

MINUTES  
REGULAR PARK DISTRICT BOARD MEETING  
COMMUNITY PARK DISTRICT OF LA GRANGE PARK  
October 12, 2020 - 6:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER THE REGULAR MEETING & ROLL CALL

President Ogden called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Commissioners present were Bob Corte, and Lucy Stastny.

Also present were Director Jessica Cannaday and Financial Consultant Phil Mesi.

Commissioner Stastny made a motion to allow Commissioner Ronovsky to attend the meeting via video conference (Zoom). Commissioner Corte seconded the motion. Approval by the Commissioners present was made to allow Commissioner Ronovsky to attend the meeting by video conference, as she is unable to physically attend and has provided adequate notice as provided in section 3.6 of the Board Policy Manual.

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. PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION LIMITED TAX PARK BONDS

Public Meeting Hearing Minutes are attached to these Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

5. OPEN FORUM

New La Grange Park resident, Clark Joseph Bicicchi, born Saturday, October 10, 2020, grandson of Commissioner Corte, was warmly welcomed by the Board.

6. APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 12, 2020 AGENDA

Commissioner Stastny made a motion to approve the October 12, 2020 Agenda as written. Seconded by Commissioner Corte, motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

7. APPROVAL OF THE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Corte made a motion to approve the September 14, 2020 Regular Meeting minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Stastny, motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

8. COMMUNICATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

There were none.

9. STAFF RECOGNITION

There were none.

10. STAFF REPORTS

a. Executive Report

A written report distributed to the Board prior to the meeting was introduced by Executive Director Cannaday. Director Cannaday stated that SEASPAR is looking to maintain a flat rate for contributions this year and that she is working with Matt Corso on the Memorial Park project. She stated that special events are going great. Scarecrow Project scarecrows are sold out and Ace Hardware has offered to donate 15 more, if needed. Voting on Community and Social Media Favorites was discussed. The Photo Scavenger Hunt was also discussed. The upcoming Spooky Shuffle 5k, with 50 enrollees to date, was discussed. Discussion of mileage marker placement at the park, the different races, mask requirements, participant counts and the Park District's partnership with Strive for Fitness on this event took place.

i. Human Resources, Executive Assistant

A written report by HR Executive Assistant Nancy Daum was presented by Executive Director Cannaday. There were no questions or discussion.

b. Recreation Report

i. Recreation Manager

The written Recreation Report by the Recreation Manager was introduced by Executive Director Cannaday. She stated that this included a Summer activities financials summary and that cost control was a focus and achieved. She also shared that Summer Camp went well and that Ashley did a great job with classes. She stated that Ashley is working on Fall and Winter offerings and working through the challenge of being limited to indoor classes. Discussion of co-oping with Brookfield took place. Executive Director Cannaday stated that new adult classes are coming and that the multi-purpose room floor has been marked to ensure COVID social distancing. Commissioner Ronovsky complimented results Ashley achieved given that so many classes were not co-oped and expenses were still well controlled. President Ogden agreed.

ii. Recreation, Facilities, and Safety Manager

A written report by Recreation, Facilities and Safety Manager Matt Crilly was included in the Report and introduced by Executive Director Cannaday. She stated that Mr. Crilly has achieved his CPR Instructor Training Certification. She also stated that he has been doing inspections, including the soccer goals used by AYSO. Questions were asked and answered.

iii. Community Engagement & Marketing Coordinator

Amanda Kennedy's written report was presented by Executive Director Cannaday. She stated that Ms. Kennedy has been working hard on communications, marketing, program development and finance and has been doing great work.

c. Parks Report

A written report by Building and Grounds Supervisor Ray Drexler was included in the Report and presented by Executive Director Jessica Cannaday. Director Cannaday highlighted tree removal needs and quotes received. Questions were asked and answered, including President Ogden's questions on location and accounting of all Park District keys, and Commissioner Corte's question on closing of public bathrooms for the season. Questions were answered.

d. Financial Consultant

Financial statements for month ending September 30, 2020 were presented by Mr. Mesi. He highlighted that total taxes received in September were \$731.49. Taxes received to date in October are close to \$25,000. Executive Director Cannaday pointed out that this puts the Park District at close to 45% of budget. Mr. Mesi stated that \$880,391 is currently in the Municipal Fund. Questions were asked and answered.

11. APPROVAL OF MONTHLY DISBURSEMENTS

A Purchase Journal included in the packet prior to the meeting was introduced by Financial Consultant Phil Mesi. Commissioner Stastny made a motion to approve the monthly disbursements totaling \$63,174.76. This was seconded by Commissioner Ronovsky. The motion was passed unanimously by roll call vote.

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. R003-20 Coronavirus Relief Fund Intergovernmental Agreement.

The related Resolution requesting \$5,000 from the R003-20 Coronavirus Relief Fund will be signed by President Ogden the evening of October 12, 2020 and will be submitted by Executive Director Cannaday on October 13, 2020.

13. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Consider Approval of Estimated Tax Levy Ordinance  
Executive Director Cannaday presented this Ordinance for discussion.  
Discussion took place and questions were answered.

14. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

In Accordance with the Open Meetings Act under Section 2(c)(5), President Ogden asked for a motion to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting to Executive Session. Commissioner Stastny made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Corte. Motion was unanimously passed by roll call vote.

15. RECONVENE OPEN MEETING & ROLL CALL

The meeting reconvened to Executive Session at 6:57 p.m. Present were President Ogden and Commissioners Corte, Stastny, and Ronovsky, and Executive Director Cannaday.

16. ACTION, IF ANY, FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no action from the Executive session.

17. NEXT REGULAR MEETING

Monday, November 9, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. in the multi-purpose room.

18. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Stastny made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:31p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Corte. Motion passed unanimously.

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Secretary

Approved November 9, 2020

MINUTES of a regular public meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Community Park District of LaGrange Park, Cook County, Illinois, held at the Recreation Center, 1501 Barnsdale Road, LaGrange Park, Illinois, in said Park District at 6:30 o'clock P.M., on the 12th day of October, 2020.

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The meeting was called to order by the President, and upon the roll being called, Tim Ogden, the President, and the following Park Commissioners were physically present at said location: Bob Corte, Lucy Stastny.

The following Park Commissioners were allowed by a majority of the members of the Board of Park Commissioners in accordance with and to the extent allowed by rules adopted by the Board of Park Commissioners to attend the meeting by video or audio conference: Peggy Ronovsky.

No Park Commissioner was not permitted to attend the meeting by video or audio conference.

The following Park Commissioners were absent and did not participate in the meeting in any manner or to any extent whatsoever: Karen Boyd.

At 6:34 o'clock P.M., the President announced that the next agenda item for the Board of Park Commissioners was a public hearing (the "*Hearing*") to receive public comments on the proposal to sell \$335,000 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds (the "*Bonds*") for the payment of land condemned or purchased for parks, for the building, maintaining, improving and protecting of the same and the existing land and facilities of the District and for the payment of the expenses incident thereto, and explained that all persons desiring to be heard would have an opportunity to present written or oral testimony with respect thereto.

The President opened the discussion and explained that the reasons for the proposed issuance of the Bonds were as follows: To pay for improvements to the multi-use courts in Memorial Park. These improvements include the addition of three pickleball courts, additional fencing, the installation of a new, state-of-the-art fitness court, landscaping, tennis court

renovations, and a smaller multi-use area that includes tether ball, gaga ball, a mini race track, and other active features for youth participants. There is a plan available to view.

Whereupon the President asked for additional comments from the Park Commissioners. Additional comments were made by the following: None.

Written testimony concerning the proposed issuance of the Bonds was read into the record by the Secretary and is attached hereto as *Exhibit I*. None.

Whereupon the President asked for oral testimony or any **public** comments concerning the proposed issuance of the Bonds. Statements were made by the following: None.

The President then announced that all persons desiring to be heard had been given an opportunity to present oral and written testimony with respect to the proposed issuance of the Bonds.

Park Commissioner Statsny moved and Park Commissioner Corte seconded the motion that the Hearing be finally adjourned.

After a full discussion thereof, the President directed that the roll be called for a vote upon the motion.

Upon the roll being called, the following Park Commissioners voted AYE: Bob Corte, Peggy Ronovsky, Lucy Stastny.

The following Park Commissioners voted NAY: None

Whereupon the President declared the motion carried and the Hearing was finally adjourned.

Other business not pertinent to the conduct of the Hearing was duly transacted at said meeting.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, the meeting was adjourned.

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Secretary, Board of Park Commissioners

STATE OF ILLINOIS     )  
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COUNTY OF COOK     )

### CERTIFICATION OF MINUTES

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I am the duly qualified and acting Secretary of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Community Park District of LaGrange Park, Cook County, Illinois (the "*Board*"), and as such official I am the keeper of the records and files of the Board.

I do further certify that the foregoing constitute a full, true and complete transcript of the minutes of the meeting of the Board held on the 12th day of October, 2020, insofar as the same relates to a public hearing concerning the intent of the Board to sell \$335,000 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds.

I do further certify that the deliberations of the Board at said meeting were conducted openly, that all votes taken at said meeting were taken openly, that said meeting was held at a specified time and place convenient to the public, that notice of said meeting was duly given to all of the news media requesting such notice, that an agenda for said meeting was posted at the location where said meeting was held and at the principal office of the Board at least 72 hours in advance of the holding of said meeting, that at least one copy of said agenda was continuously available for public review during the entire 72-hour period preceding said meeting, that a true, correct and complete copy of said agenda as so posted is attached hereto as *Exhibit A*, that said meeting was called and held in strict compliance with the provisions of the Open Meetings Act of the State of Illinois, as amended, the Park District Code of the State of Illinois, as amended, and the Bond Issue Notification Act of the State of Illinois, as amended, and that the Board has complied with all of the provisions of said Acts and said Code and with all of the procedural rules of the Board in the conduct of said meeting.

I do further certify that notice of said public hearing was posted at least 72 hours before said public hearing at the principal office of the Board, that at least one copy of said notice was continuously available for public review during the entire 72-hour period preceding said public hearing and that attached hereto as *Exhibit B* is a true, correct and complete copy of said notice as so posted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto affix my official signature and the seal of said Park District, this 12th day of October, 2020.

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Secretary, Board of Park Commissioners

[SEAL]

## **EXHIBIT B**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING THE INTENT OF  
THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS OF  
THE COMMUNITY PARK DISTRICT OF LAGRANGE PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
TO SELL \$335,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION LIMITED TAX PARK BONDS**

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Community Park District of LaGrange Park, Cook County, Illinois (the "*District*"), will hold a public hearing on the 12th day of October, 2020, at 6:30 o'clock P.M. The hearing will be held at the Recreation Center, 1501 Barnsdale Road, LaGrange Park, Illinois. The purpose of the hearing will be to receive public comments on the proposal to sell bonds of the District in the amount of \$335,000 for the payment of land condemned or purchased for parks, for the building, maintaining, improving and protecting of the same and the existing land and facilities of the District and for the payment of the expenses incident thereto.

By order of the President of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Community Park District of LaGrange Park, Cook County, Illinois.

DATED the 23rd day of September, 2020.

Bob Corte  
Secretary, Board of Park Commissioners,  
Community Park District of LaGrange Park,  
Cook County, Illinois