

## MINUTES

### REGULAR PARK DISTRICT BOARD MEETING COMMUNITY PARK DISTRICT of LA GRANGE PARK 1501 BARNSDALE ROAD, La GRANGE PARK, ILLINOIS

April 20, 2026 - 6:30 PM

1. Call to Order & Roll Call:  
President Corte called the April 20, 2026 Regular Meeting of the Community Park District Board of Park Commissioners to order at 6:30pm. Commissioners present were Sauer, Zuck, Ogden and Marusic. Additionally present were: Executive Director, Jessica Cannaday; Superintendent of Parks, Sara Earhart; Superintendent of Recreation, Juan Montes; Financial Assistant, Sam Crane; 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. Open Forum  
Khanh Josephson, resident of La Grange Park for over 10 years complimented the Parks Department on the flowers and signage at Memorial Park. She discussed the need for sound barriers for the pickleball courts at Memorial Park.
5. Approval of the April 20, 2026 Agenda  
Commissioner Zuck made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Ogden. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
6. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes
  - a. March 9, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes  
Commissioner Marusic made a motion to approve the March 9, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes, seconded by Commissioner Sauer. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
  - b. March 9, 2026 Executive Meeting Minutes  
Commissioner Marusic made a motion to approve the March 9, 2026 Executive Meeting Minutes, seconded by Commissioner Zuck. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
7. Communications/Proclamations/Presentations
8. Staff Recognition  
Executive Director Jessica Cannaday shared that Superintendent of Parks Sara

Earhart has submitted Memorial Park for consideration as a designated arboretum.

## 9. Staff Reports

### a. Executive Report

Executive Director Jessica Cannaday discussed the two construction change orders which were submitted for Hanesworth Park. She also shared that summer registration has surpassed \$422,000 in revenue for the first time, with camp enrollment reaching capacity at 64 participants. Seasonal hiring is complete, with additional staff still needed for District 102 Bonus Weeks. Construction at Stone Monroe and Robinhood Parks is scheduled to begin in the new year.

### b. Recreation Report

#### i. Superintendent of Recreation

Juan Montes presented the Recreation Report, noting the purchase of a new auto scrubber for the Recreation Center. The existing unit will be reassigned for use at the Fitness Center.

#### ii. Marketing and Events Manager

#### iii. Recreation Manager

### c. Parks Report

President Corte requested additional information regarding the mason bee houses installed throughout the parks. Superintendent of Parks Sara Earhart provided an overview of their purpose and use. Commissioner Zuck also inquired about the number of trees removed versus planted, and Superintendent Earhart noted that significantly more trees have been planted than removed.

### d. Financial Reports

An updated Financial Report Memo was provided.

## 10. Approve Monthly Disbursements

Commissioner Ogden made a motion to approve the monthly disbursements in the amount of \$640,680.55 seconded by Commissioner Zuck. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

## 11. Committee Reports

## 12. Unfinished Business

### a. Pickleball Sound Mitigation Equipment

A representative from a sound mitigation materials company presented information on the proposed system for Yena Park, including its application and performance. The system carries a five-year warranty and is expected to achieve up to a 50% reduction in perceived noise. Board members had the opportunity to ask questions which were addressed during the presentation.

Commissioner Sauer made a motion to approve a cost not to exceed \$50,056 in Pickleball Sound Mitigation Equipment. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Zuck. In a roll call vote, yes votes included

President Corte. The motion passed by a 3/5 vote. Commissioners Marusic and Commissioner voted no.

- b. Personnel Policy Manual  
Commissioner Ogden made a motion to approve the new Personnel Policy Manual. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Marusic. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

### 13. New Business

- a. Draft Budget and Appropriations Ordinance 001-26  
Questions about the Draft Budget and Appropriations were asked and answered by Jessica Cannaday. The Board stated they will discuss compensation for specific employees in Executive Session.

Commissioner Ogden made a motion to schedule the Public Hearing for the Budget on June 15, 2026 at 6:30pm. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Sauer and was passed unanimously by voice vote.

- b. Fund Transfers  
Commissioner Ogden made a motion to transfer the scheduled funds. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Zuck. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

### 14. Executive Session

At 7:17pm, president Corte asked for a motion and a second 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 made by Commissioner Sauer and seconded by Commissioner Marusic. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

### 15. Reconvene Open Session

President Corte reconvened Open Session at 7:43pm. Additionally present were Commissioners Sauer, Zuck, Ogden, Marusic; and Executive Director Cannaday.

### 16. Potential Action on Items Discussed in Executive Session

- a. Compensation  
Commissioner Zuck made a motion to approve up to 4% increase in full time salaries for FY 26/27, seconded by Commissioner Ogden. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Commissioner Ogden made a motion to increase the Executive Director's base salary by 4% for FY 2026/27 and allocate a \$4,000 merit payable in FY 25/26, seconded by Commissioner Zuck. The motion passed unanimously by

roll call vote.

17. Next Regular Meeting: Monday, May 11, 2026 at 6:30pm

18. Adjournment

At 8pm, Commissioner Marusic made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting, seconded by Commissioner Zuck. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Approved May 11, 2026

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Secretary