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

OCTOBER 19, 2026

Vice President Weber called the meeting to order at 6:01 P.M.

PRESENT: Commissioners Weber, Vear, Posy, Carter
Commissioner Opyd arrived at 6:14pm

ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: Executive Director Jenny Bechtold
Director of Finance & HR Jamie Hollock
Director of Recreation Kevin Miller
Parks, Grounds, and Planning Manager Tim White
GM of Facilities and Operations Anne Paez
HR & Administration Coordinator Madonna Giampietro

OTHERS PRESENT: Thom Rae, Johnathan Robinson, Rose Naseef, and Marian Honel-Wilson

Vice President Weber welcomed everyone to the meeting. He reminded guests that for the public comments section of the meeting, to please state your name and address and limit your comments to 3 minutes.

Communications, Presentations & Declarations
Public Comments
Thom Rae, La Grange Park resident who publishes Lagrangetoday.com. He presented the board and Executive Director Bechtold with some questions on the Conduct Ordinance.

Consent Agenda
Vice President Weber asked for a motion to approve Item 3.1 Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of September 14, 2026; Item 3.2 Approval of the Financial Reports dated October 19, 2026; Item 3.3 Approval of the Consolidated Vouchers for October dated October 19, 2026. The motion was so moved by Commissioner Vear, seconded by Commissioner Posey, and passed by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Vear, Posey, Carter, Weber
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Commissioner Opyd

Staff Reports

Executive Director Jennifer Bechtold

- Executive Director Bechtold presented her report. She added that staff have requested an extension to the Gilbert Park OSLAD and USTA grants.

Finance & Human Resources Jamie Hollock

- Director Hollock presented her report.

  Commissioner Vear asked if there are going to be any changes to the offered insurance options for open enrollment. Director Hollock answered that the plan is to still offer the two options a PPO and HMO option. She will be meeting with PDRMA Health Plan Sources on October 27, 2026, where she will learn if there are any significant changes.

Director of Recreation Kevin Miller

- Director Miller presented his report. He highlighted the hiring of a new Marketing and Communications Specialist, John Mitchel.

  There was a discussion regarding flag football in the fall and how the number of participants was lower for the fall as a result of the competition in the fall from the large, established LFC program. However, in the Spring/Summer when there is less competition for the sport in this area it will still be offered.

  Commissioner Vear asked about the decline in participation in summer programming. Director Miller responded that there are several areas they are looking at to pinpoint the reasons for the low enrollment numbers.

GM of Operations and Facilities Anne Paez

- General Manager Paez presented her report.

Parks, Ground, and Planning Manager Tim White

- Manager White presented his report. He added that Rob Poirier and Adam Rudofski passed their Certified Pool Operator exams.

Action Items

Discussion and/or Approval of an Ordinance Providing for the Issue of not to Exceed $430,000 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds, Series 2026, for the Payment of Land Condemned or Purchased for Parks, for the Building, Maintaining, Improving and Protecting of the Same and Existing Land and Facilities of the Park District, to Provide the Revenue Source for the Payment of Certain Alternate Bonds of the Park District, and for the Payment of the Expenses Incident Thereto, Providing for the Levy of a Direct Annual Tax to Pay the Principal and Interest on Said Bonds, and Authorizing the Sale of Said Bonds to the Purchaser Thereof.

Executive Director Bechtold asked for a motion for Ordinance O26-05 to be approved and that the Executive Director be given the authority to accept the best bid as recommended by PMA Securities. The motion was so moved by Commissioner Posey, seconded by President Opyd, and passed by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Posey, Opyd, Vear, Carter, Weber
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None

Discussion and/or Approval of Ordinance O26-03, An Ordinance Establishing Rules and Regulations Governing the Use of Park District Property, Facilities, Programs, and Operations of the Park District.
Executive Director Bechtold explained that the board was presented with the proposed Conduct Ordinance at last month's Board Meeting. She added that there were two changes from the draft the board reviewed; one was the addition of an index, and the other change is a sentence added to clarify the number of participants for gathering in a non-athletic setting. There was discussion among the board and legal counsel regarding THC drinks and whether or not the Conduct Ordinance should include banning THC drinks. They decided at this time, not to change the Conduct Ordinance and to check with the Village to determine what the stance on the Village is on this issue.

Commissioner Posey moved to approve Conduct Ordinance O26-03, including the repeal and replacement of the five existing ordinances identified in Memorandum M26-032, and approve the corresponding revisions to Section 500, Parks and Facilities Policies, including the retirement of the policies incorporated into the update Conduct Ordinance, as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Carter and passed by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioner Posey, Carter, Vear, Weber, Opyd
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None

Discussion and/or Approval of Vehicle Purchase, 2026 Ford F-350.
Manager White explained that the proposed purchase will address an immediate operational need while continuing the Park District's efforts to modernize its fleet and improved equipment reliability and efficiency. The new vehicle will primarily support snow and ice removal operations and serve as a general-purpose vehicle for the Parks Department.

Commissioner Carter asked if there is a reason for purchasing a 2026 model instead of a 2027. It was explained that it is being purchased from a local dealer and that is what is available at a price that meets the district's needs. Executive Director Bechtold and Manager White provided the reasons why it was beneficial in this case to purchase this vehicle from a dealership instead

from the State. These reasons included time, possible increased pricing with the time delays, and possible non-fulfillment.

Commissioner Vear moved to approve the trade-in of four previously declared surplus Park District vehicles and authorize the purchase of upfitting of a 2026 Ford Super Duty F-350 Crew Cab through Willowbrook Ford in an amount not to exceed $59,960.02. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Carter and passed by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioner Vear, Carter, Weber, Posey, Opyd
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None

Discussion and/or Approval on Authorization of Delegates/Alternatives for the 2026 Annual IAPD Meeting.
Executive Director Bechtold asked for a motion that the Park Board designate the Executive Director, Jennifer Bechtold, as the delegate, and the Director of Recreation, Kevin Miller, as the first alternate. The motion was so moved by Commissioner Posey seconded by President Opyd and passed by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioner Posey, Opyd, Vear, Weber, Carter
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None

Board Business

New Business
Old Business

Committee Reports
Administration Committee
No report at this time

Parks and Facilities Committee
No report at this time.

Recreation & Cultural Programming Committee/Arts & Cultural Affairs Committee
No report at this time.

Public Comments (Board Manual Section #152)
Rose Naseef, 911 S. Stone Ave La Grange, advised the board and staff that the Village of La Grange Environmental Quality Commission is hosting a tree canopy presentation on October 20, 2026. at 7pm at Village Hall.

Board Comments
President Opyd recognized the passing of Lynn Lacey. He took a moment to remember all the work she did for the Park District.

Executive Session
At 6:37 P.M. Commissioner Carter motioned to go into executive session for Item 10.1 Potential Claims and/or Litigation, 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) 11. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Posey and passed by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Carter, Posey, Weber, Vear, Opyd
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None

At 7:29 P.M. President Opyd moved for the Board to rise from Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Carter and passed by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Opyd, Carter, Weber, Posey, Vear
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None

Adjournment
President Opyd moved for adjournment at 7:29 P.M. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Posey and passed unanimously by Voice Vote.

Brian Opyd, President

Jennifer Bechtold, Board Secretary
Approved November 9, 2026