

MINUTES  
REGULAR PARK DISTRICT BOARD MEETING  
COMMUNITY PARK DISTRICT of La GRANGE PARK  
1501 BARNSDALE ROAD, La GRANGE PARK, ILLINOIS  
April 11, 2022 - 6:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

President Stastny called the meeting to order in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Recreation Center, 1501 Barnsdale Road, La Grange Park, IL at 6:30 p.m. Other Commissioners present were Alex Zuck, Bob Corte, and Peggy Ronovsky. Also present were Building & Grounds Supervisor Ray Drexler, Executive Director Jessica Cannaday and Financial Coordinator, Phil Mesi. Susan Zander was present to record the minutes.

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. OPEN FORUM

John Remedi from Boy Scout Troop 39 in LaGrange was present. Jon will be proposing an Eagle project to the Park District and wanted to introduce himself.

5. APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 11, 2022 AGENDA

Commissioner Ronovsky made a motion to approve the April 11, 2022 regular meeting agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Corte. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

6. APPROVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

- a. ~~X~~ Commissioner Zuck made a motion to approve the March 14, 2022 regular meeting minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Corte. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
- b. Commissioner Corte made a motion to approve the March 14, 2022 executive session minutes as submitted. Seconded by Commissioner Zuck. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

7. APPOINTMENT TO FILL A VACANCY ON THE BOARD

- a. Secretary Zuck administered the oath of Office to Tim Ogden.

8. COMMUNICATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

President Stastny recognized that the following guests were present: Patrick Bolan, Jamie Zaura, Jim Discipio, Amanda Seidel, Jermaine Stewart, Karen Koncel, Julia Cedillo, Olga Viramontes, and Matt Corso.

- a. Matt Corso, Executive Director of our Special Recreation Association, SEASPAR passed out brochures to the Board. He discussed the program and highlighted the upcoming SEASPAR events.
- b. Proclamation of Thanks to the Village of La Grange Park  
Lucy presented the Village Board with a Proclamation of Thanks for their support. Jim Discipio thanked the Commissioners and Executive Director Cannaday for their hard work to better the community. He introduced Trustees who also voiced their thanks.

#### 9. STAFF RECOGNITION

- a. Olga Viramontes

Olga is the Building Custodian for the Community Park District of LGP. Olga does a superb job maintaining the building. She takes care of concession stands and also picks up at Memorial Park. She weeds and helps keep the grounds looking nice. She performs her job as required but is also a team player who goes above and beyond her duties.

#### 10. STAFF REPORTS

- a. Executive Director

A written report was included in the packet by Executive Director Jessica Cannaday. She stated that the Master Plan updates are included in the report. The next Community Workshop will be May 5, followed by a special Board Meeting to discuss on May 25. There will be a special Arbor Day celebration on April 29. Questions were asked and answered.

- b. Recreation Report

- i. Recreation Manager

A written report was included in the packet by Recreation Manager Ashley Jusk and was presented by Executive Director Cannaday. Summer revenue is up, and camp is almost full. There is a transition team in place for preschool. There were no additional comments.

- ii. Recreation, Facilities, and Safety Manager

A written report was included in the packet by Recreation, Facilities & Safety Manager Zak Kerby and was presented by Executive Director Cannaday. It was stated that the campfire at Beach Oak Park was moved to April 19th due to rain. There were no additional comments.

- iii. Community Engagement & Marketing Coordinator

A written report was included in the packet by Community Engagement & Marketing Coordinator Amanda Kennedy and was presented by Executive Director Cannaday. There were no questions or comments.

- iv. Parks Report

A written report was presented by Building & Grounds Supervisor Ray Drexler. Commissioner Corte asked if Ray had trained to prepare the baseball field. Ray stated he had taken an 8-hour online course. Commissioner Zuck commended the grounds staff on the speed with which they laid mulch at Memorial Park. President Stastny thanked Ray for doing a good job on the parks.

v. Financial Consultant

Financial statements were included in the packet for the month ending March 31, 2022 by Financial Consultant Phil Mesi. Questions were asked and answered.

**11. APPROVE MONTHLY DISBURSEMENTS**

A motion was made by Commissioner Ogden to approve the monthly disbursements in the amount of \$101,265.89. Seconded by Commissioner Ronovsky. Motion passed 5-0 by a roll call vote.

**12. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

a. Sustainability

i. Tree Management Plan

Commissioner Zuck spoke about collaborating with the library on programming for Arbor Day. She stated there will be an Arbor Advocate email that will focus on the plan and information will be shared there. Questions were asked and answered about keeping track of the trees in the park, including a potential app. There will be a tree planted at Memorial Park on Arbor Day, 4/29.

b. Long Range Planning

i. Comprehensive Master Plan Update

Commissioner Ronovsky was enthusiastic about the meeting and was impressed with the feedback and ideas. She stated that she is looking forward to the next meeting on May 5, as well as the surveys with the public. President Stastny stated that she asked Patrick ~~Boden~~ <sup>Golden</sup> to come and listen to the long range planning ideas and inquired about the special May 25 meeting.

**13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

a. Draft Budget and Appropriations Ordinance.  
Questions were asked and answered.

b. RESOLUTION TREE MANAGEMENT PLAN. A motion was made by Commissioner Zuck to approve RESOLUTION NO. R0022-22 A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE COMMUNITY PARK DISTRICT OF LA GRANGE PARK URBAN FORESTRY MANAGEMENT PLAN 2022. Seconded by Commissioner Ogden. Motion passed 5-0 with a voice vote.

c. RATIFY Construction Permit - A motion was made by Commissioner Ronovsky to approve the ratification of the Construction Permit for Little League (pending receipt) and seconded by Commissioner Zuck. Motion passed 5-0 with a voice vote.

14. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

15. 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.

Commissioner Ronovsky made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting and go into executive session at 7:39 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Corte. Motion passed 5-0 with a roll call vote

16. RECONVENE OPEN MEETING & ROLL CALL

President Stastny reconvened open session at 9:02pm. Commissioners present were Stastny, Corte, Zuck, Ronovsky, and Ogden. Also present was executive director, Jessica Cannaday.

17. ACTION, IF ANY, FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

18. Next Regular Meeting: Monday, May 9, 2022 at 6:30pm

19. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:03pm Commissioner Zuck made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Corter. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

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Secretary

Approved, May 9, 2022