

MINUTES
REGULAR PARK DISTRICT BOARD MEETING
COMMUNITY PARK DISTRICT of La GRANGE PARK
1501 BARNSDALE ROAD, La GRANGE PARK, ILLINOIS
December 12, 2022 - 6:00 PM

1. Truth in Taxation Hearing

At 6:00 PM the Truth in Taxation Hearing was called to order by President Stastny. Also Present were commissioners Corte, Zuck, Ogden and Ronovsky. Staff present included Executive Director Jessica Cannaday, Financial Consultant Phil Mesi, Superintendent of Recreation Zak Kerby, Recreation Manager Jacqueline Newton, and Laura Raimondi as recorder. President Stastny invited anyone wishing to provide testimony regarding the 2022 Tax Levy Ordinance to do so. There was none. At 6:01 PM, Commissioner Ogden made a motion to adjourn the hearing, seconded by Commissioner Corte. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

2. Call to Order & Roll Call

President Stastny called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm. Also present were Commissioners Corte, Ogden, Ronovsky and Zuck. Additionally present were Executive Director Jessica Cannaday, Financial Consultant Phil Mesi, Superintendent of Recreation Zak Kerby, Recreation Manager Jacqueline Newton and Laura Raimondi as recorder.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. 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.

5. Open Forum

6. Approval of the December 12, 2022 Agenda

Commissioner Corte made a motion to approve the December 12, 2022 Agenda, seconded by Commissioner Ronovsky. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

7. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes

a. November 14, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Zuck made a motion to approve the November, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes, seconded by Commissioner Ronovsky. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

b. November 21, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Corte made a motion to approve the November 21, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes, seconded by Commissioner Ogden. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

c. November 14, 2022 Closed Session Minutes

Commissioner Ronovsky motioned to approve the November 14, 2022 Executive Meeting Minutes, seconded by Commissioner Ogden. The motion passed unanimously by voice.

8. Communications/Proclamations/Presentations

9. Staff Recognition

President Stastny read presented a proclamation honoring the retirement of longtime financial consultant and La Grange Park resident, Phil Mesi. Pictures were taken.

10. Staff Reports

- a. Executive Report
Executive Director Cannaday presented her report. Questions were asked and answered.
- b. Marketing and Operations Report
There was no report. Executive Director Cannaday mentioned that they were expecting to fill the vacant position quickly.
- c. Recreation Report
There were no questions on Superintendent of Recreation Kerby's report. Recreation Manager Newton presented her report. Questions were asked and answered.
- d. Parks Report
There were no questions on Building and Grounds Manager Hughes' report.
- e. Financial Consultant
Financial Consultant Mesi presented his report. Mr. Mesi stated that there were no taxes collected and that he will be available to help during the transition period to the new financial consultant. Questions were asked and answered.

11. Approve Monthly Disbursements

Commissioner Ronovsky motioned to approve Monthly Disbursements in the amount of \$1,027,745.00 seconded by Commissioner Ogden. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

12. Committee Reports

- a. Sustainability
 - i. Arbor Advocates Update – Commissioner Zuck presented her report. The committee participated in the Chicago Region Tree Initiative Zoom meeting addressing upcoming potential grant opportunities. Meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month from 6-7pm at the La Grange Park Public Library. All interested residents are invited to attend.
- b. Long Range Planning
 - i. Comprehensive Master Plan Update – No report.

13. Unfinished Business

- a. 2022 Annual Tax Levy Ordinance No. 003-22
Commissioner Zuck made a motion to approve Ordinance Number 003-22, the 2022 Annual Tax Levy Ordinance. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Corte and passed unanimously by roll call vote.
- b. DRAFT PTELL Ordinance No. 004-22
Commissioner Ronovsky made a motion to approve Ordinance Number 004-22, and ordinance providing for specific reductions of the 2022 property tax levy pursuant to the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ogden and passed unanimously by roll call vote.
- c. Little League Affiliate Agreement – Tabled
- d. Master Plan – Recreation Center Renovation Discussion
The board discussed the proposed Recreation Center expansion as outlined in the Comprehensive Master Plan. Executive Director Cannaday stated that should the board decide to go to referendum, and ordinance or resolution must be passed by Tuesday, January 17. Commissioners requested that Director Cannaday gather more information to be presented at the January meeting.

14. New Business

- a. Landscape Architecture Services for Beach Oak Park
Commissioner Ogden made a motion to approve the executive director to execute a contract with JSD in the amount of \$50,000 for Landscape Architecture Services for Beach Oak Park. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ronovsky and passed unanimously by roll call vote.
- b. Executive Director Contract
Commissioner Corte made a motion to approve the employment contract between the Community Park District of La Grange Park and Jessica Cannaday. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ronovsky and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

15. Adjourn to Executive Session

None

16. Reconvene Open Session

17. Potential Action on Items Discussed in Executive Session

18. Next Regular Meeting: Monday, January 9, 2023 at 6:30pm

19. Adjournment

At 7:06 PM, Commissioner Ogden made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Zuck. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Secretary

Approved January 9, 2023