

**GRAYSLAKE COMMUNITY PARK DISTRICT  
PARK BOARD MEETING**

February 18, 2026

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

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

**MOTION:** by Kennedy that the Park Board of Commissioners approve the February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026 Park Board Meeting Agenda as presented. Second by Anderson. Upon roll call all Park Board Members voted “aye” No nays. Motion passed.

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

- The Payment of Bills and Payroll from 01-22-26 thru 02-18-26 in the amount of \$382,139.01
- Approval of the January 21, 2026 Park Board Meeting Minutes

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

Board Members discussed the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget Timeline.

Splitt stated staff will be presenting the first draft of the budget to the board at the April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026 board meeting.

- Presentation of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Draft budget to Board at the May 6, Committee of the Whole Meeting.
- Presentation of FINAL Budget and Appropriation Ordinance & Public Hearing for the FY26-27. Budget will be held May 20, 2026 at 6:45 p.m., prior to the May Board Meeting.
- Adopt FY26-27 Budget & Appropriation Ordinance at May Board Meeting May 20, 2026.

The board reviewed the report of the Executive Director.

Splitt stated the annual Bubbles and Brew fundraiser for the Grayslake Heritage Center Foundation will be taking place on Thursday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at First Draft from 6:00-8:00pm. Rich Anderson will be awarded the 2026 History Marker Award at this event.

The IAPD's annual Legislative Conference will be held May 5 & 6 in Springfield. Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup> is the Parks Day at the Capitol followed by the Legislative Reception. Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> is the conference at the Crowne Plaza. The IAPD Legislative Conference is designed to provide commissions, directors and professionals with firsthand, up-to-date information on the association's Legislative Advocacy Program and all pending legislation affecting IAPD's membership.

Splitt is in the process of setting up a Lake Management Committee meeting for some time in early March to discuss lake treatment options for 2026 as well as an updated sign ordinance from the Village regarding placing signage in Grayslake. Commissioner Kennedy is our board representative for this committee. Once Splitt receives final information and quotes from the Lake Treatment Company, she will set a date for the meeting.

The board reviewed the report of the Superintendent of Recreation.

The upcoming seasonal program guide will launch on our website Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>.

Regnier stated Registration for the 2026-2027 preschool year is open and classes are filling quickly. This will be the second year of our 2-year-old-program, and are pleased with the positive response from parents.

Dance Winter/Spring session is in full swing. Spring dance recital is scheduled for May 15 & 16 at Grayslake Central High School.

The Mother and Son Super Hero Dance will be hosted at Parkway Banquets on February 28. Currently, we have 150 super heroes and super moms planning to attend.

The St. Patrick's Day Parade will be held on Saturday, March 14 at 1pm. The parade line up will start at Gelatin Park at noon. Board Members should let Splitt know if they will participate in the parade.

The Grayslake Golf Course Season Kick-Off meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 12. Staff will be updating paperwork and training on software updates during the beginning of March. Currently, staff are scheduling tournaments and golf specialty dates to advertise in the upcoming Spring Program Guide.

The board reviewed the report of the Superintendent of Parks.

Maintenance staff are working on Tree Trimming at Jones Island, Creekside Park Golf Course, Wetland 201 and Meadowview Park.

Garris Construction is in the middle of renovating the Dance and MPR-A bathrooms at the admin building. Demo has been completed with paint, wall tile, and floor tile being installed this week and into next.

The board reviewed the report of the Business Manager.

VanZant stated Affiliate fees collected are above budget due to larger enrollment in affiliate sports participation. In addition, Field Rental is above budget as a result of GYBA tournament charges.

Rodas announced the March 18, 2026 Park Board Meeting will be at 7:00pm.

**MOTION:** by Kennedy to adjourn at 7:30pm. Second by Larson. Upon roll call all Park Board Members voted "aye" No nays. Motion passed.

Adjourned 7:30pm.

Ray Larson, Secretary  
Board of Commissioners