

**GRAYSLAKE COMMUNITY PARK DISTRICT
PARK BOARD MEETING**

September 18, 2019

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

PRESENT: Commissioners Kennedy, Powell, Rodas, Ryan, (Larson arrived 7:20pm). Absent: Lashbrook, Toth. Staff: Splitt, Regnier, VanZant. Guests: Charlotte, Renehan and Karen Thoms. Board Recording Secretary Shari Raven.

MOTION: by Powell that the Park Board of Commissioners approve the September 18, 2019 Park Board Meeting Agenda as presented. Second by Kennedy. Upon roll call all Park Board Members voted “aye” No nays. Motion passed.

MOTION: by Rodas that the Park Board of Commissioners approve the Consent Agenda to include the Payment of Bills and Payroll from 8/22/19 thru 9/18/19 in the amount of \$277,052.58 and approval of the August 21, 2019 Park Board Meeting Minutes. Second by Kennedy. Upon roll call all Park Board Members voted “aye” No nays. Motion passed.

President Ryan presented the 2019 Friends of the Park Award to Charlotte Renehan. She is a lifelong resident of Grayslake, the President of the Grayslake Historical Society, and has always been a strong supporter of the Park District. Charlotte was instrumental in the Park Districts current exhibit at the Heritage Museum “Where the Fun Grows: 60 Years of the Grayslake Community Park District.” Charlotte has worked with our staff to organize and provide special events, trips and programs to the Park District for many years; she even was an employee of the Park District during her teenage years working at summer camps and running arts and crafts programs. The board and staff thanked Charlotte for her continued support and commitment to the community and to the Grayslake Park District.

The annual Treasurer’s Report from fiscal year 2018-2019 has been completed and submitted. We do need to post notice that it is available along with the Audit for inspection at the Park District office. In addition, a copy of the report will be filed in the Lake County clerk’s office. The Treasure’s Report is prepared to further the transparency of our organization.

MOTION: by Powell that the Park Board of Commissioners approve the Treasurer’s Report for Fiscal Year ending May 31, 2019 as presented. Second by Rodas. Upon roll call all Park Board Members voted “aye” No nays. Motion passed.

The board reviewed the report of the Executive Director.

Splitt stated the Com Ed Easement Agreement/Wetland 201 and College Trail that was presented at the August meeting is still going through the legal department at ComEd. This will be an agenda item for the October 16 Park Board Meeting.

Splitt and Regnier met with grant administrator Drew Jenkins, from the Department of Natural Resources to tour the Alleghany Park Phase 3 proposed project site and review the grant application. Drew mentioned that this grant cycle is going to be extremely competitive as there were 140 applications asking for over \$50 million. The district will be notified in October if we make it through the next round of cuts, which then the district would need to make a 3 minute presentation in front of the DNR board down in Springfield in early November.

Splitt has been in contact with Game Time regarding their 2019 Playground Grants. The rep will be sending some additional information and application. She will have more information at the October 2, 2019 Committee of the Whole Meeting.

SRACLC will be holding their annual holiday tree fest fundraiser on Saturday, November 9. New location: Double Tree in Mundelein. Board Members should let Splitt know if they can attend.

President Ryan asked Attorney Andrew Paine to provide a summary of the recent amendment to the Park District Code that addressed the term stagger for seven member boards. Our district is in compliance with the Park Code as the four-year terms of our district's seven commissioners are property staged to comply with the requirements.

Certain staff members will be attending the National Recreation and Park Association Conference in Baltimore, Maryland on September 23-26, 2019.

The Park District's exhibit at the Heritage Museum "Where the Fun Grows: 60 Years of the Grayslake Community Park District" will be coming to a close in mid-November.

The board reviewed the report of the Superintendent of Recreation.

The 12 Annual Pumpkin Fest will take place on Thursday, October 17 from 5:30-7:30pm in Central Park. This event will feature live entertainment, character path, children's games and activities, hay rides, story-telling and inflatable rides. Rain date will be Thursday, October 24.

Youth soccer classes are in full swing at Alleghany every Saturday morning for the fall season. Tryouts for in-house Basketball and Feeder Basketball will be in mid-October.

On Thursday, September 19 our preschool will be hosting a family social, Popsicles in the Park at Alleghany Park.

The New GLPD Website is Live and up and running. It's responsive, so you can easily access information from phone, tablet, or computer.

The first combined Winter/Spring Program Guide is in progress. Combining the guides into one will save time and money on printing/postage.

Staff is working on a more polished 2020 Sponsorship Packet that presents sponsorship information in a more visual way. Sponsorships will be offered first to our "top tier" sponsors (those who give over \$1,000) and then the packet will be distributed to past sponsors and area businesses.

The Golf Course Website Analytics have allowed us to track just golf users in August having 753 users with over 1,127 page views of the course tournaments.

The board reviewed the report of the Superintendent of Parks.

The Jones Island Pre-School lower level flooded last week back to back nights due to heavy rain, the crew did a great job cleaning up both days. With the increase in rainfall year after year, Vocke contacted the plumber he uses regularly and asked if there's any solution and he said that he could put a check valve in the sanitary line to prevent water running back into the building thus eliminating any flooding occurring, in the future. After running a camera thru the line to locate it, he recommends replacing the entire line from the building to the street due to the pipe holding water and tree roots. Vocke is waiting on quotes for this entire job, and will report his findings at the October 2, Committee of the Whole Meeting.

The board reviewed the report of the Business Manager.

VanZant stated that the Property tax receipts are at 50% for the year. Interest income from CD's will be posted in the month they are received.

The district has received the draft of the audit report from the auditors. There are no findings or Management letter. This will be an agenda item at the October 3, 2019 Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Ryan announced the October 2, 2019 Committee of the Whole Meeting will be at 7:00pm. The October 16, 2019 Park Board Meeting will be at 7:00pm.

MOTION: by Larson to adjourn at 7:31pm. Second by Kennedy. Upon roll call all Park Board Members voted "aye" No nays. Motion passed.

Adjourned 7:31pm.

Ray Larson, Secretary
Board of Commissioners