

Minutes  
Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners  
Community Park District of La Grange Park  
February 12, 2018

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Karen Boyd called the meeting to order in room 101 of the Recreation Center, 1501 Barnsdale Road, La Grange Park, IL at 6:29 p.m. Other Commissioners present were Bob Corte, Jeff Kilrea, Tim Ogden, and Lucy Stastny. Also present were Executive Director Aleks Briedis, Superintendent of Recreation Dean Carrara, Office Manager Peggy Ronovsky, and Financial Coordinator Phil Mesi.

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. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

There were no additions or deletions.

5. APPROVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Stastny made a motion to approve the January 15, 2017 regular meeting minutes as submitted. Seconded by Commissioner Corte. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

6. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

LaGrange Park residents Jim Healy, Jim Pilat, and Dominic Eorio were in attendance in their capacity as La Grange Park Little League board members. They discussed the Little League's field projects and sought Board approval to proceed with projects. Little League would like to replace/repair the pitcher mounds at both the North and South Fields at Hanesworth Park. In addition, Little League wishes to improve the North field by removing the ridges in the grass area in the field, and would like to extend the base line to 70 feet in order to allow the older leagues to play on that field. The League would like to improve the South Field by possibly replacing the entire sodded area and and by reshaping the infield. The League also wishes to improve the South Field, by adding a new soil mixture to the existing clay mixture in the infield. Both Executive Director Briedis and Maintenance Supervisor Healy support the proposals.

Commissioner Kilrea made a motion to approve La Grange Park Little League's plan to improve Hanesworth Park North and South fields. Seconded by Commissioner Ogden. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

7. STAFF REPORTS

A. Executive Director

A written report was included in the packet by Executive Director Aleks Briedis. He informed the Board that the building was closed and all classes were cancelled last Friday due to the snow storm. An update of sponsorships for Music Under the Stars was given. All the sponsors that have committed has covered the cost for all of the bands that will be playing this summer. Any additional sponsorships will

go towards the production of the booklet that is handed out at each concert and the dedication of the Memorial Park Improvements. The dedication ceremony for the Memorial Park Improvements will be held on June 20<sup>th</sup>. President Boyd said that she appreciated the Lauterbach & Amen report that was included in the packet.

- B. Building & Grounds  
A written report was included in the packet by Maintenance Supervisor Martin Healy and was presented by Executive Director Briedis. There were no additions to his report.
  - C. Superintendent of Recreation  
A written report was included in the packet and was presented by Superintendent of Recreation Dean Carrara. He is working on the Summer brochure with the front office and plans to send it to the printer the week of February 19<sup>th</sup>.
  - D. Recreation Supervisor  
A written report was included in the packet by Recreation Supervisor Ashley Simoncelli was presented by Executive Director Briedis. There were no additions to her report.
  - E. Recreation Supervisor  
A written report was included in the packet by Recreation Supervisor Dave Romito and was presented by Executive Director Briedis. There were no additions to his report.
  - F. Office Manager  
A written report was included in the packet and presented by Office Manager Peggy Ronovsky. There were no additions to her report.
  - G. Safety Coordinator  
A written report was included in the packet by Safety Coordinator Megan Jadron and was presented by Executive Director Briedis. There were no additions to her report.
  - H. Financial Consultant  
Financial statements were included in the packet for the month ending January 31, 2018 by Financial Consultant Phil Mesi. Questions were asked and answered.
8. APPROVE MONTHLY DISBURSEMENTS  
A motion was made by Commissioner Stastny to approve the monthly disbursements in the amount of \$134,260.18. Seconded by Commissioner Corte.  
Motion passed 5-0 by a roll call vote.
9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS  
There was no Unfinished Business
10. NEW BUSINESS
- A. Review of 2017-18 Budget vs. Actual  
Executive Director Briedis provided a memo of highlights in this month's packet to the Board. A discussion was held.

B. Consider Approval of 2018-19 Budget Timeline

A discussion was held. No special meeting is required because of the way the meetings fall for March and April. A public hearing will be held at the May 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.

11. OPEN FORUM

A. Comments from the Floor

There were no comments.

B. Comments from Commissioners

A discussion was held regarding the Tennis Courts at Memorial Park. If the District receives a grant, the Board would like to see the courts reconfigured to accommodate small children and pickleball.

C. Comments from the President

President Boyd thanked Vice President Kilrea for running the January's meeting. She informed everyone that she attended the conference in January and gathered a lot of information from all the sessions she attended. President Boyd reported that she attended a session on park district use of a Friends of the Park committee. This type of committee is useful for raising money for a park district outside of normal funding methods and is also used to build support for the park district amongst community residents. President Boyd emphasized that there is no current plan to even consider going to referendum to raise the Park District's levy but instead any such group would be formed to help collect donations for future park improvements.

12. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act under Section 2 (c)(21) to discuss minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this Act, whether for the purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06.

Commissioner Corte made the motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:06 p.m. and go into Executive Session. Seconded by Commissioner Ogden. Motion passed 5-0 by a roll call vote

13. RECONVENE OPEN MEETING & ROLL CALL

President Karen Boyd reconvened the open meeting at 7:10 p.m. Other Commissioners present were Bob Corte, Jeff Kilrea, Tim Ogden, and Lucy Stastny. Also present was Executive Director Aleks Briedis.

14. ACTION, IF ANY, FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Commissioner Corte to release the executive session minutes of July 10, 2017. Seconded by Commissioner Stastny. Motion passed 5-0 by roll call.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Ogden made the motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:11 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Kilrea. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.