

**GRAYSLAKE COMMUNITY PARK DISTRICT  
PARK BOARD MEETING**

September 19, 2018

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

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

**MOTION:** by Powell that the Park Board of Commissioners approve the September 19, 2018 Park Board Meeting Agenda as presented. Second by Rodas. Upon roll call all Park Board Members voted "aye". No nays. Motion passed.

**MOTION:** by Larson that the Park Board of Commissioners approve the Consent Agenda to include the Payment of Bills and Payroll from 8/15/18-9/19/18 in the amount of \$388,940.14 and the Approval of the August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Park Board Meeting. Second by Lashbrook. Upon roll call all Park Board Members voted "aye" No nays. Motion passed.

**MOTION:** by Toth to grant a 5' wide easement to be used by Commonwealth Edison Company for serving the Central Park property with electric services as outlined in the attached grant of easement documents. Second by Rodas. Upon roll call all Park Board Members voted "aye" No nays.

The board reviewed the report of the Executive Director.

Splitt stated the Grayslake Historical Society/Heritage Center will be celebrating the Park Districts 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with an exhibit on the history of the Park District. The exhibit will be located in the upstairs exhibit room and will run from January through November. This is a wonderful opportunity to showcase the district's history over the past 60 years and show the community what an important part we have played in the community. Splitt asked board members if they have any old park district artifacts, pictures, etc. for the exhibit. She will be meeting on a regular basis with the committee from the heritage center to research and create the exhibit. May 9, 2019 is the district's official birthday. Staff is discussing throwing a community birthday party on that date to celebrate our 60 years.

Recently Splitt applied for a playground grant through Game Time for the purchase of play equipment for Sunrise Park. If the district is chosen for the grant, they would be receiving a 100% matching funds grant on the purchase of the play equipment. The equipment would be purchased in the fall and shipped in December and installed in the spring. Staff is currently running a mini-survey of two designs with

the public to see which one they are most interested in. The results of the survey and the plans will be discussed at the October 3, 2018 Committee of the Whole Meeting.

The family of John Plotner has purchased a memorial bench and tree to be placed at the golf course. The bench will be placed on the first tee and the tree will be planted along the first hole. John worked at our golf course for many years leaving to fight his battle with cancer. John passed away in May of this year. The bench and the tree dedication will be taking place on Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup> at noon at the golf course.

The district will have 3 members up for re-election in the spring. Commissioners Lashbrook, Toth and Ryan. Candidate packets can be picked up as of September 18<sup>th</sup> and the filing period will take place December 10-17.

Splitt, Dan Dalziel and Dan Beelow met late last month to discuss the quotes for the weed control/fertilization/grass cutting on phase 3 as well as the contract and transfer of ownership. The meeting went as expected debating over what is "Substantial Completion" as per the contract and arguing over the \$3,000/month penalty fee as stated in the contract. Beelow feels that he was "Substantially Complete" last fall once he was done fillings and seeding the area. Dalziel and Splitt argued that "Substantial Completion" (as stated in the contract.) was actual turf grass that was free from weeds and diseases and covered a certain percentage of the area. In the end, Beelow did not feel our quotes for the weed control and fertilization were fair so he stated that he would be doing the work himself. Splitt has another meeting scheduled for this week to walk the property again to check on the status of the turf/weeds. Splitt again reminded Beelow that every month that goes by is another \$3,000 in penalty. Splitt will keep Board Members informed going forward.

The SRACLC will again be holding their annual tree fest fundraiser at White Deer Run on Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup>. The Park District will be reserving a table for this event. Board Members should let Splitt know if they will be attending.

The board reviewed the report of the Superintendent of Recreation.

Regnier stated the 11<sup>th</sup> annual Pumpkin Fest will take place on Thursday, October 18 from 5:30-7:30 in Central Park. This event will feature live entertainment, trick or treat path, childrens games and activities, hay rides, story-telling and inflatable rides. Rain date will be Thursday, October 25.

Youth Soccer classes are in full swing at Alleghany every Saturday morning for the fall season. Tryouts for Grayslake Central and North Feeder Basketball will begin September 28 & 30.

GO Lake County Celebration on Saturday September 29, 2018 at 9am at Independence Grove, The Health Department is trying to get representatives from each of the 18 GO communities to participate in this county-wide celebration!

Staff will be highlighting the special features of the districts many parks through #ExploreYourParks Campaign on Facebook and Instagram.

At the golf Course, August had: 5 passes sold, 1684 rounds of golf played and monthly revenue of \$10,367. Allied Central Security completed the security and updated fire protection system. Golf Now Software has been updated and staff completed the updated training.

Board Members reviewed the FY 2018-2019 report for recreation programming. The recap reports draws attention to areas of interest that may need to increase class offerings or adjust the types of program variety.

The board reviewed the report of the Superintendent of Parks.

Projects Completed: Cambridge Playground Renovation, Sunrise Basketball court, Painting and staining exterior of Golf Course clubhouse, Asphalt patching and concrete pad 240 parking lot, 4 skylights replaced at 240, Heat rope installed in the Rec Building. Upcoming in spring of 2019 Sunrise Playground Renovation.

The board reviewed the report of the Finance Manager.

VanZant stated that after 25% of the fiscal year has passed 58% of the property tax has been collected and distributed. Recreation has collected 50% of budgeted revenues.

Kennedy announced the October 3, 2018 Committee of the Whole Meeting will be at 7:00pm. The October 17, 2018 Park Board Meeting will be at 7:00pm.

**MOTION:** by Larson to adjourn at 7:40pm. Second by Toth. Upon roll call all Park Board Members voted 'aye" No nays. Motion passed.

Adjourned 7:40pm.

Ray Larson, Secretary  
Board of Commissioners