

**Minutes of the 1st Meeting of the
Decennial Committee of the
Grayslake Community Park District
February 28, 2024
Held at the Recreation Center, 240 Commerce Drive**

- I. **Call to Order / Roll Call:** President Ryan called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. Committee Members present were: Park District Commissioners Ryan, Rodas, Kennedy, Larson, Anderson, Toth and Deal. Community Member Longo. Park District Staff: Executive Director Splitt, Business Manager VanZant and Superintendent of Recreation Regnier. ABSENT: Community Member Whalen
- II. **Public Comments:** None
- III. **Approval of the Agenda:** Motion by Deal, Second by Toth, upon roll call, all members voted Aye, No Nays, motion passed.
- IV. **Approval of the Meeting Minutes:** None
- V. **Introduction & Purpose of the Committee:** President Ryan and Director Splitt explained the Decennial Committee on Local Government Efficiency Act requires units of local government that levy any tax are required to form a committee to study local government efficiencies and issue a report to the Lake County Board. The Grayslake Park District's committee will include all seven of the Park District's elected Board of Commissioners, the Executive Director and two appointed residents that reside in the district. Tim Longo and Troy Whalen were both appointed by the Park Board to serve as the residents on this committee. The committee is required to meet at least three times and study the efficiencies of the Park District. The committee must summarize its work and findings within a written report, which shall include recommendations in respect to increased accountability and efficiency, and shall provide the report to the administration office of Lake County. Once the report has been filed, the committee will be dissolved. Each taxing district will need to form this committee and write a report every 10 years.
- VI. **Identification of Existing Efficiencies:**
 - a. **Review of Existing Intergovernmental Agreements:** The committee reviewed each of the existing intergovernmental agreements. Director Splitt gave an overview of each one and the importance that they hold for the district.
- VII. **Identification of Efficiency Opportunities**
 - a. **Opportunities for additional Intergovernmental Agreements:** The committee discussed possible new opportunities that the Park District is not taking advantage of or opportunities to enhance the agreements already in place. Commissioner Larson stated that the Park District works very well with all of the governmental agencies within our community. At this time, there were no new suggestions or deficiencies noted.

VIII. Introduction / Review of GLPD Ordinances, Policies, Procedures, Powers, Jurisdiction,

Shared Services: Director Splitt introduced and gave a brief overview of all of the current Park District Policy and Procedure Manuals including the Park Code and General Conduct Ordinances that are used in the operation of each aspect of the Park District. Director Splitt explained that the Park District operates under the governing powers of the Illinois Park District Code, 70 ILCS 1205/1 et seq. A copy of the Illinois Park District Code book along with the Illinois Association of Park Districts Law Handbook were also presented to the committee. A listing and discussion of Shared Services will be on the agenda for the next meeting. President Ryan asked the committee if they felt there were any policy or procedure manuals or conduct ordinances that should be added. The committee felt that the long list of manuals and operational procedures already in place were more than sufficient to maintain a transparent and successful operation. The only suggestion would be to update the entire safety and risk management policy manual as it has not been fully updated for more than 10 years.

IX. Determination of Future Meeting Dates: The next meeting for the Decennial Committee will be March 20, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

X. Survey of Residents in Attendance for Input on Matters Discussed at the Meeting: No residents attended the meeting.

XI. Adjourn: Motion by Larson and Second by Deal to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m. Upon roll call, all members voted Aye, No Nays, Meeting adjourned.

Approve: _____ Ken Ryan, President

Attest: _____ Ray Larson, Secretary