

**GRAYSLAKE COMMUNITY PARK DISTRICT
PARK BOARD MEETING**

July 15, 2020

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

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

Ryan mentioned Due to the Covid-19 disaster declaration it has been determined that an in-person meeting with the entire board and public is not practical. Therefore, our meeting tonight will be conducted both in-person and virtually in compliance with the Open Meetings Act.

MOTION: by Larson that the Park Board of Commissioners approve the July 15, 2020 Park Board Meeting Agenda. Agenda amended as follows: Move Up Board Members Appointment/Oath of Office after #4 Communication and add Executive Session for the purpose of personnel. Second by Kennedy. Upon roll call all Park Board Members voted "aye" No nays. Motion passed.

The district had received a letter of interest from a resident regarding the open Commissioner position. Carl Deal has submitted his letter of interest as a candidate.

MOTION: by Larson that the Park Board of Commissioners appoint Carl Deal to the open board position which expires in the spring of 2021. Second by Toth. Upon roll call all Park Board Members voted "aye" No nays. Motion passed.

Ryan read the Oath of Office to Deal and Board Members congratulated and welcomed Deal to the board.

MOTION: by Larson that the Park Board of Commissioners approve the Consent Agenda to include the Payment of Bills and Payroll from 6/18/20 thru 7/15/20 in the amount of \$353,000.97 and approval of the June 17, 2020 Park Board Meeting Minutes. Second by Rodas. Upon roll call all Park Board Members voted "aye" No nays. Motion passed.

MOTION: by Toth to approve the final pay request from Innovation Landscaping for a total of \$58,036.05 for the Yogi Bear Playground Project. Second by Kennedy. Upon roll call all Park Board Members voted "aye" No nays. Motion passed.

MOTION: by Rodas that the Park Board of Commissioner's adopt Ordinance

O 2020-01 The combined Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Grayslake Community Park District, Lake County, Illinois for the Fiscal year beginning the first day of June 2020 and ending on the thirty first day of May, 2021. Second by Kennedy. 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”. Consensus among Board Members is to deny this request. However, staff and the board have agreed to nominate Jeff Woods as the recipient of the prestigious Friends of the Park Award for his years of support and volunteering for the Park District. The award will be presented on Tuesday, July 28th at a home game at the Aquatic field. Once Splitt receives the time of the game, she will notify board members who are invited to attend the presentation.

The board reviewed the report of the Executive Director.

Splitt stated SRACLC’s annual golf outing will be held on Monday September 21st at Hawthorne Woods Country Club. Board Members should let Splitt know if they could attend.

Park Districts have now been added to the equation that may now qualify for a piece of the \$35million that Lake County has allocated for municipal and local essential services for COVID response costs that qualify under the CARES act. Splitt will update the board going forward.

This month the Park District has begun to offer a few more of our larger programs: T-ball, Girls In-house Softball, Little Soccer League, Karate and Dance. All of these programs are allowed to run per the phase 4 guidelines with restrictions in place. Staff has been planning for fall programs. It appears but not confirmed yet, that the school districts will be closing their schools to all outside organizations for the entire school year. This is going to be very challenging as we rely on the schools to run all of our youth and adult basketball and volleyball leagues as well as our very popular after-school sports mania program. Staff has been reaching out to area churches, private schools and private gymnasiums to begin discussion about renting gym space.

The board reviewed the report of the Superintendent of Recreation.

Regnier stated that Summer Fun has been filled since the first day it was offered as adapted version of camp. It offers curbside drop-off and pick-up from 8:30am-5:00pm M-F with a majority of planned activities being held outdoors. Parents are given a Daily Self Check which highlights COVID-19 symptoms and parents will sign off that they have completed the self-check before their child(ren) are allowed to attend.

In order to remain flexible if there are changes to the current COVID situation, we’re using an icon system in the Fall Program Guide to indicate what a class status will

be if the state changes phases in the Restore Illinois Plan. The Fall Guide goes to print mid-July arrives in Mailboxes in early August, and classes begin in September.

Staff will host a 10U/12U tournament the weekend of July 17 with 16 teams attending and the 14U/16U tournament the weekend of July 31 with 17 teams included.

Staff has been working with the Grayslake Arts Alliance to create a temporary art installation that encourages engagement and can be moved around the parks. The goal of the project is to increase community engagement by encouraging people to both find the design and take pictures in front of it. The current concept is two giant bees with space in the middle for someone to pose for a picture or snap a selfie.

The Golf course staff is doing an amazing job balancing the restrictions while welcoming new players to the course. July begins the second session of Junior Golf league, lessons and camps. Once again we have very strong participation numbers.

The board reviewed the report of the Business Manager.

VanZant stated that a committee has been formed of key players to implement the migration from our current RecTrac 10.3 to RecTrac 3.1. This committee will support and set up timelines to train all uses in using the upgraded software. RecTrac 3.1 is a new and improved web-based reservation system. Target date for live migration has been set for the week of October 27, 2020.

Ryan announced the August 19, 2020 Park Board Meeting will be at 7:00pm.

MOTION: by Larson to go into Executive Session at 7:34pm for the purpose of personnel. Second by Rodas. Upon roll call all Park Board Members voted "aye" No nays. Motion passed.

Executive Session 7:34pm.

MOTION: by Larson to go into open/regular session at 7:45pm. Second by Rodas. Upon roll call all Park Board Members voted "aye" No nays. Motion passed.

MOTION: by Larson to amend the Executive Director's Employment Agreement to allow for the full cost of hospitalization and major medical insurance for the Executive Director and members of the Executive Directors immediate family. Second by Rodas. Upon roll call all Park Board Members voted "aye" No nays. Motion passed.

MOTION: by Larson to adjourn at 7:47pm. Second by Toth. Upon roll call all Park Board Members voted "aye" No nays. Motion passed.

Adjourned 7:47pm

Ray Larson, Secretary
Board of Commissioners