

**GRAYSLAKE COMMUNITY PARK DISTRICT
PARK BOARD MEETING**

April 16, 2025

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

MOTION: by Kennedy that the Park Board of Commissioners approve the April 16, 2025 Park Board Meeting Agenda as presented. Second by Deal. 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 03-20-25 thru 04-16-25 in the amount of \$304,846.07
- Approval of the March 19, 2025 Park Board Meeting Minutes
- Approval of IAPD Legislative Conference Travel & Training Expense Summary

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

Board Members reviewed the meeting schedule from June, 2025 through May, 2026.

Splitt proposes that we keep the meeting schedules the same as this past fiscal year. The board would hold their regular monthly board meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of the month and would schedule 2 Committee of the Whole (COW) meetings in November (tax levy discussion) and May (budget discussion). If additional COW meeting are needed throughout the year, the board can decide to schedule them on an as needed basis through a public notice.

After board discussion and any proposed changes, an updated copy will be brought back to the board meeting in May for board approval.

Previously the board discussed Tooterville Park’s pedestrian bridge is in need to be replaced. The bridge has been closed since November when it was noticed that there were many safety concerns with the structural integrity of the bridge.

The cost of replacement will occur within next fiscal year’s budget; however, Splitt needs the board to approve this expense now so that we can sign the quote and

get the bridge ordered and the structural engineering plans complete. There is approximate 16-20 week wait time for the bridge to be designed, manufactured and installed.

Splitt sent a meeting request to Mike Ellis at the Village to discuss this bridge replacement and ask if the Village will help financially with this. The village path that leads to the Lake Street Metra station is on the opposite side from this bridge. Splitt will keep the board updated on this request.

MOTION: by Larson that the Park Board of Commissioners approve the quote from Custom Manufacturing, Inc. to remove and replace the pedestrian bridge at Tooterville Park not to exceed \$85,000 which will be included in the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year budget. Second by Deal. Upon roll call all Park Board Members voted “aye” No nays. Motion passed.

Board members reviewed a resolution recommending the transfer of up to \$350,000 from the Recreation Fund to the Capital Improvement Fund for future capital expenditures and up to \$150,000 from the General Fund to the Capital Improvement Fund for future capital expenditures.

After discussions with the auditors, it was determined this transfer be made to build up the fund balance in the Capital Improvement Fund and reduce the Fund Balances in our operating funds, thereby avoiding any possible tax objections. These transfer of funds will lower the Recreation and General Fund Balances to be within the recommended target range.

MOTION: by Deal that the Park Board of Commissioners approve Resolution R25-02 for the Transfer of Fund Balances as presented. Second by Larson. Upon roll call all park Board Members voted “aye” No nays. Motion passed.

Splitt stated that the budget draft will need to be on public display at our Administration building, front office beginning Monday, April 21. As per the law, the budget does need to be on public display for 30 days prior to the Budget and Appropriation Hearing which is scheduled for 6:45 p.m. on May 21st.

The board reviewed the report of the Executive Director.

The IAPD Legislative Conference & Reception will be taking place on April 29 & 30 in Springfield. 3 staff and 3 Commissioners will be in attendance.

The Alleghany Park Tennis/Basketball Court Renovation meeting was held on April 3rd. Chicagoland Paving has been onsite to perform the demo. The fencing and the asphalt have been removed. They will be grading the sub-base stone this week. Anticipated completion for this project is early June.

The Grays Lake Management Meeting was held on April 2nd. The committee approved the treatment of the lake and also approved to have the Lake County Zebra Mussel Project Foundation monitor the lake for the invasive Zebra Mussels. This will be the 4th year that Grays Lake will be monitored. John Sonnenberg from LCZMPF presented at the meeting to discuss the program and their findings. John utilizes local high school and college students to study and monitor the various lakes throughout Lake County.

Splitt and Muhr met with members from Round Lake Area Park District to conduct a safety audit of the fields and buildings at the ATYB facility. There were several areas that require immediate attention for repair and/or replacement. Crews from both our district and Round Lake Area Park District will be scheduling a work day later this month to address some of the major safety concerns. Spltt met on Tuesday with the Executive Director from RLAPD, Michelle Bauman from Avon Township and Dan Novacek, President of the AYTb to discuss this safety audit, registration numbers, field usage and overall program sustainability, and what are their future visionary plans going forward.

