

MINUTES
REGULAR PARK DISTRICT BOARD MEETING
COMMUNITY PARK DISTRICT of La GRANGE PARK
1501 BARNSDALE ROAD, La GRANGE PARK, ILLINOIS
October 9, 2023 - 6:30 PM

1. Call to Order & Roll Call:

President Corte called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Present were Commissioners Stastny, Ogden and Sauer. Additionally present were Executive Director Jessica Cannaday, Superintendent of Recreation Zachary Kerby, Financial Assistant Nicole Kozlowski of Lauterbach & Amen and Executive Administrative Assistant Laura Raimondi as recorder. Absent was Commissioner Zuck.

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. Open Forum

There were two members of the public present for open forum.

Relja Popovic, a resident of LaGrange Park expressed his concern over a private institution getting sole use of Memorial Park soccer field. Wishes to figure out way to secure a field that AYSO can use exclusively in La Grange Park.

Also present was Drew McElligott a LaGrange Park resident and former AYSO Commissioner. He expressed that his greatest failure was watching the relationship between the Community Park District Board and AYSO deteriorate since 2019. He stated that this is reflected in the fact that AYSO wasn't considered in the new field usage contract with Nazareth Academy and that Memorial Park is the highest used field in La Grange Park for AYSO. Mr. McElligott stated that AYSO contributed more than \$7,500 in user fees in 2022 alone.

5. Approval of the October 9, 2023 Agenda

Commissioner Ogden made a motion to approve the October 9, 2023 Agenda, seconded by Commissioner Stastny. Motion passed by unanimously by voice vote.

6. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes

a. September 11, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Sauer made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes, seconded by Commissioner Ogden. Motion was passed unanimously by voice vote.

7. Communications/Proclamations/Presentations

8. Staff Recognition

9. Staff Reports

a. Executive Report

Jessica Cannaday presented her report. Questions were asked and answered.

b. Recreation Report

i. Superintendent of Recreation

Zak Kerby presented his report. Questions were asked and answered.

ii. Recreation Manager

Jacqueline Newton's report was presented.

iii. Marketing and Event Manager

Susan Zander's report was presented. Questions were asked and answered.

c. Parks Report

Sara Earhart's report was presented.

d. Financial Reports

Nicole Kozlowski from Lauterbach & Amen presented the financial report. Questions were asked and answered.

10. Approve Monthly Disbursements

Commissioner Stastny made a motion to approve monthly disbursements in the amount of \$375,767.54 seconded by Commissioner Sauer. Motion was passed by roll call vote.

11. Committee Reports

a. Sustainability

i. Arbor Advocates

b. Long Range Planning

Commissioner Stastny reported that committee member Tara Alexander had resigned.

12. Unfinished Business

- a. Limiting Rate Referendum – The board discussed moving forward with the limiting rate referendum and asked for the Executive Director to provide additional information at the next meeting.

13. New Business

- a. Master Plan Update – The board discussed the potential of adding a Mini Soccer Pitch at Robinhood Park. Executive Director Cannaday stated that the project is outside of the scope of the Comprehensive Master Plan, and should the board think it is a good concept for the community, that staff would move forward with public input meetings. The board agreed to explore the option of adding a Soccer Mini Pitch at Robinhood Park.

14. Adjourn to Executive Session

At 7:36pm Commissioner Ogden made a motion to enter into executive session in accordance with the Open Meetings Act under Section 2(c)(1) to discuss the

appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stastny. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

15. Reconvene Open Session

At 7:46pm President Corte Reconvened Open Session. Present were Commissioners Stastny, Ogden, and Sauer. Additionally present was Executive Director Cannaday.

16. Potential Action on Items Discussed in Executive Session

None

17. Next Regular Meeting: Monday, November 13th, 2023, 6:30pm

18. Adjournment

At 7:58pm Commissioner Stastny made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Ogden. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.



Secretary

Approved November 13, 2023