

**GRAYSLAKE COMMUNITY PARK DISTRICT
PARK BOARD MEETING**

August 21, 2019

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

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

MOTION: by Rodas that the Park Board of Commissioners approve the August 21, 2019 Park Board Meeting Agenda as presented. Second by Larson. 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 07-18-19 thru 08-21-19 in the amount of \$523,737.07, Approval of the July 17, 2019 Park Board Meeting Minutes and the approval of the NRPA conference travel and training expenses. Second by Rodas. Upon roll call all Park Board Members voted "aye" No nays. Motion passed.

Splitt discussed the Com-Ed Easement Wetland 201/College Trail Subdivision. Board Members reviewed two drafts for an Easement agreement between the Park District and Com-Ed for 2 parcels of land located next to Wetland 201 in the College Trail subdivision. Com-Ed would like to perform maintenance work on a pole line in the Grayslake area south of W. Washington St. A portion of this line is situated on the Park District property. Com-Ed's intent is to install a support anchor on the northern parcel and then to relocate several of their poles on the southernmost property, out of the wetland. Once the agreements are finalized, they will be brought back for approval at the September 18, 2019 Park Board Meeting.

The board reviewed the report of the Executive Director.

Splitt stated the Alleghany Park Phase 3 Development Grant has been completed and was sent to the DNR last week. Splitt will let the board know when information becomes available.

Splitt mentioned the former Oasis location at 151 Hawley St. has closed its doors and will be vacating at the end of December. She has been speaking with Mike Ellis regarding the future planned use of this facility and if they would consider leasing it to another organization. SRACLC is extremely interested in this facility for their programs especially their adult day program. There is a huge need to offer more programs during the day for special needs children and adults in Grayslake. At this time, the Village is accepting letters of interest for the use of the building. SRACLC is putting together a

packet of information for the Village explaining their programs and services along with support letters from Grayslake families that utilize their programs. Residents can contact any Village Trustees or the Mayor to help support SRACLC's mission in acquiring the use of the facility.

The annual SRACLC Golf Outing will be held on Thursday, September 12th at Steeple Chase Golf Club. Shotgun start will be at 12:30pm. Board Members should let Splitt know if they can attend.

The board reviewed the report of the Superintendent of Recreation.

Regnier stated Summer Camps have wrapped up and we had a total of 2,069 children that participated with us from June to the first week of August.

In an effort to cut costs and reduce redundancy, we are combing winter and spring programs into one Winter/Spring Program Guide that will come out in early December. We will release a digital Summer Camp Guide in early February and will have a limited number of copies available at the Rec Center.

The 2019-2020 preschool school year will begin the week of September 3. Each class will be hosting a meet and greet as well as a parent open house the week of August 26, 2019.

Parker, our Park and Rec Month Mascot, helped highlight all the fun and games you can find in our parks. At the end of the month, people were invited to share the name of their favorite park and enter a raffle to win Parker. Parker ended up going to a family of five and is enjoying his life.

We are in the final stages of refining the new website for launch. Around 65% of our website users access the website from a mobile device and the new site will be fully responsive, so it will be easy to navigate on a phone, tablet or desktop computer.

The district partnered with the Grayslake Library for a GO Grayslake Story walk on August 15, with librarians reading stories and leading activities as people walked around Central Park. GO Lake County Celebration at Independence Grove on Saturday, September 28 as GO communities come together to celebrate a successful walking season.

July was a productive month for the golf course; 4 passes sold with 1,925 rounds of golf played. The golf course is now taking tournament registration online with the new website.

The board reviewed the report of the Superintendent of Parks.

Union and Brittany Park Basketball Court Renovation, Union Square was a complete replacement of asphalt and Brittany was an overlay.

Last week Lester's Material repaired the remaining section of the seawall at Jones Island from the west side of the beach to the end of the channel.

On Thursday August 15th the maintenance staff had three more asphalt patches completed on the parking lot at the Rec Center.

The board reviewed the Report of the Business Manager.

VanZant stated that our property tax collections to date are 49% of the budget and distributed across funds.

Although our Recreation expenses are high this month due to camp trips and salaries, we are only slightly over budget for programming expenses for this time of our fiscal year.

Kennedy announced the September 18, 2019 Park Board Meeting will be at 7:00pm.

MOTION: by Larson to adjourn at 7:34pm. Second by Lashbrook. Upon roll call all Park Board Members voted "aye" No nays. Motion passed.

Adjourned 7:35pm.

Ray Larson, Secretary
Board of Commissioners