

**GRAYSLAKE COMMUNITY PARK DISTRICT
PARK BOARD MEETING**

April 21, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:02pm by Vice President Kennedy. Upon roll call the following were:

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

MOTION: by Lashbrook that the Park Board of Commissioners approve the April 21, 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 Deal that the Park Board of Commissioners approve the Consent Agenda to include the Payment of Bills and Payroll from 03-18-21 thru 04-21-21 in the amount of \$185,794.14 And approval of the March 17, 2021 Park Board Meeting Minutes. Second by Rodas. Upon roll call all Park Board Members voted “aye” No nays Motion passed.

Board Members reviewed the draft of the Meeting Schedule from June, 2021 through May, 2022.

Splitt is proposing to keep the meeting schedules the same as the past fiscal year. The board would hold their regular monthly board meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of the month (excluding December) and would schedule 2 Committee of the Whole Meetings in November (tax levy discussion) and May (budget discussion). This will be brought back to the May 19, 2021 Park Board Meeting for approval.

Board Members reviewed the 1st draft of the proposed FY2021/2022 Budget.

The budget went on public display on April 19th at the Admin front office. As per the law, the budget does need to be on public display for 30 days prior to the B&A Hearing which is scheduled for 6:45pm on May 19, 2021.

A more fund by fund detail will be provided for the May 5, 2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting where the board and staff will discuss the proposed budget in more detail and answer any questions from the board.

Staff is moving forward with securing the amenities for the Family Picnic scheduled for Saturday, June 26, 2021. In keeping with COVID guidelines there will not be a large tent, no picnic tables, and social distancing will be in effect. Parking will be available at the middle school, high school and pool parking lot.

The board reviewed the report of the Executive Director.

Splitt reminded Board Members to complete their statement of economic interest by May 1, otherwise the district will be fined.

The official launch/ribbon cutting for the Grayslake Bike Share Program will be held on Friday, April 23rd at 3:00pm in Central Park. It will be a small ceremony with representatives from each entity as well as the people from Koloni. The official tag line for the program is: Together We Ride Grayslake #RideGrayslake.

The Park District's bike locations will be at Central Park and Mill Creek Park. Splitt will be able to provide the board with program analytic updates throughout the summer on the district's specific bikes as well as the overall program.

Former Deputy Fire Chief Greg Formica has purchased a memorial park bench to be placed in Central Park, close to the aquatic baseball field in memory of his brother, Dave who passed away several years ago. Joe and his staff will install the bench along with the engraved plaque. In addition, the Foundation has 6 memorial trees that will be planted in the next few weeks in Central Park along the walking path heading towards Grayslake Central High School.

Splitt stated she has no further updates in regards to the American Rescue Plan Relief money issued recently by the Federal Government. She will keep the board updated as more information becomes available.

The board reviewed the report of the Superintendent of Recreation.

Regnier stated Registration for Summer Programs begins May 10th. Program Guides are online-only until further notice. Website traffic nearly doubled in March with the release of the spring and Summer Camps Guide.

Regnier stated she has been working with the Grayslake Art's 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 be installed the week of April 26th near the docking station in Central Park.

The golf course opened on Tuesday, March 16 for the start of our 2021 golf season. New this season at the course is a demo set of Callaway Clubs for golfers to try on the course. Staff has sold a few clubs that are now on order.

The board reviewed the report of the Superintendent of Parks.

Vocke gave a Churchill Junction Playground Project Update.

The missing slide was delivered on Monday April 19th and installed the next day. The equipment is complete except for the net climber that has a ship date of May 14th.

He has scheduled the engineered wood fiber for Friday, April 23rd, and will be installing about 320 yards of EWF.

Tuesday April 20th the maintenance staff completed installing the two pads with bike racks for the new bike share program launching on Friday, April 23, 2021.

The board reviewed the report of the Business Manager.

Revenues for the major funds, General and Recreation are at or above as expected overall. The General Fund is at 90% and The Recreation program revenue is 61% and Golf Revenue is at 152%.

The budget is complete and is now ready for Board review. The Draft Budget is on display for public viewing at the Admin front office.

Kennedy announced the May 5, 2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting will be at 7:00pm. The May 19, 2021 Annual Park Board Meeting will be at 7:00pm.

MOTION: by Rodas to adjourn at 7:42pm. Second by Lashbrook. Upon roll call all Park Board Members voted "aye" No nays. Motion passed.

Adjourned 7:42pm

Ray Larson, Secretary
Board of Commissioners