

MINUTES
REGULAR PARK DISTRICT BOARD MEETING
COMMUNITY PARK DISTRICT OF LA GRANGE PARK
SEPTEMBER 13, 2021 - 6:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER THE REGULAR MEETING & ROLL CALL

President Stastny called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Commissioners present were Bob Corte, MJ Dorris, Alexandria Zuck, Peggy Ronovsky and Lucy Stastny. Also, present was Executive Director Jessica Cannaday, Recreation, Facilities and Safety Manager, Zak Kerby, Marketing and Finance Coordinator, Amanda Kennedy, Financial Consultant, Phil Mesi and Office Manager Theresa Jackson as Recorder.

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. OPEN FORUM

President Stastny asked are there any public comments or announcements and there were 3 announcements. They are as follows from the following visitors: Resident Herb Massin, requested the status of the Park District's interest in purchasing the ANS building. Resident Mary Ryan made mention of the meeting in Yena park about lighting and stated concerns regarding a TikTok and Instagram issue in Memorial Park. Resident Eddie Tullis expressed interest in keeping the full court basketball available to the residents and friends of the La Grange Park community.

5. APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 13, 2021, AGENDA

Commissioner Zuck made a motion to approve the September 13 Agenda, seconded by Commissioner Corte. The motion was passed unanimously by voice vote.

6. APPROVAL OF THE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Corte motioned to approve the August 9 Regular Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Zuck. Commissioner Ronovsky abstained, due to her absence. The motion passed by voice vote.

7. COMMUNICATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

- a. Resident Tim Gallagher announced the “Neighbors Helping Neighbors” event raised \$25,000
- b. A presentation given by Courtney Clement from Lauterbach and Amen regarding the results of the Park District’s Financial Audit for FY ending April 30, 2021. The District received a clean opinion.
- c. A presentation was given by Andy Arndt of Baird regarding Refinancing Bond Series 2011A and issuing new debt service.

8. STAFF RECOGNITION

Executive Director Cannaday introduced Zak Kerby, the new Recreation, Facility and Safety Manager. Zak provided information regarding his background and experience working within the field of parks and recreation.

9. STAFF REPORTS

a. Executive Report

A written report was introduced by Executive Director Jessica Cannaday. She provided a status update on the Multi-Use Court project stating that the courts will be painted and cured by Friday, September 17, and will allow the park district to “soft-open” the facility.

b. Office Report

A written report included in the board packet was given and Office Manager Theresa Jackson was present to give her report. There were no questions asked.

c. Recreation Report

Written report from the Recreation Manager was presented by Executive Director Cannaday, there were no questions asked. Written report from the Marketing & Finance Coordinator was presented by Amanda Kennedy. Questions were asked and answered. Commissioner Ronovsky made mention of the 911 event that took place at Memorial Park, she was pleased and thought Amanda did a great job. Written report from the Recreation, Facilities and Safety Manager was given by Zak Kerby. Questions were asked and answered.

d. Parks Report

A written report was included in the board packet from Ray Drexler, Building and Grounds Supervisor, and presented by Executive Director, Jessica Cannaday who added that Ray and Zak met with the Building & Grounds Supervisor of District 102 regarding improvements to public fields owned by the school district. Questions were asked and answered.

e. Financial Report

Financial Consultant Phil Mesi gave his August financial report. There were no questions asked.

10. APPROVAL OF MONTHLY DISBURSEMENTS

Financial Consultant, Phil Mesi added an additional \$3,895.08 to disbursement amount for a total of \$93,123.81. Commissioner Corte made a motion to approve the August disbursements in the amount of \$93,123.81. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ronovsky. The motion was passed unanimously by voice vote.

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Long Range Planning Report

President Stastny and Commissioner Ronovsky reported that after diligent research regarding the American Nuclear Society Building, the park district has decided that acquisition was not feasible.

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. General Use Policy 3.8.3 Revisions

Commissioner Zuck made a motion to approve the policy revision, seconded by Commissioner Ronovsky. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

b. General Use Policy 3.13.2 Revisions

Commissioner Zuck made a motion to approve the policy revision, seconded by Commissioner Dorris. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

13. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Memorial Park Basketball Court Usage – Discussions ensued regarding the existing policies and procedures. The board directed staff to improve education around permitting and rentals, including increasing signage in parks.

- b. Military Discount Policy – Commissioner Dorris made a motion to approve the Military Discount Operational Policy, seconded by Commissioner Zuck. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.
- c. Intergovernmental Agreement by and Between the Community Park District of La Grange Park and the La Grange Park Library for snow and Ice Removal – Tabled until October 11, 2021.
- d. Fund transfer in the amount of \$65,000 from the Special Recreation Fund to the Capital Projects Fund – Commissioner Ronovsky made a motion to approve transfer, seconded by Commissioner Zuck. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.
- e. Capital Planning and Financing for FY2021/22 – FY2023/24 –
There was unanimous consensus to move forward with the Refinancing of the 2011A Bond Series and the new debt service issuance.

14. NEXT REGULAR MEETING

Monday, October 11, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.

15. ADJOURNMENT

President Stastny requested a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Ronovsky made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 pm and Commissioner Zuck seconded. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Secretary

Approved October 11, 2021