

MINUTES
REGULAR PARK DISTRICT BOARD MEETING
COMMUNITY PARK DISTRICT of La GRANGE PARK
1501 BARNSDALE ROAD, La GRANGE PARK, ILLINOIS
May 12, 2025 - 6:30 PM

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

President Corte called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Present were Commissioners Ogden, Sauer, Stastny and Zuck. Additionally present were Executive Director Jessica Cannaday, Marketing and Special Events Manager Susan Zander, Superintendent of Recreation Juan Montes, Recreation Manager Michele Ritacco, Lauterbach & Amen Financial Assistant Sam Crane and Special Events and Marketing Assistant Laura Raimondi as recorder.

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

No one present for open forum

5. Approval of the May 12, 2025 Agenda

Commissioner Stastny made a motion to approve the May 12, 2025 Agenda, seconded by Commissioner Ogden. Motion was passed unanimously by voice vote.

6. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes

- a. April 14, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

With one scrivener's error corrected, Commissioner Stastny made a motion to approve the April 14, 2025 Board Meeting minutes, seconded by Commissioner Ogden. Motion was passed unanimously by voice vote.

7. Communications/Proclamations/Presentations

- a. Retiring Board Member Proclamation – President Corte read the Retiring Board Member Proclamation honoring Lucy Stastny's 16 years of service.

8. Staff Recognition

9. Staff Reports

- a. Executive Report

Executive Director Jessica Cannaday presented her report. She provided an update on the construction at Yena Park.

- b. Recreation Report

- i. Recreation Manager Report

Recreation Manager Michele Ritacco presented her report. Questions were asked and answered.

- ii. Marketing & Events Report

Marketing & Events Manager Susan Zander presented her report.

- c. Parks Report

Parks report was presented.

- d. Financial Reports

Lauterbach & Amen Financial Assistant Sam Crane presented the financial report and gave an update on the audit which is set for mid-June.

10. Approve Monthly Disbursements

Commissioner Stastny made a motion to approve the Monthly Disbursements in the amount of \$377,017.33 seconded by Commissioner Ogden. Motion was passed unanimously by roll call vote.

11. Committee Reports

a. Sustainability

i. Arbor Advocates Meeting June 9, 2025

12. Unfinished Business

a. Draft Budget and Appropriations Ordinance #001-25

Commissioner Zuck requested that Executive Director Cannaday make sure the ordinance number matches the agenda.

b. Recreation Center Expansion

Executive Director Cannaday provided a brief update on the project's progress.

13. New Business

a. Official Election Results

b. Annual Meeting

i. Administration of Oath of Office

Deputy Village Clerk, Sandy Bakalich, administered the Oaths of Office to the newly elected park commissioners.

1. To Newly Elected Park Commissioner Mike Marusic

2. To Newly Elected Park Commissioner Sheri Sauer

3. To Newly Elected Park Commissioner Alexandria Zuck

ii. Election of Park District Board Officers

1. President

Commissioner Zuck nominated Robert Corte as President of the Park District Board. Commissioner Corte accepted the nomination. The nomination was seconded by Treasurer Ogden and was elected unanimously.

2. Vice President

President Corte nominated Sheri Sauer as Vice President of the Park District Board, seconded by Treasurer Ogden. Vice President Sauer was elected unanimously.

3. Secretary

Commissioner Ogden nominated Alexandria Zuck as Secretary of the Park District Board, and the nomination was seconded by Commissioner Sauer. Secretary Zuck was elected unanimously.

4. Treasurer

Secretary Zuck Nominated Timothy Ogden as Treasurer of the Park District Board, and the nomination was seconded by Vice President Sheri Sauer. Treasurer Ogden was elected unanimously.

c. Schedule Public Hearing for Budget and Appropriations Ordinance

Commissioner Zuck made a motion to schedule the Public Hearing for the Budget on June 13, 2025. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Sauer and was passed unanimously by voice vote.

- d. Ordinance #003-25 AN ORDINANCE providing for the issue of not to exceed \$1,250,000 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds, Series 2025, for the payment of land for parks, for the building, maintaining, improving and protecting of the same and the existing land and facilities of the District and for the payment of the expenses incident thereto, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the proposed sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof.
Commissioner Ogden made a motion to approve Ordinance #003-25 seconded by Commissioner Zuck. The motion passed by voice vote. Ayes: Ogden, Zuck, Corte, Sauer. Nays: Marusic.
- e. Meadowcrest Property Improvements
Commissioner Sauer made a motion to table awarding a contract with Dig Right In for the Meadowcrest Property Improvements. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Zuck. Discussion ensued, and the board requested additional quotes. The motion to table the Meadowcrest Property Improvement contract passed unanimously by voice vote.
- f. Scheduled Bond Payments
Commissioner Ogden made a motion to approve wire transfers for the scheduled bond payments on June 1, seconded by Commissioner Sauer. Motion was passed unanimously by Roll Call vote.

President Corte asked to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:40pm. Commissioner Ogden made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Sauer. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

14. 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 and in accordance with the Open Meetings Act under Section 2(c)(5) to discuss the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body.

15. Reconvene Open Session

President Corte reconvened Open Session at 8:15pm. Additionally present were Commissioners Sauer, Zuck, Ogden, and Marusic. Executive Director Cannaday was also present.

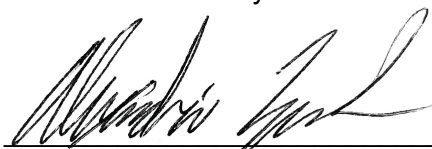
16. Potential Action on Items Discussed in Executive Session

None

17. Next Regular Meeting: Monday, June 9, 2025 at 6:30pm

18. Adjournment

Commissioner Ogden made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:16pm, seconded by Commissioner Marusic. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.



Approved June 9, 2025