

**GRAYSLAKE COMMUNITY PARK DISTRICT  
PARK BOARD MEETING**

March 17, 2021

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

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

**MOTION:** by Kennedy that the Park Board of Commissioners approve the March 17, 2021 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 2/18/21 thru 3/17/21 in the amount of \$296,481.08 approval the February 17, 2021 Park Board Meeting Minutes and approval of but not public release of the February 17, 2021 Closed Session Minutes. Second by Rodas. Upon roll call all Park Board Members voted “aye” No nays. Motion passed.

The Park District owns computers and peripherals that no longer have value and should be recycled. It is appropriate to dispose of them by donation, sale, or recycling, within the limits of the Park Code. All hard drives have been removed and will be destroyed at a later date. The CPU shell and towers and all other contents will be brought to the electronic recycling service in Grayslake.

**MOTION:** by Deal that the Park Board of Commissioners approve Resolution R21-1 Electronic Destruction of Park District Property. Second by Kennedy. Upon roll call all Park Board Members voted “aye” No nays. Motion passed.

Board Members reviewed the phase I studies and de minimis documentation for the IDOT improvements for Rt.83/137 throughout Lake County.

The proposed projects will impact the park district’s multi-use path located along the eastern boundary of the Chesapeake Farms Subdivision, south of Popes Creek Circle where it is not parallel to IL 83/137. The Department will be looking to acquire approximately 0.201 acre of permanent easement and 0.004 acre of right-of-way in fee simple for the construction of the proposed roadway widening, and to realign and replace the existing trail.

The project will also impact Yogi Bear Park, located on the west side of IL 83/137, between Lake Street and Washington Street within the Chesapeake Farms Subdivision. The Department would like to acquire approximately 0.017 acre of permanent easement along the eastern property line of the park, adjacent to IL 83/137,

for construction and maintenance purposes of the roadway widening, removal and replacement of existing trail as well as to maintain the structural integrity of the proposed noise barrier.

The Federal Highway Administration has evaluated the impacts to the park district's property and has determined that the impact qualify for a de minimis processing, meaning that the project will not adversely affect the features, attributes, or activities qualifying the property for protection under Section 4(f).

**MOTION:** by Kennedy that the Park Board of Commissioners accept the IDOT Phase I study and De Minimis Findings as it relates to the park district's property being impacted by the expansion of Illinois Rt. 83 and 137 throughout Lake County. Second by Rodas. Upon roll call all Park Board Members voted "aye" No nays. Motion passed.

Each year the district is required to hold a public hearing to review its annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance outside of a regularly scheduled board meeting. The district traditionally holds the hearing at 6:45pm just before its May Board Meeting. The board must first establish the day and time in order to comply with publication requirements of the hearing.

**MOTION:** by Larson that the Park Board of Commissioners establish a public hearing for the Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for May 19, 2021 at 6:45pm. Second by Larson. Upon roll call all Park Board Members voted "aye" No nays. Motion passed.

Spitt stated that the district has not yet received any guidance regarding large special events from the State of Illinois: in relation to holding the 2021 Taste of Grayslake Family Picnic and Fireworks still remain contingent on the state guidelines. Spitt will keep the discussion on-going and should have more information by the April 21, 2021 Park Board Meeting.

The board reviewed the report of the Executive Director.

Spitt and Kennedy attended the Lake Management Committee via Zoom at 6:00pm prior to the meeting. The EPA will conduct a full lake study in the fall and is planning on treating the lake in May.

Staff is actively working on the budget for the new fiscal year. The district has not received the updated tax extensions/EAV from the county yet. Provided the district received these extensions in the next few weeks, the first draft of the budget will be presented at the April 21, 2021 Board Meeting.

Spitt along with Commissioners, Ryan, Kennedy and Rodas attended the virtual IAPD Legislative Breakfast on February 26<sup>th</sup> IAPD is working hard to keep the Governor from sweeping the OSLAD funds. However, IAPD sent out an update on March 10<sup>th</sup> in regards to Congress passing the American Rescue Plan Act, which does now state that

special districts are eligible for pass-through relief dollars for Park Districts due to COVID. Splitt will keep the board posted with any updates.

Splitt had a conference call with the two associates from Tressler in regards to our attorney review of our Personnel Policies. They have begun working on it and anticipate a red-line rough draft sometime in May.

The official launch/ribbon cutting for the Grayslake Bike Program will be held on Friday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 3:00pm in Central Park. The official tagline for the program is: Together We Ride Grayslake #RideGrayslake.

The board reviewed the report of the Superintendent of Recreation.

Regnier stated that both Spring Programs and Summer Camps Guide are live and registration opens March 15. The online guides are interactive-users can click on a program title to be taken directly to the online registration site to sign up for the class.

Staff will begin summer camp interviews with options to offer both in-person or via Zoom starting next week.

“Hop on a Bike” Art Installation: staff has been working with the Grayslake Arts Alliance to design another art installation for our parks. To promote the Grayslake Bike Share, the design is two bunnies riding bikes with the message “Hop on a Bike”. The design will likely be installed early April somewhere near the bike docking station in Central Park.

The annual Easter Egg Hunt for ages 1-8 and our Egg Treasure Hunt ages 8-13 will take place Saturday, March 27 starting at 11am with the Treasure Hunt at 11:30am at Alleghany Park.

The recreation staff is busy working on the FY 2021/2022 budget as well as department goals for next year.

Staff mentioned the maintenance staff has removed the playground equipment and footings at Churchill playground. New equipment will be installed in the next two weeks weather permitting.

The board reviewed the report of the Business Manager.

Reports depict the financial status as of the end of February 75% of the budget year passed.

Ryan announced the April 21, 2021 Park Board Meeting will be at 7:00pm.

**MOTION:** by Larson to adjourn at 7:32pm. Second by Rodas. Upon roll call all Park Board Members voted “aye” No nays. Motion passed.

Adjourned 7:32pm.

Ray Larson, Secretary  
Board of Commissioners