

**GRAYSLAKE COMMUNITY PARK DISTRICT
PARK BOARD MEETING**

June 28, 2023

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. (Absent: Toth). Staff: Splitt, Regnier, VanZant. Guest: Michelle Anderson. Board Recording Secretary Shari Raven.

MOTION: by Larson that the Park Board of Commissioners approve the June 28, 2023 Park Board Meeting Agenda as presented. Second by Kennedy. Upon roll call all Park Board Members voted "aye" No nays. Motion passed.

MOTION: by Rodas that the Park Board of Commissioners approve the Consent agenda to include:

- The Payment of Bills and Payroll from 5-18-23 thru 06-21-23 in the amount of \$641,558.73

- Approval of May 17, 2023 Budget & Appropriation Hearing Minutes

- Approval of the May 17, 2023 Park Board Meeting Minutes

- Approval of the May 17, 2023 Annual Park Board Meeting Minutes

Second by Deal. Upon roll call all Park Board Members voted "aye" No nays. Motion passed.

Splitt stated that the Village of Hainesville is once again requesting permission to use Union Square Park for a Community Picnic/Fest. In addition, they would also like permission to sell beer and wine at this event.

The event is scheduled for Saturday, August 26th from 4:00-9:00pm. They are anticipating approximately 500 people in attendance throughout the day. Parking will be available at the Avon Baseball Fields, although most residents will walk. The Village is planning on having a small stage (on the basketball court) with musical entertainment, 1-2 inflatables, food trucks and some local vendors. They will be providing their own porta johns and garbage/dumpster services. Our Parks Dept. will be providing some extra picnic tables and garbage cans for the event. The Village will be required to comply with all regulations regarding alcohol and add the Park District as additionally insure to all certificates of insurance.

MOTION: by Kennedy that the Park Board of Commissioners approve the permit request from the Village of Hainesville and allow for the serving of alcohol at their Community Picnic on August 26th contingent on them supplying the necessary permits

and insurance requirements. Second by Larson. Upon roll call all Park Board Members voted “aye” No nays. Motion passed.

Splitt mentioned that for the past 18 months, the Special Recreation Association of Central Lake County and the Grayslake Park District have partnered to plan, design and raise funds for an inclusive playground addition to Jones Island Park. Our goal for this project was to build a space where individuals of all abilities, both physical and cognitive, have the opportunity to play together.

Splitt is happy to report that the district has reached the fundraising goal and would like to move forward with this project in the fall. SRACLC is still actively fundraising and we will still accept donations towards the project.

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 Larson that the Park Board of Commissioners approve the Jones Island Inclusive Playground Addition Project with Game Time/Cunningham Recreation in the amount of \$408,753.95. Second by Deal. Upon roll call all Park Board Members voted “aye” No nays. Motion passed.

Splitt stated that the District has received a letter of interest from two residents regarding the open commissioner position. Greg Formica and Michelle Anderson have both submitted a letter of interest and would like to be considered a candidate for the open position.

The Board decided to form a subcommittee. Ryan appointed Commissioners Larson and Deal to conduct the interviews on July 19, 2022 before the Park Board Meeting at 7:00pm that night.

The board reviewed the report of the Executive Director.

Splitt stated that as of Friday, June 9th, the High School officially owns the property at 477 Lake St. Everything went smooth with the closing. Joe and his team did a nice job at cleaning up the area around the shop.

Splitt and Regnier attended the Jones Island resident meeting organized by the Grayslake Police Dept. on Wednesday, June 7th. The main concerns were parking, usage of the park/beach by nonresidents, loud music being played in the park, alcohol being brought in and people in the park/parking lot after hours. The police will have scheduled patrols throughout the area as well as foot patrols in the park. They highly encourage the residents to call 911 if they felt something was not right. The Village will also look at additional parking signage along those streets. The Park District has already added additional signage directing patrons to Woodview School for overflow

parking and have hired an additional park ranger for the weekends to bounce between Jones Island and Central Park throughout the day.

Ryan congratulated staff on another successful Family Picnic & Fireworks. Board Members appreciated all the hard work that went into this event.

The SRACLC Golf Outing will be taking place on Monday, September 18 at Hawthorne Woods Country Club. It will be a tournament style start again, same as last year. Our Tee times are 11:20pm and 11:30pm. Board Members should let Splitt know if they can attend.

The annual Chamber of Commerce Golf Outing will be taking place on Thursday, August 3rd at Stonewall Orchard Golf Club. Lunch at Noon and a shotgun start at 1:00pm followed by dinner and awards. Board Members should let Splitt know if they can attend.

The board reviewed the report of the Superintendent of Recreation.

Summer Camp 2023 season is off and running. Day Camp and Sports Camp are both at max capacity with 90 campers daily and Teen Sports Camp averaging 35 campers at the Middle School. Adventure Camp located at Woodview School for ages 5-7 are averaging around 200 campers for the first two week of camp. Staff have continued to give parents a variety of camp options, such as weekly or daily options and they can select if full or half day works best for their schedules for children 5 years and older.

The 9th Annual George Weinert Fishing Derby was successful with 180 fisherman in attendance along with many supporters. The event received financial contributions from 2 sponsors: Better Homes and Gardens and the Weinert Family. Our sponsors made it possible to provide t-shirts, breakfast, raffle prizes and trophies. This event remains a fun family event for all ages to participate.

Regnier stated that staff are currently developing programs for our Fall Program Guide.

The golf course has sold 16 passes and 1,585 rounds of golf played in May.

Upcoming Golf Tournaments: Red, White & Blue will be held on Saturday July 8, staff is currently working on tournament details.

Upcoming Events:

Children's Free Performances: Chris Fascione Juggling Show-July 14 at Central Park Performance Pavilion.

GO Grayslake: Rock the Park, Saturday, July 22 in Central Park

The board reviewed the report of the Business Manager.

VanZant stated the District has received 2 Property Tax distributions from Lake County for the 2022 Tax Levy.

Budget depicts the expenses without accruals for payroll and general expenses so some amounts may show over budget until after the adjusting entries are made for the audit.

Ryan announced the July 19, 2023 Park Board Meeting will be held at 7:00pm.

MOTION: by Deal to adjourn at 7:35pm. Second by Larson. Upon roll call all Park Board Members voted “aye” No nays.

Adjourned 7:35pm.

Ray Larson, Secretary
Board of Commissioners