

**GRAYSLAKE COMMUNITY PARK DISTRICT
PARK BOARD MEETING**

October 21, 2020

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

PRESENT: Commissioners Kennedy, Larson, Ryan in person. Remote Lashbrook, Rodas, Toth. (Absent: Deal) Staff: Splitt, Regnier, VanZant. 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 October 21, 2020 Park Board Meeting Agenda as presented. Second by Kennedy. Upon roll call all Park Board Members voted "aye" No nays. Motion passed.

Staff received several complimentary emails thanking the district for providing the Halloween Character Drive-Thru Event. A good time was had by all.

MOTION: by Rodas that the Park Board of Commissioners approve the Consent Agenda to include the Payment of Bills and Payroll from 9/17/20 thru 10/21/20 in the amount of \$354, 292.13, and approval of the September 16, 2020 Park Board Meeting Minutes. Second by Lashbrook. Upon roll call all Park Board Members voted "aye" No nays. Motion passed.

Splitt stated," In continuing to operate our district in the most transparent way, it is recommend that the board pass a resolution to formally determine the amount of money which it estimates will be levied in 2020 and extended in 2021. The resolution outlines a recommended 4.99% increase which is what the district has historically levied in past years. Once this truth in taxation resolution is passed, staff will begin to work on putting the proposed tax levy and ordinance together which the board will review at the November Committee of the Whole Meeting.

MOTION: by Rodas that the Park Board of Commissioner approve Resolution R20-03 Truth in Taxation Law Resolution. Second by Lashbrook. Upon roll call all Park Board Members voted "aye" No nays. Motion passed.

Each year, IAPD requests each member district to appoint a delegate to represent the district at the annual IAPD Business Meeting. The meeting will be on Saturday, January 30, 2021 at 2:30pm. This meeting will be held virtually. This certificate will entitle the delegate or, in their absence an alternate to vote on matters presented during the Associations Annual Business Meeting.

MOTION: by Rodas that the Park Board of Commissioners appoint Dennis Kennedy as the delegate and Carl Deal and or Kristin Splitt as the alternate for the IAPD Annual Meeting. Second by Toth. 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 NRPA conference scheduled to take place in Orlando, FL was cancelled due to the pandemic. However, NRPA will be hosting this conference virtually on October 27-29. Splitt will be attending this conference. Board Members should let Splitt know if they will attend.

The annual IAPD, IPRA State Conference will be held virtually January 28-30. Registration for this conference will be opening up in the next few weeks. Board Members should let Splitt know if they will attend.

Splitt, Regnier and Van Zant will be attending the virtual Legal Symposium on Thursday, November 5th.

SRACLC’S annual Holiday Tree Festival will be taking place virtually on Wednesday, November 11th from 6:30pm-7:30pm. They will still be offering live and silent auctions. Board Members should let Splitt know if they want to be registered for this fundraiser.

Governor Pritzker declared November 3rd, 2020 as being a State Holiday known as “2020 General Election Day”. In this public act, all governmental offices must be closed on this day unless the place of business meets specific criteria such as operating as a polling place. Just this past Friday, the circuit court of Sangamon County ruled that the “General Election State Holiday” does not apply to units of local governments. This means that, as of now and absent further judicial executive or legislative action, the park district office may remain open on November 3rd.

Splitt attended a meeting with key stakeholders from the Village, College of Lake County, Library and Lake County Forest Preserve regarding the Grayslake Bike Share Program. This committee is going on year 3 of discussing getting a pilot program started in Grayslake. Splitt will bring this back for more detailed discussion at the November 4th Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Cares Act Submittal: October 15th was the deadline to submit reimbursements for the Lake County Cares Act Funding. Staff completed all of the requested information

and documentation. Splitt will keep the board updated when the district receives the funds.

Splitt stated the district was approached by two student's from Grayslake Central High School who are members of the National Honor Society who would like to organize a winter preparation/clean-up project at Central Park. They would be responsible for organizing groups of students to clean up ground trash, clearing up dead flower beds, picking weeds, painting any worn benches that show signs of rusting and getting the park ready for the winter. Splitt and Vocke will be working with this group to assist them in their project.

The board reviewed the report of the Superintendent of Recreation.

Regnier stated the first ever Character Drive-Thru took place on Thursday, October 15 at Alleghany Park. The socially distant event featured festive decorations throughout the park, music to set the atmosphere provided by Memory Makers, and countless characters line the 3 parking lots. Staff will recap this event and make notes just in case we have to offer another drive-thru style event.

The Rec Center conducted our annual fall fire drill on October 21 and 22nd and Jones Island will be on Friday, October 25th. Regnier stated that given the uncertainty of what winter will bring, the winter guide will be entirely digital and is currently in development. It will be posted online November 30th and registration will begin on December 7th. The plan is for the guide to be a "living document" that is updated weekly with any changes to class schedules or information.

Regnier commended Golf Course Operations. In September 2019 there were 1252 rounds played as compared to September 2020, 2563 rounds were played. The golf course offered a 2021 season pass promotion that ran the week of Labor Day and resulted in 8 season passes sold.

Splitt stated Shoreline Marine Contractors, completed the Central Park Fishing Pier project. Vocke had Peerless Fence install a new steel fence barrier with a 20-year limited warranty.

Vocke has completed all the restoration for the Jones Island drain project and installed the Handicap Swings. Staff will be installing re-bar for all the wheel steps to keep them in place.

The board reviewed the report of the Business Manager.

Van Zant stated that the Auditors will be attending the Committee of the Whole Meeting on November 4th. They will be reviewing the FY20 Annual Audit with the board.

Ryan announced the November 4th, 2020 Committee of the Whole Meeting will be at 7:00pm. The November 18, 2020 Park Board Meeting will be at 7:00pm.

MOTION: by Kennedy to adjourn at 7:20pm. Second by Toth. Upon roll call all Park Board Members voted "aye" No nays. Motion passed.

Adjourned 7:21pm

Ray Larson, Secretary
Board of Commissioners