

MINUTES  
REGULAR PARK DISTRICT BOARD MEETING  
COMMUNITY PARK DISTRICT of La GRANGE PARK  
1501 BARNSDALE ROAD, La GRANGE PARK, ILLINOIS  
April 15, 2024 - 6:30 PM

1. Call to Order & Roll Call:

President Corte called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Present were Commissioners Ogden, Sauer, Stastny and Zuck. Additionally present were Executive Director Jessica Cannaday, Marketing & Special Events Manager Susan Zander, Lauterbach & Amen Financial Assistant Eric Nelessen and Executive Administrative Assistant Laura Raimondi taking minutes.

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

5. Approval of the April 15, 2024 Agenda

Commissioner Ogden made a motion to approve the April 15, 2024 agenda seconded by Commissioner Stastny. Motion was passed unanimously by voice vote.

6. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes

a. March 11, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Stastny made a motion to approve the March 11, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes seconded by Commissioner Ogden. Motion was passed unanimously by voice vote.

b. March 11, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Stastny made a motion to approve the March 11, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes seconded by Commissioner Ogden. Motion was passed unanimously by voice vote.

7. Communications/Proclamations/Presentations

a. Lucy Stastny

Lucy Stastny was honored for 15 years of service on the Community Park District Board.

b. Commissioner Zuck announced that she was expecting the family's 3<sup>rd</sup> baby in October.

8. Staff Recognition

a. Olga Viramontes

Olga Viramontes was honored for 5 years of service to the Community Park District.

9. Staff Reports

- a. Executive Report  
Executive Director Jessica Cannaday presented her report, questions were asked and answered.
- b. Recreation Report
  - i. Superintendent of Recreation  
Report was presented.
  - ii. Marketing and Events Manager  
Marketing and Events Manager Susan Zander presented her report, questions were asked and answered.
- c. Parks Report  
Report was presented, questions were asked and answered.
- d. Financial Reports  
Lauterbach & Amen Financial Assistant Eric Nellesen presented the financial report.

10. Approve Monthly Disbursements

Commissioner Zuck made a motion to approve monthly disbursements in the amount of \$181,685.41 seconded by Commissioner Stastny. Motion was passed by roll call vote.

11. Committee Reports

- a. Sustainability
  - i. Arbor Advocates – It was reported that there would be an Arbor Day Tree Planting on April 26 at Noon at Robinhood.

12. Unfinished Business

- a. Draft Ordinance 002-24 2024/25 Draft Budget & Appropriations Ordinance  
Executive Director Cannaday reviewed the draft budget and stated that it will be presented for final approval next month. The board directed Cannaday to draft a policy to amend the district's fund balance requirement from 50% to 25% in the Corporate and Recreation Funds.
- b. Recreation Center Expansion  
Merristem Financial Advisors will be onsite in May.

13. New Business

- a. Tax Objection Settlement  
Commissioner Ogden made a motion to approve the tax objection settlement in the amount of \$1,599.99 seconded by Commissioner Sauer. Motion was passed unanimously by roll call vote.
- b. Theater Equipment Purchase  
Commissioner Zuck made a motion to approve the purchase of theater equipment in the amount of \$13,005.99 seconded by Commissioner Sauer. Motion was passed unanimously by roll call vote.

14. Executive Session

At 7:17pm Commissioner Stastny made a motion to adjourn to 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. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Zuck and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

15. Reconvene Open Session

President Corte reconvened the Open Session at 7:31pm. Additionally present were commissioners Stastny, Zuck, Ogden, and Sauer. Executive Director Jessica Cannaday was also present.

16. Potential Action on Items Discussed in Executive Session

- a. Commissioner Stastny made a motion to allow the Executive Director to award \$16,000 in merit bonuses to various staff members. The motion was seconded by Tim Ogden and passed unanimously by roll call vote.
- b. Commissioner Stastny made a motion to increase the Executive Director's salary to \$130,000 effective May 1, 2024. The motion was seconded by Alex Zuck and passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

17. Next Regular Meeting: Monday, May 13, 2024 at 6:30pm

18. Adjournment

At 7:36pm, Commissioner Sauer made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Ogden. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

  
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Secretary

Approved May 13, 2024