

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

June, 8 2025

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

PRESENT: Commissioners Vear, Posey, Weber, Opyd

ABSENT: Commissioner Carter

STAFF PRESENT: Executive Director Jenny Bechtold
Director of Finance & HR Jamie Hollock
Director of Recreation Kevin Miller
Parks, Grounds, and Planning Manager

OTHERS PRESENT: Becky Lorentzen

President Opyd welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked for any announcements or changes to the agenda and there were none.

Communications, Presentations & Declarations

Public Comments

Becky Lorentzen, 103 E. Cossitt, La Grange, representing the CommUnity Diversity Group of La Grange, Becky shared some upcoming CommUnity Diversity events.

Consent Agenda

President Opyd asked for a motion to approve Item 3.1 Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of May 11, 2026; Item 3.2 Approval of the Financial Reports dated May 31, 2026; and Item 3.3 Approval of the Consolidated Vouchers for June dated June 9, 2026. The motion was so moved by Commissioner Vear, seconded by Commissioner Posey, and passed by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Vear, Posey, Weber, Opyd

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Carter

Staff Reports

Executive Director Jennifer Bechtold

- 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. President Opyd asked about the location of Touch a Truck. Director Miller explained that it will be held at Sedgwick Park as in past years. While staff originally thought of moving it to the parking lot at the Recreation Center, due to the construction on East Avenue, it was determined that it would be best to set this event up at Sedgwick Park.

Facilities and Operations- Presented by Executive Director Bechtold

- Executive Director Bechtold presented the Facilities and Operations report.

Parks, Ground & Planning Manager Tim White

- Manager White presented his report. President Opyd asked about the irrigation system at Gordon. Manager White stated that the irrigation system is running every other day and has a rain sensor so will only operate when needed.

Action Items

Discussion and/or Approval of Resolution R26-01 a Resolution Authorizing the Continued Retention of Certain Closed Session Minutes and Authorizing the Destruction of Verbatim Recordings of Certain Board Closed Sessions.

Executive Director Bechtold explained that with the Open Meetings Act, a review of closed executive session minutes and verbatim audio recordings is required every six months. There is only one closed session on October 14, 2024, which falls within this time period of eighteen months and one day and staff is recommending leaving this one closed after consulting with legal counsel as it pertains to personnel matters. We will be destroying the recording but retaining the minutes.

Commissioner Weber moved to approve Resolution R26-01 a Resolution Authorizing the Continued Retention of Certain Closed Session Minutes and Authorizing the Destruction of Verbatim Recordings of Certain Board Closed Sessions. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Posey and passed by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

Discussion and/or Approval of Roofing Replacement Project at the Recreation Center through OMNIA Partners Cooperative Purchasing Program Utilizing DCEO Grant Funding.

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Executive Director presented the proposal obtained through OMNIA Partners Cooperative from Anthony Roofing, for the replacement of approximately 37,480 square feet of the existing roofing system. President Opyd asked if this was already planned for in the capital budget and are there any other roofing/HVAC items which we need to be aware of. Manager White responded that regarding HVAC, capital is planned for the next several years. Executive Director Bechtold added that the roof is being planned for in sections. This section is the one which needs attention now.

Commissioner Posey moved to approve the proposal from Anthony Roofing, a division of Tecta America LLC, in the amount of \$400,000 for the Recreation Center Roof Replacement Project through OMNIA Partners Cooperative Purchasing Program and authorized the Executive Director to execute the AIA A105 Agreement and related contract documents, subject to review and approval by legal counsel. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Vear and passed by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioner Posey, Vear, Weber, Opyd

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Carter

Discussion and/or Approval of Addendum to agreement with La Grange Little League.

Executive Director Bechtold presented an addendum to the agreement between the Park District of La Grange and La Grange Little League permitting the sale of limited LGLL branded merchandise from the concession stand during LGLL sponsored events.

Commissioner Weber moved to approve the Addendum to the Agreement between the Park District of La Grange and La Grange Little League. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Posey and passed by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioner Weber, Posey, Vear, Opyd

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Carter

Election/Appointment of Officers

President Opyd announced that this is the annual meeting where officers are elected and committees are assigned.

Commissioner Weber moved to nominate Commissioner Opyd to President, seconded by Commissioner Posey.

Commissioner Posey moved to nominate Commissioner Weber to Vice President, seconded by Commissioner Vear.

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Commissioner Vear moved to nominate Commissioner Posey to Second Vice President, seconded by Commissioner Weber.

Commissioner Vear moved to nominate Executive Director Bechtold as Board Secretary, seconded by Commissioner Posey.

Commissioner Weber moved to nominate Jamie Hollock, Director of Finance to Board Treasurer, seconded by Commissioner Vear.

President Opyd asked for an omnibus motion to approve Brian Opyd as Board President, Chris Weber as Vice President, Stephanie Posey as Second Vice President, Jennifer Bechtold as Board Secretary and Jamie Hollock as Board Treasurer. The motion was so moved by Commissioner Vear and seconded by Commissioner Posey and was passed by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

Discussion & Appointment of Commissioners to Committees.

President Opyd nominated Commissioner Vear to the Administrative Committee, Commissioner Opyd and Commissioner Carter to the Parks and Facilities Committee, and Commissioner Posey and Commissioner Weber to the Recreation and Cultural Affairs Committee. The nominations were seconded by Commissioner Vear and Passed unanimously by Voice Vote.

President Opyd asked for an omnibus motion to approve Commissioner Vear on Administrative Committee, Commissioner Opyd and Commissioner Carter on Parks and Facilities Committee and Commissioner Posey and Commissioner Weber on Recreation & Cultural Affairs Committee. The motion was so moved by Commissioner Posey and seconded by Commissioner Weber and was passed by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

Board Business

Old Business

New Business

Committee Reports

Administration Committee

No report at this time.

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 Posey thanked Becky Lorentzen for the work she does in the community through the CommUnity Diversity Group. She is appreciative of having such thoughtful, caring, community focused people who participate in all levels of our community.

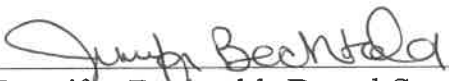
Commissioner Vear seconded the statement from Commissioner Posey, and he added that he “loves” cherry ice cream and will be getting some from Tate’s. He added that he wants to thank staff for all the work that is being done at the parks, he says they look great.

Adjournment

President Opyd moved for adjournment at 6:25 P.M. The motion was so moved by Commissioner Posey, seconded by Commissioner Weber, and passed unanimously by Voice Vote.



Brian Opyd, President



Jennifer Bechtold, Board Secretary
Approved July 13, 2026