

**GRAYSLAKE COMMUNITY PARK DISTRICT
PARK BOARD MEETING**

October 19, 2022

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

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

MOTION: by Kennedy that the Park Board of Commissioners approve the October 19, 2022 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 9-29-22 thru 10-19-22 in the amount of \$190,192.60

-Approval of the September 28, 2022 Park Board Meeting Minutes

-Approval of but not public release of the September 28, 2022 Closed Session Minutes.

Second by Rodas. Upon roll call all Park Board Members voted “aye” No nays. Motion passed.

Splitt mentioned in continuing to operate our district in the most transparent way, it was recommended that the board pass a resolution to formally determine the amount of money which it estimates will be levied in 2022, and extended in 2023. The passage of this resolution complies with the requirements of the Truth in Taxation Law.

The resolution’s purpose is to provide a record of the District presenting a Tax Levy estimate and determining whether or not a Tax Levy Public Hearing will be required. The Truth in Taxation Act provides that if the proposed property tax levy, excluding the debt portion, exceeds the prior year’s property tax extension by more than 5% then the District must meet certain public hearing and notice/publication requirements outlined in the act. The District will not reach this limit, and therefore does not require any additional hearings or notices.

The resolution outlines a recommended 5% increase which is what the district has historically levied in past years. Once the resolution is passed; staff will begin to

work on putting the proposed levy and ordinance together which the board will review at the November COW meeting.

MOTION: by Lashbrook that the Park Board of Commissioners approve the Resolution R22-04 Truth in Taxation Law Resolution. Second by Kennedy. Upon roll call all Park Board Members voted “aye” No nays. Motion passed.

Splitt stated that Chesapeake Landing playground is the next playground on our replacement schedule that needs a complete replacement. The district did receive a grant from Gametime for the purchase of the main play structure.

A community survey via Facebook was conducted back in late September to choose the playground design. The design that was chosen overwhelmingly won. We have also added a couple of independent inclusive play pieces to the design based on the feedback we received.

Gametime is a member of the OMNIA Partners which is a cooperative purchasing organization in state government procurement. They offer a complete package that includes the equipment and installation at cooperative state bid/government pricing, therefore alleviating the need to go to sealed bid.

MOTION: by Rodas that the Park Board of Commissioners approve the Chesapeake Landing Playground Replacement Project with GameTime/Cunningham Recreation in the amount of \$128,639.41. Second by Kennedy. Upon roll call all Park Board Members voted “aye” No nays. Motion passed.

Board Members reviewed the Real Estate Purchase and Sales Contract for the sale of 477 Lake St.

MOTION: by Larson that the Park Board of Commissioners approve the Resolution R22-05, a Resolution Authorizing the sale of certain Park District property to Grayslake Community High School District 127 Pursuant to the local Government Property Transfer Act (50 ILCS 605/0.01 et seq). Second by Lashbrook. Upon roll call all Park Board Members voted “aye” No nays. Motion passed.

Board Members received the final draft of the audit from Lauterbach & Amen, LLP for the 2021/2022 Fiscal Year for board members review.

The November 2, 2022 COW Meeting will be for Board Members to ask questions about the audit. The board will look to adopt the audit at the November 16, 2022 Park Board Meeting.

The board reviewed the report of the Executive Director.

Splitt stated the annual IAPD/IPRA State Conference will be held January 26-28 at the Hyatt Regency, Chicago. Early Bird Registration for this conference has begun

and ends the beginning on December. Board Members should let Splitt know if they will attend.

The SRACLC annual Holiday Tree Festival will be held in person at White Deer Run Golf Club in Vernon Hills on Saturday, November 12th from 6:00-9:30pm. Board Members should let Splitt know if they will attend.

After Splitt spoke at the Chamber Luncheon last month about the inclusive playground project at Jones Island, she received an email from the Executive Director of the Chamber who will be donating \$5,000 towards a bench to be placed at the playground.

Update on the 170/190 Commerce drive Construction Project. All contracts for the renovation have been executed. The required soil samples and testing have occurred and the staking/silt fence for the extended parking lot/driveways have been completed. The Fire District has completed their review and at this point, a fire sprinkler system will not be required.

The board reviewed the report of the Superintendent of Recreation.

Regnier stated that Registration will begin on Tuesday, Dec. 6 and the guide will cover programs running January through March.

Pumpkin Fest in Central Park took place this past Thursday. There was rain, sleet and windy conditions but participants came out to enjoy the event. The event offered a character path, games, inflatables, hayrides and costume contest. Memory Makers was the DJ for the evening and MC'd the costume contest. Sponsorship has been strong for this event and 6 sponsors took the opportunity to set up booths at the event. New this year was the addition of food trucks, it was difficult to judge what the response was since the weather was challenging.

The Skeleton Egg Hunt hosted at Meadowview Park from 6:15-7:15pm is specifically designed for the 6-13-year old's. Staff was able to accommodate the waitlist which will have 40 participants attending on October 27.

Basketball Evaluations for Youth and Feeder will begin October 18 and run until November 6 hosted at the Recreation Center Gym. Staff has been working with Avon School to update their basketball hoops. We have been limited in the past with what age group could play there because of the basket limitations. Staff have found a replacement system and agreed to split the cost since both organizations will benefit with the equipment upgrade.

It was a busy month for the golf course. The course hosted area High School Golf teams, Millennial League wrapped up their season, held a costume 2-cup tournament, fall lessons ended, and our 2023 Pre-Season Pass Special ended. The golf

course will close for the season on Saturday, December 10 with plans to reopen in March pending weather.

Splitt stated that the Maintenance staff has been clearing out the irrigation systems and getting ready for the winter months.

The board reviewed the report of the Business Manager.

VanZant stated that a third of the fiscal year has passed and 83% of the property tax has been collected. Most expenses are in line for this time of year with the exception of irrigation expenses which is over budget due to unforeseen needed repairs.

Ryan announced the November 2, 2022 COW meeting will be at 7:00pm. The November 16, 2022 Park Board Meeting will be at 7:00pm.

MOTION: by Larson to go into Executive Session at 7:28pm for the purpose of: Semi-Annual Review of Closed Session Minutes as per Section 206 of 5ILCS 120/2 (c) (21). Second by Rodas. Upon roll call all Park Board of Commissioners voted "aye" No nays. Motion passed.

Executive Session 7:28pm.

MOTION: by Larson to go into Open Session at 7:31pm. . Second by Rodas.

MOTION: by Lashbrook to release the Closed Session minutes of April 20, 2022. All other minutes on file will remain closed and all audio recordings older than 18 months can be destroyed. Second by Larson. Upon roll call all Park Board Members voted "aye" No nays. Motion passed.

MOTION: by Kennedy to adjourn at 7:33. Second by Rodas. Upon roll call all Park Board Members voted "aye" No nays. Motion passed.

Adjourned 7:33pm.

Ray Larson, Secretary
Board of Commissioners