

Minutes
Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Community Park District of La Grange Park
September 9, 2013

1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

President Ritten called the meeting to order in room 101 of the Recreation Center, 1501 Barnsdale Road, La Grange Park, IL at 6:31 p.m. Other Commissioners present were Karen Boyd, Jeff Kilrea, Tim Ogden, and Lucy Stastny. Also present were Executive Director Roy Cripe, Park Maintenance Supervisor Martin Healy, Superintendent of Recreation Dean Carrara, and Finance Consultant Phil Mesi.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. PUBLIC HEARING – ROBINHOOD PARK LANDSCAPING IMPROVEMENT

President Ritten called the public hearing to order at 6:33p.m. The following residents attended the Public Hearing: Trudy Garrison (1201 Robinhood Lane), Sarah and Adam Gojdas (1202 Forest Road), and Kori Strojnz (1119 Robinhood Lane). Executive Director Cripe said this project has roots in a Parks and Facilities Master Plan adopted by the Park Board in 2012 but the subject project limits its scope to the north-east corner of Robinhood Park. A power point presentation was made. Residents in attendance made the following comments:

- Prefer the pathway configuration shown in Concept 2 but concerned that children will throw stones in a degenerated granite surface
- Prefer having small children play equipment rather than sensory elements.
- No objection to removing the chain link fence as proposed as long as there is provision that restricts children from migrating to the parking lot and street.
- Would like to have low level lighting built into the plan if possible. It's pretty dark at night.

A motion made by Commissioner Statsny and seconded by Commissioner Boyd to close the Public Hearing at 7:11 p.m. MOTION CARRIED. No further discussion and motion was passed unanimously by voice vote.

4. AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

None

5. APPROVE MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Stastny made a motion; seconded by Commissioner Kilrea to approve the August 12, 2013 regular meeting minutes as presented. MOTION CARRIED. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

6. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS & OPEN FORUM

None

7. STAFF REPORTS

A. Executive Director

A written report provided prior to the meeting was introduced by Executive Director Roy Cripe. He asked for Board discussion on granting the seller of 534 Beach Avenue time after closing to move her furniture should the request be made. The consensus was to delay closing if possible until all personal items are removed from the home. Executive Director Cripe informed the Board that an additional \$800 was received by the Veterans Memorial Fund subsequent to the report included in the Board packet. Executive Director Cripe informed the Board that the Village of La Grange Park is again allowing space in the next Rose Clippings to advertise the Veterans Memorial Fund.

B. Building & Grounds

A written report provided prior to the meeting was introduced by Park Maintenance Supervisor Martin Healy. There were no additions to his report. He informed the board he will be on disability for two to three more weeks. He is waiting for doctor's release.

C. Superintendent of Recreation

A written report provided prior to the meeting was introduced by Superintendent of Recreation Dean Carrara. Attention was called to the Recreation Program Financial Report for the winter/spring 2013 programs. A short discussion followed. Superintendent Carrara introduced the new Part-time Marketing employee, Dave Romito. Dave works with the Park District ten hours a week and has already used multiple media outlets to advertise the Park District. Superintendent Carrara reported that all painting in the Recreation Center is done that needed to be completed prior to the start of fall programs. We are awaiting a proposal from Gary's Painting and Decorating to finish the front office, Director's office and office hallways.

D. Recreation Supervisor

A written report provided prior to the meeting by Recreation Supervisor Darla Goudeau was presented by Superintendent of Recreation Dean Carrara. Superintendent Carrara informed the Board that auditions for a fall play will be held the weekend of September 14th and 15th. Close to 40 people are auditioning. First day of Ready Teddy was Monday, September 9th and was a successful first day. Enrollment is slightly less than last year.

E. Office Coordinator

A written report provided prior to the meeting by Office Coordinator Peggy Ronovsky was presented by Executive Director Roy Cripe. There was no further discussion.

F. Safety Coordinator

No report was submitted this month by Safety Coordinator Megan Jadron.

G. Financial Statements

Financial statements provided prior to the meeting for the month ending August 31, 2013 were introduced by Finance Consultant Phil Mesi. There was no discussion.

8. APPROVE MONTHLY DISBURSEMENTS
President Ritten introduced the payables for the month. There was no discussion. A motion was made to approve the monthly disbursements in the amount of \$87,986.05 by Commissioner Kilrea; seconded by Commissioner Ogden. MOTION CARRIED: There was no further discussion and the motion passed 5-0 by roll call vote.
9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
 - A. Approve Ordinance #9913 Authorizing the Purchase of Real Property and Authorizing Sale or Disposal of Surplus Property
President Ritten introduced Ordinance #9913. He said that adopting this ordinance will also satisfy needed action for tonight's agenda items 9, A&B. Following a brief discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Boyd and seconded by Commissioner Kilrea to approve Ordinance #9913 as presented. MOTION CARRIED: There was no further discussion and the motion passed 5-0 by roll call vote
 - B. Approve Resolution to Dispose of Property at 534 Beach Avenue
This agenda item was combined with tonight's meeting agenda item 9,A.
 - C. Discuss Robinhood Landscaping Plan
President Ritten asked for any additional comments or questions from the Board regarding the conceptual plan that was presented in the Public Hearing portion of tonight's meeting. President Ritten said he is pleased with the outcome of the hearing and the resident's input. He expressed concern with the crushed granite for the paths of the park in the winter time. President Ritten wants all the parks in La Grange Park to be consistent in design and be branded so residents know it is a park of La Grange Park when driving by.
10. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Authorize Executive Director to Request Bid Proposals for Demolition and Salvage at 534 Beach Avenue
Executive Director Cripe introduced a draft bid document to complete the salvage and demolition of the property at 534 Beach Avenue. Questions were asked and answered. A motion was made by Commissioner Stastny; seconded by Commissioner Odgen authorizing solicitation of bids for salvage and demolition operations at 534 Beach Avenue. MOTION CARRIED: There was no further discussion and motion was passed unanimously by voice vote.
11. PRESIDENT'S REPORT
President Ritten reminded the Board and Staff to talk to family and friends about the Veterans Memorial Fund. The next Veterans meeting is on Thursday September 19, 2013. President Ritten suggested that the Board review the annual financial report that was made a part of tonight's meeting materials.
12. ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING
Commissioner Kilrea made motion, seconded by Commissioner Boyd to adjourn at the hour of 8:06 p.m. MOTION CARRIED. There was no further discussion and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.