

**GRAYSLAKE COMMUNITY PARK DISTRICT  
PARK BOARD MEETING**

August 20, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 7:01pm by President Ryan. Upon roll call the following were:

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

**MOTION:** by Rodas that the Park Board of Commissioners approve the August 20, 2025 Park Board Meeting Agenda as presented. Second by Kennedy. 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 07-17-25 thru 08-20-25 in the amount of \$519,789.46

- Approval of the July 16, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes

- Approval of NRPA Conference Travel and Training Expenses

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

Board Members reviewed a Park Permit Use Application from School District 46 PTO requesting permission to use the pathway around Central Park for a Color Run Fundraiser.

A color run is a fun, non-competitive run or walk where participants are doused with colored powder at various stations along the route, typically culminating in a color finish. It's a popular fundraising event, known for its focus on fun and community rather than timed competition. The color powder is usually made of cornstarch and food-grade dyes, making it safe and easy to clean off. It is not harmful to humans, animals nor the environment.

The event is scheduled for Saturday, October 18 from 8:00am-1:00pm. They are anticipating approximately 150-400 people in attendance. Parking will be available at Gelatin Park and the Pool. The PTO is responsible for all set-up and clean-up of the powdered color packages.

**MOTION:** by Anderson to approve the permit request by School District 46 PTO for the use of Central Park for their Color Run Fundraiser on October 18, 2025. Second by Deal. Upon roll call all Park Board Members voted “aye” No nays. Motion passed.

Board Members reviewed the Property Lease Termination Letter addressed to Avon Township Youth Baseball Organization. ATYB will be closing up operations as a community youth baseball and softball organization at the end of August. As advised by both the district’s Attorney and Round lake Area Part District’s Attorney, this lease termination letter is essential to move forward since we have a current 3-year facility use agreement and since this organization has leased this property for decades.

**MOTION:** by Kennedy that the Park Board of Commissioners approves the Avon Township Youth Baseball Property Lease Termination Letter as presented. 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.

A lengthy discussion was had regarding E-Bikes and E-Scooters in the parks and on the bike paths and how these are becoming a safety concern and an issue in some of our parks. Splitt mentioned that she had been in conversations with Mike Ellis from the Village of Grayslake in regards to Village ordinances restricting where these electric/gas powered bikes and scooters can operate. Mike mentioned that this is something the Village board will be discussing in their upcoming meetings. Splitt recommended that the Park District wait to update their Park Code Ordinances until the Village updates theirs and we can piggy back off of what they decide. More discussions will be forthcoming.

Splitt mentioned that Governor Pritzker recently signed a bill into law increasing the threshold for public sealed bid limits. Work related projects will remain at \$30,000 but supplies, equipment, materials have increased to \$60,000. Anything higher than those thresholds are required by law to go to sealed bid.

The fishing pier in Central Park along the memorial tree walkway is in disrepair and has been closed to the public due to safety concerns. It is staff’s recommendation to remove the lower existing deck, piers, paver stairs and retaining wall blocks and keep the top stairs and landing pad and make this into a pond overlook with a bench. It will still provide a recreational amenity for that area. The cost for this work will be \$6,280. Balanced Environments will perform the work.

Congratulations to Commissioner Dennis Kennedy who will be celebrating his 10-year anniversary this year. We will celebrate this accomplishment at the Holiday Party.

The board reviewed the report of the Superintendent of Recreation.

Summer Camp season finished with an increase of 1,140 more campers this year than last year.

Special Event recap:

National Night Out-August 5, 2025-Our first annual National Night Out was a big success with a great community turnout. The event featured free hot dogs, pizza, freeze pops, and water while supplies lasted. Activities included tattoos, bubbles, and bounce house, along with booths from the Grayslake Library, Sam's Club, and Hainesville FOP offering giveaways. Special appearances were made by the Grayslake Police, Illinois State Police, CLC Police, and the Grayslake Fire Department. Vendors and law enforcement partners were thrilled with the turnout, and the community response was enthusiastic.

Grayslake Community Band (Sundays) attendance-100 people per show-June show was rained out.

Sunday Concert in the Park Rock Legacy-attendance-100 people with great turnout.

Children's Concerts: The Art of Inflation, an animal show, and a science show each drew roughly 100 attendances with very positive feedback.

Summer Free Pop-Ups in the Park- these events were held on June 10, July 15 and August 5 in partnership with the Grayslake Library, each pop-up drew 50+ attendees. Staff organized craft activities, fun toys, sidewalk chalk, and tattoos, creating a casual family-friendly atmosphere.

This July the golf course was down in rounds played at 2138 rounds but generated revenue of \$26,246, an increase of \$1,350 from 2024. The course hosted the Red, White, and Blue Tournament on July 5 with 28 golfers in attendance.

The board reviewed the report of the Superintendent of Parks.

Muhr stated that the last few weeks have been busy at the Administration building. On August 2<sup>nd</sup>, ABM Business & Industry was out to completely strip and re-wax the tile floors in both main hallways, pre-schools, multipurpose rooms, and the small entrances to the kitchen/dance studio. This took their crew roughly nine hours to complete and did a very nice job.

Last month, the district was able to secure a new 2024 Ford F-250 Super Duty to add to the fleet. This truck has the capability of attaching a snowplow and salt spreader to the back receiver. This Truck will replace the 2014, salt truck, which has rusted beyond repair.

Contractors, Perfect Turf installed an entirely new layer of Poured-in Place surfacing to completely cover and make the existing surface all level and flush with the perimeter curbing at Cullen Park. This park tends to be plagued with vandalism so eliminating the sections of Poured-in-Place that were beginning to peel up was our main concern.

Cahill Heating and Cooling was out on Tuesday August 19<sup>th</sup> to install 4 new AC units. (4 of the oldest ones on the roof at the administration building.)

Spitt reviewed the report of the business manager in lieu of VanZant's absence.

16% into the fiscal year all revenues and expenses are as expected except for those that are seasonal expenses and are over because of the timing of the expense.

Switching Managed IT services came with a few bumps, but after two and a half months we are successfully working out the bugs. VanZant is also beginning to research VOIP options, which would bring the District's phone service into the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Ryan announced the September 24, 2025 Park Board Meeting will be at 7:00pm.

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

Adjourned 7:50 pm.

Ray Larson, Secretary  
Board of Commissioners