

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

May 21, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 7:07pm by President Ryan. Upon roll call the following were:

**PRESENT:** Commissioners Anderson, Deal, Kennedy, Larson, Toth, Rodas, Ryan. Staff: Splitt, Regnier, Van Zant, Muhr. Board Recording Secretary Shari Raven.

**MOTION:** by Larson that the Park Board of Commissioners approve the May 21, 2025 Annual Park Board Meeting Agenda as amended. Under New Business add G. Village of Hainesville Park Permit request. Second by Kennedy. Upon roll call all Park Board Members voted “aye” No nays. Motion passed.

Ryan read the Oath of Office to the 5 re-elected to the board. Commissioners: Anderson, Deal, Kennedy, Larson, Rodas.

**MOTION:** by Deal to nominate the following Slate of Officers to serve for this next year.

The Nominated Officers are:

President –Ken Ryan  
Vice President-Marlon Rodas  
Treasurer-Dennis Kennedy  
Vice Treasurer-Janet VanZant  
Secretary-Ray Larson  
Vice Secretary-Kristin Splitt

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

**MOTION:** by Toth to elect the nominated officers. Second by Rodas. Upon roll call all Park Board Members voted “aye” No nays. Motion passed.

**MOTION:** by Larson to approve the current Committee Appointments as amended.

-Grays Lake Management Committee: Commissioners Kennedy. Karen Rich is no longer able to serve on the board. We will need to appoint a citizen to serve on this committee. This can be done as a later time.

-Park School Committee: Commissioners Rodas and Anderson

-Engineering/Design Committee: Commissioners Deal and Kennedy

-Appointment of Legal Counsel: Tressler LLP

- Appointment of FOIA Officers: Kristin Splitt & Janet VanZant
- Designation of employees for OMA Training: Kristin Splitt & Janet VanZant

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

Board Members reviewed the Annual Park Board Meeting Schedule from June, 2025 through May, 2026.

The meeting schedule will remain the same as this past fiscal year. The board will hold their regular monthly board meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 meetings are needed throughout the year, the board can decide to schedule them on an as needed basis through a public notice.

**MOTION:** by Anderson that the Park Board of Commissioners approve the 2025-2026 Park Board Meeting Schedule 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 adopt Ordinance O2025-02 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 2025 and ending on the thirty first day of May, 2026. Second by Anderson. Upon roll call all Park Board Members voted “aye” No nays. Motion passed.

**MOTION:** by Toth to approve the Village of Hainesville Park Permit Request at Union Square Park on August 23<sup>rd</sup> from 2-11pm. Second by Larson. Upon roll call all Park Board Members voted “aye” No nays. Motion passed.

The board reviewed the report of the Executive Director.

Splitt spoke with Village Manager Mike Ellis and confirmed that the Village Board has agreed to assist the District on the Tooterville Park Bridge replacement and are prepared to pay for the entire cost, up to \$85,000. They will also provide the needed engineering/permitting assistance. The Park District will continue to own and maintain the bridge once complete.

The board reviewed the report of the Superintendent of Recreation.

The annual Village of Grayslake Memorial day Parade is planned for Monday, May 26. Line-up at Grayslake Central High School parking lot begins at 8:45am with the parade stepping off at 9:30am.

The Taste of Grayslake will be held Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup> from 3pm to 10 pm in Central Park. Staff has completed the third meeting with both the Grayslake Police

Department and the Grayslake Fire Department in attendance. Incident Action Plan is being developed by the Fire Dept. and the Police have reviewed park signage and usage of barriers, trash receptors and picnic tables. We have one more meeting set the week of the Taste of Grayslake to confirm park set up, Command Center and joint radio usage.

The board reviewed the report of the Superintendent of Parks.

During the weekend of May 2<sup>nd</sup>-May 5<sup>th</sup>, the entire staff was on call to help run one of the largest Pride Travel Softball Tournaments (10u-12u) the district has ever had. It was a huge success.

During the final week of April, our crew along with the Round Lake Park District and The Village of Hainesville, all got together out at Avon Baseball Park to assist in making the grounds safe and beautiful for the public to use for baseball games.

The District helped with:

- Cutting down brush along the outfield fences that had begun to be a hazard to outfielders who were running down fly balls.
- Added fence ties to areas where the fabric had pulled away from the support posts
- Removed and replaced both dugouts on a field where the roofing had begun to cave in.
- Added dirt to areas of need (around posts that concrete had been removed)

During the final week of April, it was brought to our attention that the culvert that connects the two channels at Jones Island (by the Porto Potty Pads) had begun to collapse due to the incorrect installation of the pipe previously.

The district hired Speed Plumbing to install the new 28-inch culvert and removed the existing deteriorated pipe. Filling it with rip rap stone and fabric to prevent erosion.

We installed new split rail and decorative stone to help prevent patrons from walking near this area. We believe this improved the overall aesthetic of the park as well.

As Memorial Day approaches, our crew is in full swing getting Jones Island Beach and The Splash Pad ready for the opening day, Friday May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

- Our crew will be installing the buoys, life ring, toy box, and Moby mat down at Jones Island
- Splash Pad has already been fired up and ready for May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The board reviewed the report of the Business Manager.

VanZant stated that the district currently has an IT contract ending in June with Excal Technology. After evaluating current IT services and support the District will be

changing providers and entering a 3 year contract with L6 Technology, who are very well versed in providing IT management services for park districts specifically and at a lower monthly cost.

President Ryan read a letter he received from Commissioner Toth, submitting his letter of resignation, effective immediately leaving his position as a Board Commissioner. He felt it was time for him to move on. He wished the board the Best of Luck and they wished him the same.

Ryan announced the June 18, 2025 Park Board Meeting will be at 7:00pm.

**MOTION:** by Toth to adjourn at 7:50pm. Second by Kennedy. Upon roll call all Park Board Members voted “aye” No nays. Motion passed.

Adjourned 7:50pm

Ray Larson, Secretary  
Board of Commissioners