

**GRAYSLAKE COMMUNITY PARK DISTRICT
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

January 11, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7:03pm by Vice President Swearingen. Upon roll call the following were:

PRESENT: Commissioners Cinke, Ryan, Swearingen, Toth, Weinert. (Absent: Fabbri, Whalen). Staff: Nehila, Splitt. Board Recording Secretary Shari Raven.

MOTION: by Ryan that the Park Board of Commissioners approve the January 11, 2012 Committee of the Whole Meeting Agenda as presented. Second by Toth. Upon roll call all Park Board Members voted "aye" No nays. Motion passed.

Board Members discussed the recent request from Grayslake Galaxy to install a sign at the entrance of Alleghany Park as the "Home of the Galaxy".

Board Members concerns are:

Once you allow one affiliate group a sign, other affiliate groups will want signs for their organization.

Could create signage clutter/pollutants in the parks.

Could create a division among other affiliate groups.

Brands the parks.

The Board directed Nehila to speak with Galaxy that their request has been deferred at this time. The district will be working on a formal signage policy. Board Members and staff will submit signage ideas for the policy. This will be an agenda item at the March 7, 2012 Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Nehila stated that beginning in 2012, the state, now requires locally elected or appointed Board Members to complete electronic training on the Open Meetings Act. Consensus among Board Members is to commit to completing this online training by June, 2012.

Nehila stated that the Village is looking at conceptual designs and costs for running a bike path along Alleghany Rd. from Village Station Rd. to the park entrance as well as bringing the trail into the park further to the east from Village Station subdivision. Nehila will keep Board Members updated as more information becomes available.

The district will be moving its local checking account services (payables, payroll) to State Bank of the Lakes. The move will save the district money in checking and banking fees and add many services not currently offered. Staff will be setting up new signature cards for all commissioners in order to sign checks.

Nehila mentioned the district hopes to hear about our request for a grant for the Cullen Park OSLAD development project soon.

The district has received the \$400K reimbursement for the Alleghany Park Phase II project. The district also has a total of \$560K worth of additional donated residual land value to put towards another grant application for the upcoming OSLAD grant cycle in which applications will be due this summer. The district could receive up to \$400K of that donated value towards a development project with no out-of-pocket costs. One potential candidate would be improvements at Jones Island Park including seawall repair and replacement, a new shelter, trails, pumping systems, etc. This will be an agenda item at the February 1, 2012 Committee of the Whole Meeting.

The January 18, 2012 Park Board Meeting will be at 7:00pm. The February 1, 2012 Committee of the Whole Meeting will be at 7:00pm. The February 15, 2012 Park Board Meeting will be at 7:00pm.

MOTION: by Toth to adjourn at 7:50pm. Second by Weinert. Upon roll call all Park Board Members voted "aye" No nays. Motion passed.

Adjourned 7:50pm.

Gayle Cinke, Secretary
Board of Commissioners