

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

October 3, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Vice President Kennedy. Upon roll call the following were:

PRESENT: Commissioners Kennedy, Lashbrook, Powell, Rodas, Toth. (Absent: Larson, Ryan). Staff: Splitt, Regnier, VanZant. Guest: Thad Smith. Board Recording Secretary Shari Raven.

MOTION: by Lashbrook that the Park Board of Commissioners approve the October 3, 2018 Committee of the Whole Meeting Agenda as presented. Second by Rodas. Upon roll call all Park Board Members voted "aye" No nays. Motion passed.

Public Comment: Thad Smith, Representative for Ken Idstein, running for State Representative, was present to discuss Idstein's platform. Ken is 62, lifelong resident of Grayslake. He has contributed his time to the Colts, GYBA, Pads, and has been a mortgage broker for 32 years in Grayslake. He would like to:

1. Change the fiscal situation in Illinois
2. He is for property tax relief
3. He is a champion for the park district, and understands they do a lot with minimal resources.
4. He would like to roll back income tax increases

The board thanked Mr. Smith for his time in attending the meeting.

Splitt provided the 2017-2018 Audit draft from Eder, Casella and Co. Board Members will be able to review the audit and ask any questions up until the October 24th board meeting, where the board will officially adopt the audit. Splitt commended VanZant for all of her hard work with the audit this year.

VanZant stated that in addition to filing of the Audit and Comptroller's Report on an annual basis, the District is required to prepare a Treasurer's Report. In 2012 legislation was passed that this full report no longer has to be published in the newspaper but only a notice that it is available along with the audit for inspection. The Treasurer's Report is prepared to further the transparency of government entities and must include the following:

1. All moneys received and from what sources
2. All moneys paid out where the total amount paid during the fiscal year exceeds \$2,500 in the aggregate; giving the name of each individual to whom paid and the amount paid to each person.
3. All monies paid out as compensation for personal services, etc.

The statement shall be subscribed and sworn to by the public officer making such statement, and within 6 months after the expiration of such fiscal year shall be filled in the office of the county clerk of the county in which such public officer resides.

Splitt stated that the district recently conducted a survey for the playground replacement at Sunrise Park. She included the results as well as the comments received for board members to review. The playground equipment will be purchased through Gametime utilizing a 100% matching funds grant. Gametime is part of the US Communities program which allows us to purchase the equipment without having to go to sealed bid. The installation of the equipment will be bid out and installed this upcoming spring.

The residents were given 2 playground options. Both playground designs are similar in cost and will include 3 bays of swings. In order to receive the grant, the equipment must be purchased by October 31st. Payment approval will be brought back to the October 24 board meeting.

Splitt updated board members on the Alleghany Park Phase 3 project. Splitt, Vocke and Dalziel met with Beelow on October 2nd. Beelow agreed to do another weed control and whole fertilization. He also will come back in the spring and do an over seeding and fill in the existing low spots. At issue, is the district and Beelow agreeing on how "substantially complete" the fields are and also negotiation of the penalty fees. Staff will get figures together to agree on the dollar amount needed for the district to take ownership of the land.

Splitt stated the district was notified last week that our district attorney, Anthony Ficarelli will be leaving the law firm of Clausen Miller effective October 1, 2018 to pursue a position with McHenry County States Attorney's office. Tony has transferred our files to his associates who will be taking over his clients. Her recommendation moving forward would be to have the district remain with Clausen Miller until we finalize the land transfer with Alleghany Park as well as complete the current cycle of commercial tax assessment reductions that are currently in the appeal/intervention process. In late January/February, conduct a formal RFP process to evaluate legal representation options that the board can consider and appoint at our annual meeting in May or earlier if necessary.

The SRACLC's annual holiday tree festival will be held on Saturday, November 10th from 6:00-10:00pm at White Deer Run Golf Club. Board Members should let Splitt know by October 15th if they will be attending.

Splitt had a meeting on October 3, 2018 with the Executive Director from Round Lake Area Park District and Avon Township Supervisor. The meeting was held to discuss the current contract with Avon Township Baseball as they are completing year 1 of the 2-year contract. The 3 entities would like to take over the property at the end of the 2019 baseball season and possibly turn that Park Space into a Community Park

with an accessible playground called a Universal Playground which would be a win for the community. Splitt will update Board Members going forward, as this idea is only in the beginning stages and much more discussion will need to occur.

Kennedy mentioned the October 24, 2018 Park Board Meeting will be at 7:00pm. The November 7, 2018 Committee of the Whole will be at 7:00pm.

MOTION: by Powell to adjourn at 8:07pm. Second by Rodas. Upon roll call all Park Board Members voted “aye” No nays. Motion passed.

Adjourned 8:07pm.

Ray Larson, Secretary
Board of Commissioners