

**GRAYSLAKE COMMUNITY PARK DISTRICT
PARK BOARD MEETING**

July 19, 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 Kennedy that the Park Board of Commissioners approve the July 19, 2023 Park Board Meeting Agenda as presented. Second by Rodas. 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 06-22-23 thru 07-19-23 in the amount of \$512,432.78

-Approval of the June 28, 2023 Park Board Meeting Minutes

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

The board reviewed the report of the Executive Director.

Splitt stated the Jones Island Inclusive Playground equipment and the Poured in Play surfacing has been ordered. She is anticipating a construction start date sometime early September pending delivery. Splitt and SRACLC's Director John Buckner, will be working on a joint press release and other PR materials in the coming weeks.

The district has contracted with Hey & Associates to conduct a topographic survey, a shoreline assessment, problem assessment and some conceptual improvement designs and alternatives for the Jones Island Flood Issues.

Staff are working with Integrated Lakes Management (ILM) to remove the willows and other invasive trees from the Hunters Cove Wetland which is very much overgrown. In addition, Joe and his team will schedule time this late fall/winter to remove the buckthorn and any other invasive plants with the help of a neighborhood group that would like to volunteer to help clean-up the wetlands.

Staff has hired a new pond treatment company; McCloud Aquatics has treated Molly's Pond, College Trail, Chesapeake 3 Ponds which are looking a lot better. They will continue to monitor every two weeks and conduct treatments as necessary.

Splitt stated the annual National Park and Recreation Association Conference will be held in Dallas, TX, October 10-12. Board Members should let Splitt know if they can attend.

The SRACLC Golf Outing will be taking place on Monday, September 18th at Hawthorn Woods Country Club. The outing will be a tournament style start again, same as last year. The 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 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.

Regnier reported that Summer camps at both Middle School and Woodview are in their 7th week with 3 weeks remaining. Preschool camps will wrap up the last week of July to allow maintenance and preschool staff time to reset the rooms. Summer T-Ball and In-House Softball will be wrapping up the season the week of July 17. Pride softball bootcamp was successful with 33 players participating with current travel coaches helping to run stations.

This year's Taste of Grayslake and Fireworks was a huge success. Mark your calendars for next year's event; Saturday, June 29, 2024. Conversations regarding next year's event have begun with consideration for starting the event at noon so that we have the ability to sell wrist bands for the carnival rides for a limited time frame.

Staff is working on the Fall Program guide which is scheduled to launch on the website August 8. This program guide will cover programs that begin September and end mid-December.

Regnier stated that staff has welcomed the new Marketing and Communications Specialist to the Park District. Ms. Lacey De Haan comes to the District with her Bachelor of Science, Major in Marketing with a concentration in Social Media from Bradley University. Her first day was today, Wednesday, July 19.

Upcoming Events:

July 22-GO Grayslake; Rock the Park at 10am at Central Park Concession Stand
August 3-Birdie Buddies at Grayslake Golf course, golf begins at 5:30pm
August 10-Concert Under the Stars-Always Young will perform from 6-7pm at the Performance Pavilion.

Splitt reviewed Vocke's report in lieu of his absence.

As of last week the maintenance staff has upgraded Phase I with a new Pedestal and all new Decoders, after programming the Alleghany Irrigations system is running at 100%.

The Park's Department will be assisting GYBA with dragging, garbage pickup, and other tasks needed for the AJR Annual Tournament July 20th- the 23rd at Alleghany, Jaycee, Falcon, Aquatic, and Doolittle Parks.

The board reviewed the report of the Business Manager.

VanZant stated that the district has received slightly less than half of the 2022 property tax distribution. The district typically has its highest cash on hand during the start of the fiscal year.

Some items are at or over budget on the budget report simply because of time and seasonal purchase. Many annual expenses like software support and SRACLC dues are paid in June.

MOTION: by Larson to go into Executive Session at 7:15pm for the purpose of selection of a person to fill a public office as per 5ILCS 120/2 (C) (3). Second by Kennedy. Upon roll call all Park Board Members voted "aye" No nays. Motion passed.

Executive Session 7:15pm

MOTION: by Larson to go into Open Session at 7:43pm. Second by Rodas. Upon roll call all Park Board Members voted "aye" No nays. Motion passed.

There was no action taken as a result of the Executive Session.

Ryan announced the August 16, 2023 Park Board Meeting will be at 7:00pm.

MOTION: by Larson to adjourn at 7:44pm. Second by Rodas. Upon roll call all Park Board Members voted "aye" No nays. Motion passed.

Adjourned 7:45pm.

Ray Larson, Secretary
Board of Commissioners