

**GRAYSLAKE COMMUNITY PARK DISTRICT
PARK BOARD MEETING**

September 20, 2023

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

PRESENT: Commissioners Deal, Kennedy, Ryan, Toth. Staff: Splitt, Regnier, VanZant. Guests: Michelle Anderson, Liz Vergin, Rich and Helene Anderson, Angie and Ralf Landmesser. Board Recording Secretary Shari Raven.

MOTION: by Deal that the Park Board of Commissioners approve the September 20, 2023 Park Board Meeting Agenda as presented. Second by Toth. 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 08-24-23 thru 09-20-23 in the amount of \$330,447.04
- Approval of the August 23, 2023 Park Board Meeting Minutes
- Approval of but not public release of the August 23, 2023 Closed Session Minutes
- Approval of NRPA Conference Travel & Training Expenses

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

MOTION: by Kennedy that the Park Board of Commissioners appoint Michelle Anderson to fill the vacant Park Board position which will expire in the spring of 2025. Second by Deal. Upon roll call all Park Board Members voted 'aye" No nays. Motion passed.

Ryan read the Oath of Office to Michelle Anderson and welcomed her to the board.

Board Members reviewed the change order for the Jones Island Inclusive Playground Project. The existing concrete sidewalk and ramp that leads into the playground from the crushed limestone path is too steep and not at proper ADA elevation. The contractors will need to remove the existing concrete curb along the existing path and install an additional 60 LF on new concrete sidewalk in order to make the grade of that sidewalk and ramp compliant with ADA standards.

MOTION: by Kennedy that the Park Board of Commissioners approve the Change Order #1 for the Jones Island Inclusive Playground Project in the amount of

\$5,850. Second by Toth. Upon roll call all Park Board Members voted “aye” No nays. Motion passed.

The board reviewed the report of the Executive Director.

Splitt updated board members on SRACLC, who just recently released their points of contacts and number of individuals served for each community. For Spring season 2023 served 16 individuals from Grayslake and had 427 points of contact. For the summer season they served 30 participants with 545 points of contact. This agency is doing wonderful work for our community members with special needs.

Splitt will be participating in the Chamber’s Lunch and Learn-Meet the Community on Wednesday, September 27th. The Park District, Library and Heritage Center will all be presenting and then will serve on a panel for additional questions and discussion. John Buckner from SACLC will also be speaking as part of the Park District’s panel to educate the business owners on all the wonderful things they do for our community.

Construction is about 50% complete on the Jones Island Inclusive Playground addition. The equipment has been installed and the poured in play rubber surfacing is expected to be installed later this week, pending weather or early next week. The Park District recently received the \$125K sponsorship check from the Village of Grayslake and John Buckner and Splitt are working with Medline on a possible sponsorship for the interactive arch.

Each year the district nominates a community member, community group, volunteer or employee who has provided outstanding service or volunteer work for the district for the annual prestigious friends of the park award. The staff has discussed it and at this time we could award it to SRACLC for their partnership for the inclusive playground project. Board Members agreed to this nominee.

The board reviewed the report of the Superintendent of Recreation.

Regnier stated that Preschool Program is off and running. We have 101 preschoolers getting into the swing of being in either the 4’s classroom or the 3’s & Young 3’s classrooms.

We currently have 158 dancers dancing with us for the next 31 weeks. Registration remains open until October 15 in case we get any last-minute dancers that want to sign up (pending availability).

The very popular Pumpkin Fest event is planned for Thursday, October 19 from 5:30-7:30pm at Central Park. Staff has planned for games, activities, and hayrides on Central Park Lane. The highly anticipated character path awaits participants as long as we have participation from high school volunteers and the interactive award-winning costume contest will end the evening of festivities.

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

Doolittle Parking Lot Phase 1 has been started. The surface is all prepped and is ready for the first layer of binder which is schedule for Monday the 18th and Tuesday the 19th.

Maintenance staff has installed a new railing system for the entrance of the Jones Island Preschool building. The concrete contractor is scheduled to do a skim coat to the landing and stairs to hide all pitting and imperfections Tuesday, September 19th weather permitting.

Other paving projects include Central Park, Sunrise Park, 240 Commerce, and Jaycee Park.

The board reviewed the report of the Business Manager.

VanZant stated that at the October 18, 2023 Park Board meeting the Truth in Taxation Resolution will be before the board for approval. All taxing districts are required to compare the amount of its proposed aggregate property tax levy to the amount of taxes extended in the prior year.

On September 27th, the Health Program Council for PDRMA will vote on the proposed 2024 budget upon which the rates are set. PDRMA is anticipating a large increase in health insurance rates for 2024. As a precaution a 7% contingency increase is always put in the budget to cover variances because at budget time in May the increase is unknown for the following year.

Ryan announced the October 18, 2023 Park Board Meeting will be at 7:00pm.

MOTION: by Anderson to adjourn at 7:27pm. Second by Deal. Upon roll call all Park Board Members voted "aye" No nays. Motion passed.

Adjourned 7:28pm.

Ray Larson, Secretary
Board of Commissioners