

Minutes
Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Community Park District of La Grange Park
September 12, 2016

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

President Boyd called the meeting to order in room 101 of the Recreation Center, 1501 Barnsdale Road, La Grange Park, IL at 6:30 p.m. Other Commissioners present were, Bob Corte, Jeff Kilrea, Tim Ogden, and Lucy Stastny. Also present were Executive Director Aleks Briedis, Superintendent of Recreation Dean Carrara, Office Manager Peggy Ronovsky, Recreation Supervisor Ashley Simoncelli, Financial Coordinator Phil Mesi and Recording Secretary Laura Sullivan.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. PARK DISTRICT MISSION

President Boyd recited as follows: The Community Park District of La Grange Park shall offer high quality, affordable and accessible park and recreation facilities, programs, and services in a financially responsible manner.

4. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

There are none.

5. APPROVE MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Stastny made a motion to approve the August 8, 2016 regular meeting minutes as submitted. Seconded by Commissioner Corte. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

6. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

La Grange Park Little League Board Members: La Grange Park Resident Jim Pilot, La Grange Park resident Pat Downs, La Grange Park resident Ralph White, and La Grange Park resident and Little League President Jim Biskupic were in attendance. La Grange Park Little League Board Member Ralph White presented a proposal of Hanesworth North baseball field renovation. They are seeking approval before they move forward with the project. The top two items they are looking for approval to move forward on are fundraising drives along with seeking grants from organizations to promote baseball and a request on Community Park District of La Grange Park letterhead stating:

1. The public entity supports the proposal and has reviewed proposed renovations and budget projections.
2. The public entity authorizes the applicant to carry out the proposed capital improvements (this authorization must take into account relevant labor/union regulations and liability issues.

3. The public entity demonstrates its financial commitment to field maintenance; and the field will be open to and used by the community for organized athletics and other events.

Other questions were asked and answered. Mr. White informed the Board that they received bids for the lighting at Hanesworth Park, however at this time it will have to be put on the backburner due to the cost of the lights.

Commissioner Stastny made a motion to direct the Park District staff to work with our Attorney to create an agreement between the Park District and La Grange Park Little League to support the project and to protect the District. Seconded by Commissioner Kilrea. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

This item will be revisited once the agreement has been created.

7. STAFF REPORTS

A. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A written report was included in the packet by Executive Director Aleks Briedis. Director Briedis added to his report that he received an email regarding Beach Oak Park from Attorney Rod Slutzky. On September 23rd our tax deed case will be called for the first time in court and will be assigned to a judge. A court date will be set with the judge and Director Briedis will testify about his due diligence findings in front of the court. Director Briedis reminded the Board that the Chamber of Commerce's annual dinner is on October 6, 2016 and asked that if any of the Commissioners are interested in attending, to let him know as soon as possible, before September 22, 2016. Director Briedis also spoke to Chief of Police Ed Rompa, who will be sending an officer to attend Board meetings every other month to answer any questions the Board may have, beginning at November's meeting.

B. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

A written report was included in the packet by Maintenance Supervisor Martin Healy and was presented by Director Briedis. There were no additions.

C. SUPERINTENDENT OF RECREATION

A written report was included in the packet by Superintendent of Recreation Dean Carrara. Superintendent of Recreation Carrara discussed with the Board discontinuing the Run for the Roses event due to decreasing participation. The Board members support the decision to no longer have the Run for the Roses event, but encourages the Park District Staff to come up with an alternative event. At this time, Director Briedis informed the Board that next year's focus will be the Village's 125th year celebration.

D. RECREATION SUPERVISOR

A written report was included in the packet by Recreation Supervisor Ashley Simoncelli. The Board commended Supervisor Ashley on the new bear mascot for Ready Teddy. She informed the Board that the first day of Ready Teddy went smoothly. A brief discussion was held on different fundraising ideas and future concerts.

E. RECREATION SUPERVISOR - MARKETING

A written report was included in the packet by Recreation Supervisor Dave Romito and was presented by Director Briedis. There were no additions to the report.

F. OFFICE MANAGER

A written report was included in the packet by Office Manager Peggy Ronovsky. There was no discussion.

G. SAFETY COORDINATOR

A written report was included in the packet by Safety Coordinator Megan Jadron and was presented by Executive Director Aleks Briedis. President Boyd commended Coordinator Jadron for noticing the broken chains at Yena Park. There were no other additions.

H. FINANCIAL COORDINATOR

Financial statements were included in the packet for the month ending August 31, 2016 by Financial Consultant Phil Mesi. Coordinator Mesi discussed the new procedures with the IPTIP funds. Questions were asked and answered.

8. APPROVE MONTHLY DISBURSEMENTS

A motion was made by Commissioner Ogden to approve the monthly disbursements in the amount of \$100,932.95. Seconded by Commissioner Corte. Motion passed 5-0 by a roll call vote.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. REVIEW OF BUDGET WITH AUDIT FINANCIALS

Director Briedis missed including the audited financials into the packet. He stated that the audited figures were very close to the estimated year-end figures and that there were no surprises. He will include the audited financials in the October Board packet.

B. UPDATE ON MEMORIAL PARK

Director Briedis stated PRI is working with both contractors to update their bid amounts due to the time since the contracts were signed. Also, PRI is preparing cost estimates for the projects that we will compare to what we receive from the contractors. Depending what they find will determine if we move forward with the current contractors or rebid the project. The plan is to have Memorial Park finished before the 125th celebration being held on July 15th.

10. NEW BUSINESS

A. DISCUSSION ON LITTLE LEAGUE PROPOSAL AND ACTION, IF ANY

This item was discussed under Recognition of Visitors.

B. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BEACH OAK DESIGN PROPOSAL FROM PRI

A brief discussion was held and questions were asked and answered. Director Briedis attached an overview of the entire project, from design through construction, which will cost approximately \$200,000. He stated that with this phase of the proposal, which will cost \$7,700, PRI will be coming up with two different concepts for the Board to review at a future meeting.

Commissioner Ogden made the motion to approve the agreement between PRI and the Community Park District of La Grange Park not to exceed the amount of \$7,700. Seconded by Commissioner Kilrea. Motion passed 5-0 by a roll call vote.

11. OPEN FORUM

A. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

There were no comments

B. COMMENTS FROM THE COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Ogden said it was a great turnout for the fundraiser that was held on September 3, 2016 at Stone Monroe Park.

C. COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

President Boyd would like to give credit to Tim Gallagher and his group for all the hard work put together for the fundraiser and that their group did an amazing job. She discussed a couple of articles in the newspaper regarding inclusive playgrounds and beekeeping. She also said she and Director Briedis attended the planning meetings for the 125th celebration.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Kilrea made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:36 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Ogden. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.