

**GRAYSLAKE COMMUNITY PARK DISTRICT  
PARK BOARD MEETING**

October 15, 2025

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

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

**MOTION:** by Deal that the Park Board of Commissioners approve the October 15, 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 Kennedy that the Park Board of Commissioners approve the Consent Agenda to include:

- The Payment of Bills and Payroll from 09-25-25 thru 10-15-25 in the amount of \$389,213.34
- Approval of the September 24, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes.

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

Splitt stated that in continuing to operate the district in the most transparent way, the board will need to pass a resolution to formally determine the amount of money which it estimates will be levied in 2025, and extended in 2026. The passage of this resolution complies with the requirements of the Truth in Taxation Law.

This resolution fulfills this requirement for the next step in the Tax Levy process. The resolution, itself does not bind the Board to any amount for the Tax Levy purposes. Its purpose is provide a record of the District presenting a Tax Levy estimate and determining whether or not a Tax Levy Public Hearing will be required. The Truth in Taxation Act provides that if the proposed property tax levy, excluding the debt portion, exceeds the prior year’s property tax extension by more than 5% then the District must meet certain public hearing and notice/publication requirements outline in the act. The District will not reach this limit, and therefore does not require any additional hearings or notices.

The resolution outlines a recommended 4.99% increase which is what the district has historically levied in past years. Once this resolution is passed, staff will begin to work on putting the proposed levy and ordinance together which the board will review at the November COW meeting.

**MOTION:** by Kennedy that the Park Board of Commissioners approve Resolution R25-04 Truth in Taxation Law as presented. Second by Deal. Upon roll call all Park Board Members voted “aye” No nays. Motion passed.

Board members reviewed the Park Code as it relates to the recent updates from the Village regarding the use of E-Bikes and E-Scooters on district property. The changes that have been made to our Park Code Ordinances mirror those ordinances of the Village’s and the State of Illinois.

Splitt is recommending that all E-Bikes and E-Scooters along with ATV’s, Motorbikes and Minibikes be prohibited from use in park district parks, on all district owned bike paths, walking trails and sidewalks as well as in any open space.

**MOTION:** by Deal to approve the updated sections 3.01 and 3.02 of the Park District’s Park Code Ordinances regarding the use of ATV’s, E-Bikes, E-Scooters, Motorbikes and Minibikes on Park District property as amended to simplify the wording. Second by Anderson. Upon roll call all Park Board Members voted “aye” No nays. Motion passed.

Splitt stated she has received an inquiry from the Village of Grayslake regarding a potential townhome development at the southeast corner of IL Route 83 and Washington St.

Although the developer has not yet submitted a zoning application for PUD approval, they wanted to reach out early to check with the Park District on whether a land donation or a cash donation would be preferred for a residential development in this location.

The Village suggested that the developer consider designating the open space west of the development (which is not buildable) as a public amenity-potentially with trails, overlooks, or similar features that enhance community value.

Seeing that this development is not that large and it will connect to pathways that lead to Mill Creek Park and the open space in Cherry Creek, I would recommend that the Park District ask for cash in lieu of land for this development. Splitt would not recommend that the Park District take the “not buildable” land even if they create trails, overlooks, etc., The maintenance on these wetlands will be costly.

Splitt will be reviewing and updating all of the policy manuals as well as the Comprehensive Plan. The first manual that has been reviewed and updated is the Board Policy Manual.

The manual, last amended in 2017 covers the existing policies of the district as they apply to the Board of Commissioners. It addition, it outlines the Board Members duties, functions, and responsibilities.

There are a few new sections that have been added and recommended by IAPD to be implemented in this manual.

This will be brought before the board for approval at the November board meeting and all board members will need to sign off that they have read and understand the policies contained within the manual.

The board reviewed the report of the Executive Director.

Splitt stated that the annual IAPD/IPRA State Conference will be held January 29-31 at the Hyatt Regency, Chicago. Early Bird Registration for this conference has begun and ends the beginning of December. Board Members should let Splitt know if they can attend.

Splitt, Regnier, and VanZant will be attending the IAPD Legal Symposium on Thursday, November 6<sup>th</sup> in Oak Brook.

Good News on the Tooterville Bridge Update. The district has received the permit from LC Stormwater Management Commission. Installation is still scheduled for mid-November.

Splitt stated the district received 4 proposals from playground companies for the replacement of the playground at Brittany Park. Each company had the opportunity to submit 2 different designs. Staff will be choosing the top 2 and then putting out a social media survey to pick the winner. Regnier heard back from Kids Around the World who will be taking the larger structure this spring to re-purpose it in a developing country. The swings and tot play structure will be removed and recycled.

The board reviewed the report of the Superintendent of Recreation.

Regnier stated this will be our first time combining the Winter and Spring sessions into a single program guide. This adjustment was made in response to the increasingly tight turnaround required for preparing and publishing program materials, especially with the Summer Camp Guide release the first week of February. To ensure residents are informed, staff have developed a communications schedule that includes target reminders and outreach efforts.

The Pumpkin Fest in Central Park will be taking place on Thursday, October 23, rain date will be October 24. We are planning to have 500 goodie bags prepared for participants who registered or are walking –up the day of the Pumpkin Fest pending on registration. The event offers a character path, games, inflatables, hayrides and a costume contest. Sponsorship has been strong for this event and a number of sponsors will set up booths at the event. There will be a variety of food trucks with the hope that families can enjoy dinner at the event.

Skeleton Egg Hunt for ages 5-12 from 6:45-7:30pm will be on October 29 at Meadowview Park.

Regnier stated it was a good month at the golf course. The course has been hosting area High school Golf teams and our very own Millennial League will be wrapping up their season. Year to date overall, we are up 38 rounds played and revenue is up by \$9,831. The golf course will close for the season at the end of November with plans to reopen in mid-March pending the spring weather.

The board reviewed the report of the Business Manager.

Property Taxes received are approximately at 81.6% of the budgeted amount. Slightly below target, due to the timing of collections. Rental Revenue is at 64% showing higher giving seasonality.

Employee healthcare open enrollment starts November 3<sup>rd</sup> and runs through November 21<sup>st</sup>.

**MOTION:** by Kennedy to go into Executive Session for the purpose of Semi-Annual Review of Closed Session Minutes as per Section 206 of 5ILCS 120/2 (c)21. Second by Deal. Upon roll call all Park Board Members voted “aye” No nays. Motion passed.

Executive Session 7:49pm

**MOTION:** by Kennedy to go into Open Session at 7:52pm. Second by Deal. Upon roll call all Park Board Members voted “aye” No nays. Motion passed.

**MOTION:** by Kennedy to release the following closed session minutes: 4-17-24, 10-16-24, 4-16-25 and keep all remaining minutes not previously released closed and all audio recordings older than 18 months destroyed. Second by Anderson. Upon roll call all Park Board Members voted “aye” No nays. Motion passed

Rodas announced the November 5, 2025 Committee of the Whole Meeting will be at 7:00pm. The November 19, 2025 Park Board Meeting will be at 7:00pm.

**MOTION:** by Deal to adjourn at 7:53pm. Second by Kennedy. Upon roll call all Park Board Members voted “aye” No nays. Motion passed.

Adjourned: 7:53pm

Ray Larson, Secretary  
Board of Commissioners