

MINUTES
REGULAR PARK DISTRICT BOARD MEETING
COMMUNITY PARK DISTRICT of La GRANGE PARK
1501 BARNSDALE ROAD, La GRANGE PARK, ILLINOIS
September 9, 2024 - 6:30 PM

1. Call to Order & Roll Call:
President Corte called the meeting to order at 6:30. Present were Commissioners Ogden, Sauer, Stastny and Zuck. Also present was Executive Director Jessica Cannaday, Marketing and Events Manager Susan Zander, Superintendent of Recreation Zachary Kerby, Recreation Manager Michele Ritacco, Lauterbach & Amen Financial Assistant Eric Nelleson and Executive Administrative Assistant Laura Raimondi as recorder.
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. **President Corte announced that Communications/Proclamations/Presentations would be moved up on the agenda to accommodate the schedule of the Auditor, who had another engagement.**
5. Communications/Proclamations/Presentations
 - a. Audit Presentation
Joe Troyer was present via Zoom to present the audited financials for FYE 2024. He stated it was a materially correct audit report. He found nothing out of order.
 - b. Eagle Scout Presentation
Ben Clarke, Eagle Scout in Western Springs Troop, spoke on his project to build two Little Free Libraries for Yena and Robinhood Parks.
6. Open Forum
 - a. Resident Matt Yena thanked the park district board and staff for taking the time to work with the Yena family on incorporating their feedback in the Yena Park redesign. Mr. Yena stated that while there were improvements that could have been made in the planning process, he appreciates that the park district heard his family's concerns. He stated that the Yena Family supports the park district in all it is doing, now and in the future.
7. Approval of the September 9, 2024 Agenda
Commissioner Stastny made a motion to approve the September 9, 2024 Agenda seconded by Commissioner Ogden. Motion was passed unanimously by voice vote.

8. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes

a. August 12, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Ogden made a motion to approve the August 12, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes seconded by Commissioner Zuck. Motion was passed unanimously by voice vote.

9. Staff Recognition

10. Staff Reports

a. Executive Report

Executive Director Jessica Cannaday presented her report. Cannaday stated she interchanged tax rate and EAV in her report and that the properties in the TIF district's EAV was frozen, not the tax rate. Questions were asked regarding the cost of the Stone Monroe Tennis Court resurfacing, Cannaday clarified that the proposal received was for the material and its installation on a prepped surface only. The board agreed that this will remain a priority project. Robinhood court surfaces were also discussed.

b. Recreation Report

i. Superintendent of Recreation

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

ii. Marketing and Events Manager

Marketing and Events Manager Susan Zander presented her report.

iii. Recreation Manager

Recreation Manager Michele Ritacco presented her report.

c. Parks Report

Superintendent of Parks Sara Earhart's report was presented. There were no questions.

d. Financial Reports

Lauterbach & Amen's Financial Assistant Eric Nelleson presented his report.

11. Approve Monthly Disbursements

Commissioner Ogden made a motion to approve the monthly disbursements in the amount of \$220,777.82 seconded by Commissioner Stastny. Motion was passed unanimously by a Roll Call vote.

12. Committee Reports

a. Sustainability

i. Arbor Advocates

Volunteer Planting October 19th at Memorial Park.

13. Unfinished Business

a. Referendum Bond Update

Executive Director Cannaday stated that they met with Moody's on August 29th and the district could expect the rating report in early September. The board discussed financing and tax impact. There was consensus that non-

referendum debt issuance should be utilized for capital park improvements only, not facility expansion.

- b. Yena Park Project
100% Construction Documents have been received. Bid advertising is scheduled for October 10th.

14. New Business

- a. Conference Attendance
Executive Director Cannaday stated that any commissioner wishing to attend the Soaring to New Heights conference in January should let her know, as conference and travel expenses for elected officials must be approved ahead of time.

15. Next Regular Meeting: Monday, October 14, 2024 at 6:30pm

16. Adjournment

President Corte called the meeting to adjourn at 7:22. Commissioner Stastny made a motion to adjourn seconded by Commissioner Sauer. Motion was passed by voice vote.

Secretary

Approved October 14, 2024