

**GRAYSLAKE COMMUNITY PARK DISTRICT
PARK BOARD MEETING**

June 17, 2020

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

PRESENT: Commissioners Kennedy virtually, Larson, Lashbrook, Rodas virtually, Ryan, Toth. Staff: Splitt, Regnier, VanZant. Guest: Mark Malloy. Board Recording Secretary Shari Raven.

Ryan mentioned that Due to the COVID-19 Disaster Declaration it has been determined that an in-person meeting with the entire Board is not practical. Therefore our meeting will be conducted both in-person and virtually.

MOTION: by Lashbrook that the Park Board of Commissioners approve the June 17, 2020 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 5/21/20 thru 6/17/20 in the amount of \$372,484.25 and approval of the May 20, 2020 Park Board Meeting Minutes and the May 20, 2020 Annual Meeting Minutes. Second by Toth. Upon roll call all Park Board Members voted “aye” No nays Motion passed.

GYBA Board Member Mark Malloy made a special request to Board Members regarding Chairman Jeff Woods retirement recognition, asking to rename the baseball field at Aquatic to “Woods Field”. Board Members need time to discuss this matter further, President Ryan asked for it to be on the July agenda.

MOTION: by Toth that the Park Board of Commissioners approve the final pay request from Chicagoland Paving for a total of \$77,741.50 for the Jones Island Parking Lot Project. Second by Rodas. Upon roll call all Park Board Members voted “aye” No nays. Motion passed.

Each year the district nominates a community member, community group, volunteer or employee who has provided outstanding service volunteer work for the district for the annual prestigious friends of the park award. The staff has discussed it and would like to nominate the following two community members for this year’s award.

Timothy Powell: Tim, a lifelong resident of Grayslake and Park Board Member who served on numerous boards and committees throughout Grayslake. With Tim’s passing earlier this year, planting a tree in one the Hainesville Parks would be appropriate for this honor.

Jeff Woods: Grayslake Youth Baseball Association-long time president who is stepping down this year after serving on the board for 8 years. Jeff has been a driving force for several capital initiatives to improve and enhance the fields and playing experience for the youth in our community. Jeff has been a strong supporter and also volunteer for the park district and has been terrific to work with over these past 8 years.

MOTION: by Lashbrook that the Park Board of Commissioners award the 2020 Friends of the Park Award to Timothy Powell and Jeff Woods. Second by Toth. Upon roll call all park Board Members voted “aye” No nays. Motion passed.

The district has reviewed a letter of interest from a resident regarding the open commissioner position. Carl Deal has submitted his letter of interest and would like to be considered a candidate for the open position. Carl Served on the Park Board from 2001-2005 and has been a strong supporter and volunteer for the park district since he left office. The board will invite Deal to the July 15, 2020 Park Board Meeting to be interviewed and possibly appointed by the board.

Board Members reviewed and discussed the FY 2020/2021 draft of the budget as well as a draft of the Budget and Appropriation Ordinance.

The board reviewed the report of the Executive Director.

Auditors Lauterbach & Amen were on site on June 11th to begin preliminary fieldwork for the FY 2019-2020 audit. They will be back in early September for a week to finish onsite work.

The district received the long-awaited IDPH guidelines for pools, beaches and spray parks for Phase 3 of The Restore Illinois Plan. In those guidelines both the beach and spray park need to remain closed. In addition, the Lake County Health Department notified the district that they will not be monitoring the bacteria levels at the beach during Phase 3 while beaches are closed. We have several signs, caution tape and barricades around Jones Island indicating that the beach is closed, however everyday there are people swimming and using the beach.

Lake County has received \$1.22million in Federal funding through the CARES Act for distribution to units of local government. 12 Lake County Park Districts have joined together and presented a joint letter to Lake County Committee respectfully requesting that Park Districts be eligible to apply for reimbursement costs that qualify under the CARES Act.

The Village is applying for a Rebuild Illinois Public Infrastructure Grant to build an additional municipal water delivery structure, metering station, and elevated tank to provide service delivery capability to the southern portion of the Village. This project if funded would bring water service to Alleghany Park.

On Friday June 12, Governor Pritzker signed into law, Senate Bill 2135, which outlines changes to the Open Meetings Act prompted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The main take away that will affect the district moving forward if we continue with the zoom/virtual board meetings is that the entire meeting would need to be recorded and made available to the public. In addition, the President at the beginning of the meeting would need to make an independent judgement statement that an in-person meeting is not practical or prudent because of the disaster. One person from the public entity would need to be physically present in the location that board meetings are typically held and all votes are roll call.

The board reviewed the report of the Superintendent of Recreation

Regnier stated the 2020 Summer Camp season has been modified: Summer Fun 2020 Program of 10 participants to 2 staff. Groups are broken up by the individual rooms available at the Recreation Center. The groups will be comprised of siblings and similar aged children per the Phase 3 restrictions.

May was wonderful month for golf. The golf course staff has done an amazing job balancing the IDPH restrictions and limitations. The course sold 26 passes and 1,923 rounds of golf played with total revenue of \$22,400. June begins the season of Junior Golf league, lessons and camps which have a very strong participation numbers.

Spitt stated Yogi Bear Playground Renovation is making progress with anticipated Phase 4 opening on June 26th.

The board reviewed the report of the Business Manager.

The district will continue to receive our tax revenues throughout the summer in smaller increments.

Ryan announced the July 15, 2020 Budget and Appropriation Hearing will be at 6:45pm followed the July 15, 2020 Park Board Meeting will at 7:00pm.

MOTION: by Larson to adjourn at 7:45pm. Second by Toth. Upon roll call all Park Board Members voted "aye" No nays. Motion passed.

Adjourned 7:45pm.

Ray Larson, Secretary
Board of Commissioners