

**GRAYSLAKE COMMUNITY PARK DISTRICT
PARK BOARD MEETING**

June 18, 2025

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

PRESENT: Commissioners Anderson, Kennedy, Larson, Rodas, Ryan. (Absent: Deal) Staff: Splitt, VanZant. (Absent: Muhr, Regnier). Guest: Dawn Wright. Board Recording Secretary Shari Raven.

MOTION: by Kennedy that the Park Board of Commissioners approve the June 18, 2025 Park Board Meeting Agenda as presented. Second by Anderson.

MOTION: by Larson that the Park Board of Commissioners approve the Consent Agenda to include:

- The Payment of Bills and Payroll from 05-22-25 thru 06-18-25 in the amount of \$602,128.32
- Approval of the May 21, 2025 Budget and Appropriation Hearing Minutes
- Approval of the May 21, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes
- Approval of the May 21, 2025 Annual Board Meeting Minutes

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

Dawn Wright, President of the Grayslake Park Foundation presented the Park Board of Commissioners a \$3,000 check for the Camp Scholarship Program. She mentioned there are 3 openings for Community Members on the Foundation Board. She is looking for more volunteers with new and creative ideas to assist in fund raising, seeking larger donors, and promotions, community events to raise awareness about the Foundation and make it grow.

Splitt discussed Resolution R25-03 Designating Public Depository and Authorizing Withdrawal of Public Moneys.

The resolution is for the change of names and signatures on all of our banking accounts with State Bank of the Lakes. The Park District needs to update the signature cards and accounts to officially remove Timothy Powell and Terry Toth from the accounts and keep Ken Ryan, Dennis Kennedy, Ray Larson, Kristin Splitt and Janet VanZant on the accounts.

MOTION: by Rodas that the Park Board of Commissioners approve Resolution R25-03 Designating Public Depository and Authorizing Withdrawal of Public Moneys. Second by Anderson. Upon roll call all Park Board Members voted "aye" No nays.

Motion passed.

The board reviewed the report of the Executive Director.

Splitt stated that the annual fireworks event will be taking place in Central Park on June 28th from 3:00-10:00pm. She will be meeting on Thursday, June 26 at 10:00am for the event safety meetings with the police, fire and public works departments. This year, there will be a small carnival, 3 bands, food trucks, restaurant vendors and the beer tent. There are a total of 21 food vendors. Live music Lineup: Rock Legacy: 3:00-4:30PM/The Complex: 5:00-7:00pm/Big City Knights: 7:30-9:30pm.

The 31st annual golf outing benefit supporting SRACLC will take place on Monday, September 29th at Hawthorn Woods Country Club. The outing will be a tournament style start again, same as last year. The Tee times are 11:30pm and 11:40pm. Board Members should let Splitt know if they will attend.

Splitt updated board members on the Tooterville Bridge. The Village Engineers from Gewalt Hamilton have put together a basic site plan to submit for permitting. The project will be mobilizing from the Metra parking lot to the west of the bridge. This will hopefully alleviate any conflicts with the use of the park, plus it will save the path from having to be resurfaced. The Village will be reaching out to Metra for approval. The permit will need to be run thru the IDNR because it crosses the Regulatory Floodway, but most likely will be referred to Lake County Stormwater Management Commission.

Splitt reviewed the Superintendent of Recreation report in lieu of Regnier's absence.

Summer Camp 2025 season is off and running. Day Camp and Sports Camp are both moving towards their max capacity with 90 campers daily. Teen Camp registration increased drastically which adjust our maximum to 50 campers daily at the Middle School. Adventure Camp is located at Woodview School for ages 5-7 and is averaging around 90 campers for the first few weeks of camp.

The 11th Annual George Weinert Fishing Derby was successful with 100 pre-registered fishermen, 22 walk ups in attendance along with many supporters. The event received financial contributions from 2 sponsors: Better Homes and Gardens and the Weinert Family. Our sponsors make it possible to provide t-shirts, breakfast, raffle prizes and trophies. The event remains a fun family event for all ages to participate with many returning families yearly.

Staff are currently developing programs for the Fall Program Guide and will begin entering program materials into Rec Trac towards the end of June. Fall Program Guide will launch online August 6th.

The Golf course had 1,689 rounds of golf played. June begins the season of Jr. Golf Camps at the course. Upcoming June golf tournament is the Lucky 13-Blind Bogey.

Upcoming Events:

Summer Kick-Off Dance: Friday, June 20 from 12-2pm at Jones Island Park
Taste of Grayslake & Fireworks: Saturday, June 28 from 3-10pm at Central Park
Free Events at Central Park Performance Pavilion: July 18-Animal Quest Show and
August 1-Science Heroes Show

Splitt reviewed the Superintendent of Parks report in lieu of Muhr's absence.

Update: Alleghany Tennis and Basketball Courts.

As of Monday, June 16th all fences and court asphalt has been completed. U.S. Tennis is currently on site to finish off the last bit of color coating on both the basketball and tennis court.

New Equipment for Alleghany:

As of June 1st, we have ordered two new pieces of equipment for Alleghany.

- Sand Pro 3040
- Hustler Zero Turn Mower 104 Inch Decks

With these new additions to the fleet, they should increase productivity and the quality of the work provided for this facility and the district as a whole.

On Monday, June 9th, Contour Landscaping was out to aerate the greens at the Golf Course. We used a Bayonet Tine that cuts small 2 –inch slits in the green that will help to push water and oxygen further down to the bent grass root system. This will promote growth throughout the entirety of the green.

As of Monday June 16th, our new full-time parks laborer had started and seems to be a great fit for the culture we are trying to build in the maintenance department. Richard Maldonado will be a great addition to the staff.

The board reviewed the report of the Business Manager.

Lake County has distributed the first installment of property tax revenue for the year, which has significantly contributed to the Park District's current financial position.

This month's expenditure approval includes two months of P-Card transactions as in preparation for the annual audit. Additionally, with the new fiscal year beginning June 1, departments have started utilizing their newly allocated budgets, particularly for capital expenditures aligned with planned budgets.

Ryan announced the July 16, 2025 Park Board Meeting will be at 7:00pm.

MOTION: by Larson to adjourn at 7:25pm. Second by Rodas. Upon roll call all Park Board Members voted “aye” No nays. Motion passed.

Adjourned 7:25pm

Ray Larson, Secretary
Board of Commissioners