

**GRAYSLAKE COMMUNITY PARK DISTRICT  
PARK BOARD MEETING**

July 21, 2021

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

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

**MOTION:** by Lashbrook that the Park Board of Commissioners approve the July 21, 2021 Park Board Meeting Agenda as presented. Second by Rodas. Upon roll call all Park Board Members voted "aye" No nays. Motion passed.

**MOTION:** by Toth that the Park Board of Commissioners approve the Consent Agenda to include the Payment of Bills and Payroll from 6/17/21 thru 7/21/21 in the amount of \$426,022.55, and approval of the June 16, 2021 Park Board Meeting Minutes. Second by Larson. Upon roll call all Park Board Members voted "aye" No nays. Motion passed.

Ryan stated that Save-A-Pet is requesting permission to host a fundraising walk at The Central Park loop on Saturday, October 16, 2021 as an organization fundraiser. Park Permits that exceed 100 people are required to have Board approval. Save-A-Pet has provided the Park District with a Certificate of Insurance.

**MOTION:** by Rodas that the Park Board of Commissioners approve the Permit request by Save-A-Pet for the fundraising walk in Central Park. Second by Lashbrook. Upon roll call all Park Board Members voted "aye". No nays. Motion passed.

Ryan reviewed the report of the Executive Director in lieu of Splitt's absence.

He stated that Mary Klees was awarded the Friends of the Park Award. She was extremely humbled and honored to be selected. Mary will attend the August Park Board meeting so that the board can present her this award.

The annual golf outing benefit supporting SRACLC is on Thursday, September 30th at Steeple Chase Golf Club. Board Members should let Splitt know if they can attend.

Ryan stated that Splitt is still in the process of meeting with the attorneys for their full review of our personnel policies. She has a meeting set up with Tressler on Tuesday, July 27th. She hopes to have information by the August 18, 2021 Park Board Meeting.

Splitt has not received any additional correspondence from the representative from North Bridge Church in Antioch regarding the land donation. They are looking to donate the property located at the NW corner of Washington and Lancer Lane adjacent to Valley Forge Park. At this time, Splitt is waiting on the church to present the official letter stating that they would like to move forward on this donation. Once Splitt receives that, she will instruct Legal Counsel to begin to prepare the donation agreement which the board will need to accept via resolution.

Board Members received an invitation to the Village of Grayslake's 125 +1 Anniversary celebration kick-off ceremony. The celebration will be taking place at the Grayslake Heritage Center and Museum on Thursday, August 19th at 6:00pm. Board Members should let Splitt know if they can attend.

The district has seen an increase in vandalism at the performance pavilion in recent months and around July 10th/11th in Central Park. Splitt met with Grayslake Chief Perlini regarding this issue and asked if the Police can do periodic-drive-thru in the park on bike paths during overnight hours. He agreed and said that his officers will try and drive thru the park a few times throughout the night starting at 11pm. Board Members suggested putting motion cameras and signs saying "Smile your on camera".

The board reviewed the report of the Superintendent of Recreation.

Regnier stated that staff are in the process of prepping for the start of the preschool year. The recreation department is having a hard time finding staff to work after school programs, gym supervisions and field supervisors. The Golf Course has also been struggling to hire staff for the upcoming fall season. The plan is to run a Now Hiring Campaign with constant contact and Facebook postings.

Regnier stated that it was so exciting to have had such a great response to this year's Taste of Grayslake and Fireworks event. Staff is looking to secure bands and vendors for 2022 as well as putting our contract together with Melrose Pyrotechnics. Regnier is looking for Board input on the date for next year with options of Saturday, June 25 or Saturday July 2nd. She stated that when we host this event on the last Saturday of June, we tend to have better band selection, food vendors are available and Melrose tends to give us more bang for our buck. Board Members agreed on the June 25, 2022 date. Regnier will start the process of securing bands and vendors.

Staff hosted our annual 10U/12U softball tournament the weekend of July 10 with 18 teams attending and the 14U/16U tournament will take place the weekend of July 23 with 16 teams included.

The Golf Course Report for this June shows the course was down 44 rounds and revenue decreased by \$2,633 compared to June 2020. The other side of the story is that the course will host its first tournament in over a year and a half. Staff plans to keep creating new marketing avenues to attract golfers to our sporty 9 hole course.

July begins the second session of Junior Golf league, lesson and camps. Once again we have very strong participation numbers.

The board reviewed the report of the Superintendent of Parks.

Vocke stated the contractor has started grinding and sealing cracks on Phase 1 of the Parking lots at Alleghany Park. This will help protect the life of the lots and help against heaving from winter and water damage.

Vocke has ordered new rims, backboards, and poles for the Prairie Crossing Basketball Court. As soon as the hoops come in, they will be installed, then the next step will be to seal coat and then apply the color coating.

The board reviewed the report of the Business Manager.

VanZant stated that about half of the property taxes have been received leaving the district in good cash flow position for the beginning of the fiscal year.

Updates of the Family Picnic expenses will be provided at the August 18, 2021 Park Board Meeting.

Staff was well prepared for the "preliminary audit" scheduled this past July 14-15. It took less time than expected. They will return the week of Labor Day for complete fieldwork.

Ryan announced the August 18, 2021 Park Board Meeting will be at 7:00pm.

**MOTION:** by Larson to adjourn at 7:15pm. Second by Rodas. Upon roll call all Park Board Members voted "aye" No nays. Motion passed.

Adjourned 7:15pm.

Ray Larson, Secretary  
Board of Commissioners