

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

JULY 13, 2026

Vice President Weber called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Commissioners Vear, Posey, Weber

ABSENT: Commissioner Carter, President Opyd

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Wight & Company Representatives (Gage Berger,
Patty King, David Evans, Craig Polte), and Rose Naseef

Vice President Weber welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked for any announcements or changes to the agenda. Executive Director Bechtold stated that President Opyd would not be able to participate remotely. As a result, item 1.2 will be removed from the agenda. Vice President Weber 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

No public comments.

Presentation from Wight& Company

Executive Director Bechtold prefaced Wight & Company's presentation on updates regarding Sedgwick Park with the information that MWRD will not approve the current plan for the remediation at Sedgwick Park to raise the grade of the contaminated area. Gage Berger explained that initial feedback from MWRD was that we could not connect to the combined sewer as it is currently set up at Sedgwick. We would have to tie into either the Village of La Grange's or IDOT's storm sewer. The Village denied our request to tie into their storm sewer. Through exploring the other option, IDOT, it was determined through IDOT and MWRD that our plan to raise the grade of the contaminated area would not be approved for a permit. With this development, the Park District will have to explore alternative options for remediation of the contaminated soil which will not raise the existing grade.

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Commissioner Weber asked about the trees, and if the plan can be altered to preserve the trees which are scheduled to be cut down. Gage Berger, from Wight & Company, explained that the whole area still has to undergo the purposed tree removal plan as the soil under the trees still needs to be remediated to get the EPA's approval.

Commissioner Vear stated that the Village of La Grange recently won an appeal on the lawsuit with the Quarry and inquired if that might have any impact on the Village reconsidering the Park District connecting to their storm sewer. David Evans answered that Wight and Company can reach out to the Village of La Grange again, but that six to eight weeks ago they would not approve of the Park District connecting to their storm sewer due to ongoing litigation.

Commissioner Posey summarized the situation, confirming that there are two issues ahead; which storm sewer we can connect to, with IDOT looking to be the only option at this time and to get the permit to connect with IDOT's storm sewer the original remediation plan to raise the grade of the contaminated area by two feet will not work.

Commissioner Weber asked if the plans for the park design and amenities will remain the same and if the plans can be amended. Executive Director Bechtold answered that the plans will not change. She added that this will be a lengthy process; twelve months most likely for the approval to tie into IDOT's sewer and then still more time after that for the permit through MWRD.

Commissioner Vear asked about the barrier option for remediation. Gage Berger answered that they are still in the process of getting all the information for the alternative remediation options.

Consent Agenda

Vice President Weber asked for a motion to approve Item 3.1 Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of June 8, 2026; Item 3.2 Approval of the Financial Reports dated June 30, 2026; and Item 3.3 Approval of the Consolidated Vouchers for July dated July 13, 2026. The motion was so moved by Commissioner Posey, seconded by Commissioner Vear, and passed by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

Staff Reports

Executive Director Jennifer Bechtold

- Executive Director Bechtold presented her report.

Finance & Human Resources Jamie Hollock

- Director Hollock presented her report.

Director of Recreation Kevin Miller

- Director Miller presented his report.

Parks, Grounds, & Planning Manager Tim White

- Manager White presented his report. Executive Director Bechtold added that the MWRD permit for Gilbert might push that project into 2027, but the Denning Park project should be completed in September 2026.

Facilities and Operations

- Executive Director Bechtold presented the facilities report.

Action Items

Ratification of Carrier Corporation Proposal for Recreation Center Rooftop HVAC Unit Replacements through OMNIA Partners Cooperative Purchasing Program. Executive Director Bechtold explained that many of the Recreation Center's rooftop heating and air conditioning units have exceeded or are approaching their expected useful life. She presented the proposal for replacement. Five rooftop units have been identified for replacement in 2026.

Commissioner Vear moved to ratify the previous authorized purchase and approve the proposal from Carrier Corporation, through the OMNIA Partners cooperative purchasing program, for the replacement of five rooftop HVAC units at the Recreation Center in an amount of \$139,803.00, with the final agreement and any associated contract documents to be reviewed and approved by the Executive Director and the Park District's legal counsel. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Posey and passed by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

Discussion and/or Approval of Municipal Advisory Services Agreement.

Executive Director Bechtold presented the proposed Municipal Advisory Agreement to provide financial advisory services and assist with the planning, sale and closing of the General Obligation Limited Tax Bonds.

Commissioner Posey moved to approve the Municipal Advisory Agreement with PMA Securities LLC for municipal advisory services related to the issuance of the Park District's 2026 General Obligation Limited Tax Bonds. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Vear and passed by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

Discussion and/or Approval of the Catholic Bishop of Chicago Facilities License Agreement (SFX BASE).

Staff recommend the Board approve the license agreement with the Catholic Bishop of Chicago for the annual amount of \$4,500, with final agreement approval by Executive Director and legal counsel.

Commissioner Vear asked if SFX is the only school which charges a fee for use of their facilities for the BASE program. Executive Director Bechtold answered we pay \$12 annually to D102. Director Miller added that the fees the park district charges for the BASE program reflect this as they are slightly higher for SFX than for District 102.

Commissioner Weber moved that the Board of Commissioners approve the Facilities License Agreement with the Catholic Bishop of Chicago for the annual amount of \$4,500, with final agreement approval by the Executive Director and legal counsel as recommended by staff. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Vear and passed by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

Board Business

New Business

Review of Bid #7 Results for 2024 Referendum- Sedgwick OSLAD.

No new action is required at this time. In accordance with the Construction Management Agreement with Wight Construction Services, Wight is authorized to proceed with issuing subcontractors to the lowest responsible bidders as part of Bid Group #7. A memo was presented to provide information and to document the results of the June 18, 2026, public bid opening.

Commissioner Vear asked to confirm that with the landscaping we will receive services for the after installation. He also added that he has a friend in the asphalt industry and he had positive feedback on Accu-Paving.

Old Business

Committee Reports

Administration Committee

No report at this time.

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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)

Board Comments

Commissioner Vear said that he is glad to see the sidewalks complete between Sedwick and the Recreation Center.

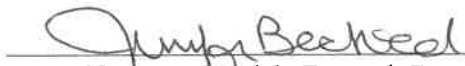
Commissioner Weber congratulated staff who were recognized for their work anniversaries this summer. He also expressed his appreciation for how the baseball fields at Sedgwick have been maintained this summer.

Adjournment

Vice President Weber moved for adjournment at 6:33PM. The motion was so moved by Commissioner Posey, seconded by Commissioner Vear and passed unanimously by Voice Vote.



Brian Opyd, President



Jennifer Bechtold, Board Secretary
Approved September 14, 2026