at Sedgwick Park. He also inquired about a policy for herbicides and pesticides when used in the parks.

Laura Seliga, 700 East Ave, La Grange, stated that in regard to the 2024 Park Plan Proposal, she is concerned with the parking at Sedgwick and feels parking should be increased to accommodate the users. She also expressed concerns with the location of the basketball court.

Consent Agenda

President Opyd asked for a motion to approve Item 3.1 Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of July 15, 2024; Item 3.2 Approval of the Financial Reports dated July 31st, 2024; Item 3.3 Approval of the Consolidated Vouchers for August dated August 12, 2024.

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The motion was so moved by Commissioner Vear, seconded by Commissioner Posey and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

AYES: Commissioners Vear, Posey, Opyd

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Commissioners Weber, Lacey

Staff Reports

Executive Director Jenny Bechtold

- Director Bechtold presented her report and the Waiola Park playground survey. Staff will be moving forward with Landscape Structures playground (option B) which received 60.4% of the votes with the option one color choice at 39.54% of the votes.

Director of Recreation Kevin Miller

- Director Miller presented his report.

Director of Finance, Jamie Hollock

- Director Hollock presented her report.

Director of Parks Maintenance Eric Krueger

- Director Krueger presented his report.
Director Bechtold added that we will be opening Gordon Main soccer field due to the Celtics needing space for games on Saturday and Sunday. With the referendum and possibility of Gordon Main being redeveloped, we have decided to reopen the field for the fall and re-evaluate after the November 5th election.

Attorney Report

Derke Price reminded commissioners that the petition signing for the Consolidated Election has been moved up a month. Secondly, he informed the Board that a bill they worked on for drones was signed by the Governor today.

Treasurer Report

No Report

Action Items

None

Board Business

Old Business

Discussion and/or Approval of Resolution R24-04, OSLAD Grant Program Resolution Authorization

President Opyd asked for a motion to approve Resolution R24-04, OSLAD Grant Program Resolution Authorization, which was so moved by Commissioner Posey, seconded by Commissioner Vear and passed unanimously by roll call

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vote.

AYES: Commissioners Posey, Vear, Opyd

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Commissioners Weber, Lacey

Discussion and/or Approval of Resolution R24-05, Resolution Providing For and Requiring the Submission of the Proposition of Issuing \$13,860,000 General Obligation Park Bonds to the Voters of the Park District of La Grange, Cook County, Illinois, at the General Election to be Held on the 5th day of November 2024

Director Bechtold reminded the Board that last month the Board gave consensus to the referendum going on the ballot and this was the Resolution to finalize the process.

Commissioner Posey said that she was not able to attend the board meeting last month but she was also in consensus with the plan and the decision to move forward on the November 5th ballot. The four other Commissioners were at the last board meeting and gave their consensus.

President Opyd asked for a motion to approve Resolution R24-05, Resolution Providing For and Requiring the Submission of the Proposition of Issuing \$13,860,000 General Obligation Park Bonds to the Voters of the Park District of La Grange, Cook County, Illinois, at the General Election to be Held on the 5th day of November, 2024, which was so moved by Commissioner Vear, seconded by Commissioner Posey and passed unanimously by roll call vote

AYES: Commissioners Vear, Posey, Opyd

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Commissioners Weber, Lacey

New Business

President to Announce a September 9, 2024 “BINA Hearing” A Public Hearing Regarding the Sale of 2024 General Obligation Bonds (PDLG Annual Roll Over Bonds, Board President to Sign BINA Order)

President Opyd announced that a “BINA Hearing” a public hearing concerning the intent of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Park District of La Grange, Cook County, Illinois, to sell not to exceed \$410,000 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds will be held on September 9, 2024 at 6:00PM in the DeSitter Room at the administrative/recreation facility at 536 East Ave in La Grange. The purpose of the hearing will be to receive public comments on the proposal to sell bonds of the District in an amount not to exceed \$410,000 for the payment of land condemned or purchased for parks, for the building, maintaining, improving and protecting of the same and the existing land and facilities of the District and for the payment of the expenses incident thereto.

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He explained that this is an annual process that we go through every year.

Discussion and/or Approval of Temporary Construction License for La Grange Little League at Sedgwick Park, East Field

Director Bechtold explained that this is a new request from Little League to accommodate their intermediate division with a 50-foot mound. Director Miller added that this would allow us to rent the field in the future to generate additional revenue.

President Opyd asked for a motion to approve the Temporary Construction License for La Grange Little League at Sedgwick Park, East Field, which was so moved by Commissioner Posey, seconded by Commissioner Vear, and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

AYES: Commissioners Posey, Vear, Opyd

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Commissioners Weber, Lacey

Committee Reports

Administration Committee

No report currently.

Parks and Facilities Committee

No report currently.

Recreation & Cultural Programming Committee/Arts & Cultural Affairs Committee

No report currently.

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Rose Naseef, 911 S. Stone, La Grange, inquired if the Celtics paid for their use of soccer fields and if the Waiola Playground was to scale in the pictures.

Board Comments

Commissioner Posey thanked everyone for the 2024 Park Plan Proposal.

Commissioner Vear apologized for not being able to attend Country Jam and congratulated staff on the success. He thanked everyone for taking part in the planning process.

President Opyd thanked the staff for the Country Jam and Milk Money Brewing for providing their services and for all the efforts on the referendum planning, as well as the OSLAD Grant.

Adjournment

Commissioner Posey moved for an adjournment at 6:33PM. The motion was

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seconded by Commissioner Vear, which passed unanimously by Voice Vote.

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Brian Opyd, President

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Jennifer Bechtold', written over a horizontal line.

Jennifer Bechtold, Board Secretary
Approved September 9, 2024