

Minutes
Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Community Park District of La Grange Park
November 14, 2016

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Boyd called the meeting to order in room 101 of the Recreation Center, 1501 Barnsdale Road, La Grange Park, IL at 6:45 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, Recreation Supervisor Dave Romito, and Financial Coordinator Phil Mesi.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. PARK DISTRICT MISSION

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 were no additions or deletions

5. APPROVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Corte made a motion to approve the October 10, 2016 regular meeting minutes as submitted. Seconded by Commissioner Stastny. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote

6. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

La Grange Park residents Ray Wielgos and Joan Wielgos, La Grange Park resident Lou Ritten, Ryan Alexander from Planning Resources, Inc., Darryl Garrison from Planning Resources, Inc., Tony Castelone from Planning Resources, Inc. and La Grange Park Police Officer Ray Drexler were in attendance.

Planning Resources, Inc. presented two concepts for Beach Oak Park. Concept A was based of the existing layout of the park with renovations and concept B was building the park from scratch. Since it has been 3 years since the Park District received the OSLAD Grant and grant freeze by the state of Illinois, PRI will need to resubmit the plans of the park to make sure the criteria is still being met. Darryl Garrison said he will resubmit the plans to IDNR once he receives approval from the Board to move forward. The goal of this park is to be geared towards younger children based on the design of the park, which includes a train track theme, "Safety Town" road, and smaller scaled basketball court that has multiple basketball nets. It was assured this park will be ADA accessible. PRI also presented the cost of both concepts. Concept A will cost, including 15% Contingency, \$483,000. Concept B will cost, including 15% contingency, \$575,500. The Board was informed by PRI there are ways to reduce cost if needed and PRI will do everything they can to meet the budget.

Commissioner Kilrea made a motion to take a break at 7:52 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Ogden. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote

President Boyd reconvened the regular meeting at 8:00 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, Recreation Supervisor Dave Romito, and Financial Coordinator Phil Mesi. Officer Drexler and resident Lou Ritten were also in attendance.

7. STAFF REPORTS

A. Executive Director

A written report was included in the packet by Executive Director Aleks Briedis. He asked if anyone was interested in attending the IAPD conference to let him know, as the early bird deadline is coming up.

B. Building & 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. There were no additions. Superintendent of Recreation Carrara said the Winter/Spring brochure will be in mail the week of November 14th.

D. Recreation Supervisor

A written report was included in the packet by Recreation Supervisor Ashley Simoncelli. There were no additions. Commissioner Stastny commended Ashley on her sponsorship proposal.

E. Recreation Supervisor – Marketing

A written report was included in the packet by Recreation Supervisor Dave Romito. He informed the board that Tea with Belle is Friday November 18, 2016 which goes along with the December production of Beauty and the Beast. Specific members of the cast will be in attendance dressed in costume.

F. Office Manager

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

G. Safety Coordinator

A written report was included in the packet by Safety Coordinator Megan Jadron and was presented by Executive Director Briedis. There were no additions.

H. Financial Coordinator

Financial statements were included in the packet for the month ending October 31, 2016 by Financial Consultant Phil Mesi. Questions were asked and answered.

8. APPROVE MONTHLY DISBURSEMENTS

A motion was made by Commissioner Stastny to approve the monthly disbursements in the amount of \$118,759.08. Seconded by Commissioner Kilrea. Motion passed 5-0 by a roll call vote.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Consider Approval of Ordinance 04-2016 Tax Levy

A motion was made by Commissioner Corte to approve Tax Levy Ordinance No. 04-2016, an ordinance levying taxes and assessing taxes for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2017 and ending April 30, 2018 for the Community Park District of La Grange Park, state of Illinois, County of Cook. Seconded by Commissioner Kilrea. Motion passed 5-0 by a roll call vote.

B. Consider Approval of Ordinance 05-2016 PTELL

A motion was made by Commissioner Ogden to approve Ordinance No. 05-2016, an ordinance providing for specific reductions of the 2016 property tax levy pursuant to the property tax extension limitation law. Seconded by Commissioner Kilrea. Motion passed 5-0 by a roll call vote.

C. Update on Memorial Park

Executive Director Briedis did not have any new updates on Memorial Park. Director Briedis is hoping to have a meeting with Builders Land on Thursday, November 17th for the shelter. He is still waiting on final budget numbers from Kee Construction. They are investigating costs of other subcontractors since their first estimates were too high.

D. Update on Beach Oak Park

A special meeting has been recommended. At this meeting, Director Briedis recommends to have a workshop to talk about the capital projects once there are numbers for Memorial Park. Director Briedis will send an email to the Board with potential dates in the December/January timeframe.

10. NEW BUSINESS

11. OPEN FORUM

A. Comments from the Floor

Former board member Lou Ritten apologized for the situation the current board is in regarding the OSLAD Grant for Beach Oak and Memorial Park. He said he will help in any way he can.

B. Comments from Commissioners

There were no comments

C. Comments from the President

President Boyd congratulated the Kilrea Family and Danny Kilrea who won the Midwest competition on Saturday with a time of 14:51 in a 5K and who also came in second place at State. She also attended the State of the Village meeting and talked about what a good year the Park District had with online registration, theater productions, and new employees that came on board. President Boyd encouraged others to attend the annual convention. She went to the legal symposium, and anyone who is interested in the material to let either her or Aleks know and they will provide that information.

12. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

In accordance with the Open Meeting Act under Section 2 (c)(1) to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees.

Commissioner Kilrea made the motion to adjourn to Executive Session at 9:15 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Ogden. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

13. RECONVENE OPEN MEETING & ROLL CALL

President Boyd reconvened the public meeting at 9:16 p.m. Other Commissioners present were Bob Corte, Jeff Kilrea, Tim Ogden, and Lucy Stastny.

14. ADJOURMENT

Commissioner Stastny made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:16 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Corte. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.