Splitt updated Board Members on the Jones Island Seawall/Shoreline Restoration Project. After almost 10 months, we finally received our permit from Stormwater Management Commission for this project. An onsite project meeting took place last week with representatives from SMC and Balance Environments. Now that the lake water levels are elevated, they will not be able to perform the work this spring. As soon as the levels go down, the work on the seawall and shoreline will begin. We are hoping for early to mid-summer. This project will be rolled into next fiscal year's budget.

The board reviewed the report of the Superintendent of Recreation.

Regnier stated that the month of April is a busy time of the year in the Recreation Department with a wide variety of program planning and preparations for May events and summer programs. Staff are preparing for dance recital, preschool graduation, concessions to open at Alleghany and summer camp staff trainings are all set to begin. Staff will start the softball tournament season off on May 2 with 10U-12U Pride Tournament which currently has 28 teams registered. That same weekend RBC is hosting their baseball tournament which means Alleghany will be in full swing.

Our Annual Easter Egg Hunt was held on Saturday, April 12 at Aquatics with 201 excited children ready to pick up as many eggs as possible. The Easter Bunny was there for photos and cheering on all the kids. Our annual Flash Light egg hunt will take place on April 16 and sold out quickly with 40 teens ready to put on head lamps and search the Meadowview fields in the dark of the night.

The golf course opened for the start of our 2025 golf season on Friday, March 21. While the course was open, golfers completed 284 rounds and a total sales ending the month at \$7,176. Staff are planning the first tournament of the 2025 season; Spring Two Cup will be hosted on Saturday April 19 at 10am.

Staff have been notified that after 22 years as cashier Grace Creegan will be retiring this month. The Golf Course has two May events coming up: 2nd Annual Mike's Day on Thursday, May 8, golf for \$8 and our 4th Annual Bourbon & Wine at the Grayslake "9" will take place on Friday, May 9. SRCLC has had a great response for vendors, hole sponsors and foursomes for this event.

Upcoming Events:

SRCLC Golf Outing at Grayslake Golf Course: Friday, May 9, Tee Times 1pm & 4pm
George Weinert Fishing Derby: Saturday, June 7 from 8-10am at Jones Island Park
Summer Kick-Off Dance: Wednesday, June 20 from 12-2pm at Jones Island
Taste of Grayslake: Saturday, June 28 from 3-10pm at Central Park

The board reviewed the report of the Superintendent of Parks.

Muhr stated that a couple of weeks ago, our crew rented an auger attachment for our skid-steer and replaced several sections of rotted split rail in front of the Central Park flag pole. Other projects we have worked on include:

- Installation of both windscreens at Sunrise Park and Aquatics Pickleball.
- Installation of three new portable fences out at Alleghany on Softball 1, 3, and 6
- The bathrooms/concession stand at Central Park Aquatics is functional and open for public use. The bathrooms/concession stand at Alleghany should be open for the weekend of the 19th and 20th, upon approval from the Lake County Health Department
- With practices in full swing at Alleghany Park now, staff have started up our Lightning detection system with no problems to report.
- Batting Cage is up at Alleghany.

The board reviewed the report of the Business Manager.

VanZant stated that Property Tax revenues are approximately 93% of total tax revenues. In our Recreation Program department, we have collected 102% of our annual budgeted program revenue.

MOTION: by Larson to go into Executive Session at 7:38pm for the purpose of Semiannual Review of Close Session Minutes as per Section 206 of 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (21). Second by Rodas. Upon roll call all Park Board Members voted "aye" No nays. Motion passed.

Executive Session 7:38 pm

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

MOTION: by Larson to keep all remaining closed session minutes not previously released closed and audio recordings older than 18 months destroyed. Second by Rodas. Upon roll call all Park Board Members voted "aye" No nays. Motion passed.

Ryan announced the May 7, 2025 Committee of the Whole Meeting will be at 7:00pm.

The May 21, 2025 Budget and Appropriation Hearing will be at 6:45pm.

The May 21, 2025 May Park Board Meeting will be at 7:00pm.

The May 21, 2025 Annual Park Board Meeting will be immediately following May Meeting.

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

Adjourned: 7:44pm.

Ray Larson, Secretary
Board of Commissioners