

**GRAYSLAKE COMMUNITY PARK DISTRICT  
ANNUAL PARK BOARD MEETING**

May 17, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 7:09pm by President Ryan. Upon roll call the following were:

**PRESENT:** Commissioners Deal, Kennedy, Larson, Rodas, Ryan, Toth. Staff: Splitt, Regnier, VanZant. Guests: Michelle Anderson, Alice O’Laughlin and David Wachtel. Board Recording Secretary Shari Raven.

**MOTION:** by Kennedy that the Park Board of Commissioners approve the May 17, 2023 Annual Park Board Meeting Agenda as presented. Second by Larson. Upon roll call all Park Board Members voted “aye” No nays. Motion passed.

Larson read the Oath of Office to Commissioners Toth and Ryan. Their term lasts 4 years. Board and staff congratulated the newly re-elected Commissioners.

**MOTION:** by Rodas to nominate the following slate of officers.

President-Ken Ryan  
Vice President-Marlon Rodas  
Treasurer-Carl Deal  
Vice Treasurer-Janet VanZant  
Secretary-Ray Larson  
Vice Secretary-Kristin Splitt

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

**MOTION:** by Deal to accept the nominations and to re-elect the officers for the 2023-2024 term. Second by Kennedy. Upon roll call all Park Board Members voted “aye” No nays. Motion passed.

**MOTION:** by Larson to nominate the following persons to serve on the designated Committee’s.

Grays Lake Management Committee: Commissioners Kennedy and Citizen Karen Rich  
Park School Committee: Commissioners Rodas and Larson  
Engineering/Design Committee: Commissioners Kennedy and Deal  
Village Economic Development Group: Commissioner Deal  
Appointment of Legal Counsel: Tressler LLP  
Appointment of FOIA officers: Kristin Splitt & Janet VanZant

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

**MOTION:** by Deal that the Park Board of Commissioners approve the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Park Board Meeting Schedule 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 adopt Ordinance O-2023-02 The Combined Budget and Appropriation Ordinance of the Grayslake Community Park District, Lake County, Illinois, for the fiscal Year beginning the first day of June 2023 and ending on the thirty first day of May 2024. Second by Deal. Upon roll call all Park Board Members voted “aye” No nays. Motion passed.

Board Members reviewed Resolution R23-02, a resolution forming a committee on the District’s Efficiency Committee and pass a resolution by June 10, 2023. The committee will consist of all 7 board members, the Executive Director and two park district residents: Troy Whalen and John Marshall.

The committee will have 18 months to complete the required efficiency report and file it with Lake County. The committee must meet at least 3 times within that 18-month window. All meetings shall operate as public body pursuant to Open Meetings Act.

**MOTION:** by Deal that the Park Board of Commissioners adopt Resolution R23-02, a resolution forming a committee on local government efficiency for the Grayslake Community Park District, Lake County, Illinois. Second by Larson. Upon roll call all Park Board Members voted “aye” No nays. Motion passed.

Board Members reviewed a resolution recommending the transfer of up to \$100,000 from the Recreation Fund to the Capital Improvement Fund for future capital expenditures and \$150,000 from the Special Recreation Fund to the Capital Improvement Fund for future ADA projects. This transfer will be made to build up the fund balance in the Capital Improvements Fund and reduce the Fund Balances in our operating funds, to be within the recommended target range.

**MOTION:** by Rodas that the Park Board of Commissioners approve Resolution R23-03 for the Transfer of Fund Balances as presented. Second by Kennedy. Upon roll call all Park Board Members voted “aye” No nays. Motion passed.

Board Members reviewed the Park Permit Use Application from Grayslake Community Band/Grayslake High School requesting permission to use the performance pavilion in Central Park for 3 monthly community concerts.

The events are scheduled for June 11, July 23 & August 6 from 5:00-9:00pm. They are anticipating approximately 200 people in attendance and admission will be free. Parking will be available at Gelatin Park and the Pool.

**MOTION:** by Larson that the Park Board of Commissioners approve the permit request by Grayslake community Band/Grayslake High School for the use of the Central Park Performance Pavilion for community concerts on June 11, July 23 and August 6.

The board reviewed the report of the Executive Director.

Commissioners Kennedy, Larson and Ryan along with Van Zant and Splitt attended the IAPD Legislative Conference in Springfield on May 2 & 3. While there, they visited Senator Eddy-Allen and Representative Faver Dias. The conference was very informative and provided a ton of information.

The annual Memorial Day Parade in Grayslake will be Monday Morning, May 29<sup>th</sup>. Line-up begins at 9:00am at the Grayslake Central High School parking lot and the parade begins at 9:30am. Board Members should let Splitt know if they can attend.

Splitt mentioned the closing for the sale of the property at 477 Lake Street will be taking place on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Staff is in the process of getting the Alta survey completed and Attorney Payne is working on preparing all of the necessary documents.

Splitt stated that Vokce has been working with both the State Fire Marshall and the Grayslake Fire Protection District in regards to getting approval for the new fuel tanks to be installed at the maintenance facility. It appears that the State as well as the local fire district has approved the install, pending inspections.

Attorney Payne was able to negotiate down a settlement for the open tax objections dating back to 2017, in addition he was able to get some of them dismissed. The settlement that was agreed upon is \$9,000. The district had just shy of \$30,000 in objections from the Special Recreation fund and Paving and Lighting Fund.

The board reviewed the report of the Superintendent of Recreation.

Regnier stated that the Summer Program Guide was launched on the website on Tuesday, May 9.

I LOVE Learning 4-year old Graduation Ceremony was held on Wednesday, May 17 at Central Park Performance Pavilion.

Dance recital season is coming to an end. The recital is Saturday, May 20 hosted at Grayslake Central High School. This year there will be 2 performances at 10am and 12:30pm.

Camp staff have been hired. All training dates and times have been set up for staff to attend. Summer camps begin Monday, June 5. Camp locations have returned to both Woodview School and Middle School.

Splitt reviewed the report of the Superintendent of Parks in lieu of Vocke's absence.

Maintenance has been working on cleaning up the site of the former maintenance facility before the closing date.

The board reviewed the report of the Business Manager.

VanZant stated that program income continue to exceed budget at 111% due to higher than expected camp, basketball and softball enrollments.

Ryan announced the June 21, 2023 Park Board Meeting will be at 7:00pm.

**MOTION:** by Deal to adjourn at 7:28pm. Second by Toth. Upon roll call all Park Board Members voted "aye" No nays. Motion passed.

Adjourned 7:28pm.

Ray Larson, Secretary  
Board of Commissioners