

MINUTES
REGULAR PARK DISTRICT BOARD MEETING
COMMUNITY PARK DISTRICT of La GRANGE PARK
1501 BARNSDALE ROAD, La GRANGE PARK, ILLINOIS
September 14, 2026 - 6:30 PM

1. Call to Order & Roll Call:

President Corte called the September 14, 2026 Regular Meeting of the Community Park District Board of Park Commissioners to order at 6:30 p.m. Commissioners present were Marusic, Ogden, Sauer, and Zuck. Additionally present were: Executive Director, Jessica Cannaday; Superintendent of Recreation, Juan Montes; and Manager of Marketing and Special Events, Susan Zander as Recording Secretary.

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. Communications/Proclamations/Presentations

Presentation and Discussion of the FYE 2026 Annual Independent Financial Audit Report by GWA Analyst Raul Alanis Jr., attending remotely.

5. Open Forum

Robin O'Connor, La Grange Park resident, asked the Board to reconsider the sound barriers at Yena Park. She stated that 19 of 23 surrounding households signed a petition supporting removal of the barriers.

Rich O'Connor, La Grange Park resident, requested that the pickleball sound barriers be removed, citing safety concerns.

Patty Sinnott, La Grange Park resident, questioned the need for the pickleball sound barriers and requested their removal.

Nancy Miller, La Grange Park resident, stated that she has lived near Yena Park for more than 25 years and requested that the sound barriers be removed.

Megan Schmitz, La Grange Park resident, requested removal of the pickleball sound barriers, stating that the barriers obstruct her view of her 7-year-old son while he plays at the park.

Rachel Novak, La Grange Park resident, requested removal of the barriers, citing the importance of maintaining sightlines to Yena Park, particularly as children may visit the park without a parent.

Khan Josephson, La Grange Park resident, requested that sound barriers be installed at Memorial Park's pickleball courts and asked that the existing barriers be repositioned.

6. Approval of the September 14, 2026 Agenda

Commissioner Ogden made a motion to approve the September 14, 2026 Agenda seconded by Commissioner Zuck. Motion was passed by a voice vote.

7. Approval of the August 10, 2026 Minutes

Commissioner Zuck made a motion to approve the August 10, 2026 Minutes seconded by Commissioner Marusic. Motion was passed by a voice vote.

8. Staff Recognition

- a. Cyber Security Top Scores

9. Staff Reports

- a. Executive Report

Executive Director Jessica Cannaday presented her report. She stated that the District is evaluating the possibility of filing a tax objection related to Community Park Fitness. This would require a professional assessment and associated legal fees. She discussed the removal of the concession stand at Hanesworth Park, set to occur soon, with the goal of installing the new playground shortly thereafter.

- b. Recreation Report

Superintendent of Recreation Juan Montes presented the Recreation Report. There were no questions.

- i. Superintendent of Recreation
- ii. Marketing and Events Manager
- iii. Recreation Manager

- c. Parks Report

The Parks Report was presented by Executive Director Cannaday. Commissioner Zuck inquired about the area behind the courts at Memorial Park. Executive Director Cannaday stated this space does not belong to the Park District.

- d. Financial Reports

The Financial Report was presented by Executive Director Cannaday. There were no questions.

10. Approve Monthly Disbursements

Commissioner Ogden made a motion to approve the monthly disbursements in the amount of \$1,040,357.92, seconded by Commissioner Zuck. Motion was approved by roll call vote.

11. Committee Reports

12. Unfinished Business

13. New Business

a. Fraternal Order of Police Land Use Fee Waiver Request

Commissioner Zuck made a motion to retroactively waive the land use fee for the La Grange Park Police Department's annual car show in the amount of \$500, contingent upon receiving all necessary insurance documentation. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sauer. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

b. Commissioner Marusic made a motion to adopt the FYE 2026 Annual Independent Financial Audit as prepared by GWA. Seconded by Commissioner Zuck. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

c. Commissioner Marusic made a motion to allocate \$28,000 plus 10% contingency for the removal of the existing steam shower equipment and fixtures at 1100 E. 31st Street. Seconded by Commissioner Ogden. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

d. Meadowcrest Property Environmental Study

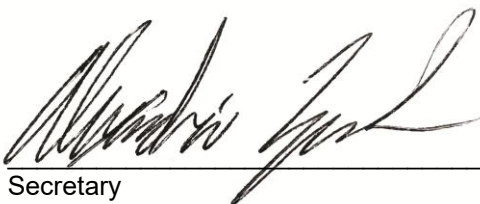
Executive Director Cannaday stated the environmental study is now available. There is no lead paint detected and the next step will be to get specs for demolition. Questions were raised about the ability to preserve the steeple and windows.

14. Next Regular Meeting: Monday, October 12, 2026 at 6:30pm

15. Adjournment

At 7:18pm, Commissioner Marusic made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Ogden. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Approved 10/12/2026


Secretary