

**GRAYSLAKE COMMUNITY PARK DISTRICT
PARK BOARD MEETING**

March 18, 2026

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

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

MOTION: by Larson that the Park Board of Commissioners approve the March 18, 2026 Park Board Meeting Agenda as amended. Under 7. New Business add Residential Subdivision. 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 02-19-26 thru 03-18-26 in the amount of \$514,873.15
- Approval of the February 18, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes

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

Splitt mentioned that each year the district is required to hold a public hearing to review its annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance outside of a regularly board meeting. The district traditionally holds the hearing at 6:45pm just before its May Board Meeting. The board must first establish the day and time in order to comply with publication requirements of the hearing.

MOTION: by Larson that the Park Board of Commissioners establish a public hearing for the Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for May 20, 2026 at 6:45pm at the Park District Administrative Building. Second by Rodas. Upon roll call all Park Board Members voted "aye" No nays. Motion passed.

The Grays-Lake Management Committee is comprised of 5 residents who meet throughout the year to discuss the health of the lake. The committee is comprised of 1 Village Trustee, 1 Park District Commissioner, 1 appointed resident by the Village, 1 appointed resident by the Park District and 1 at-large resident.

The Park District's appointed resident, Karen Rich passed away earlier this year. She was 91 and served on this committee for many years. The Park District needs to officially appoint our next committee member. Splitt is recommending Jim Starwalt be appointed as the Park District's resident to this committee.

MOTION: by Kennedy that the Park Board of Commissioners appoint Jim Starwalt to fill the vacant Park District resident appointee for the Grays Lake Management committee. Second by Rodas. Upon roll call all Park Board Members voted "aye" No nays. Motion passed.

Board Members reviewed the proposal from Terra Engineering for the site survey, civil engineering, and landscape architecture services associated with the tennis court areas at Jaycee Park. The project scope includes the removal and complete replacement of the tennis court area and associated fencing. The survey will include both the area around the tennis courts as well as the shelter/restroom building and associated utility connection points. The district will need this survey if and when we decide to move forward with the replacement of that restroom building.

The architectural services agreement includes surveying, construction documentation, bid assistance, construction administration and close out/post completion/warranty phase.

The total cost for the architectural services including the survey is \$28,175 plus reimbursable.

MOTION: by Kennedy that the Park Board of Commissioners approve the Architectural Services Agreement from Terra Engineering for the Jaycee Park Courts Renovation Project in the amount of \$28,175 plus reimbursable. Second by Larson. Upon roll call all Park Board Members voted "aye" No nays. Motion passed.

Board Members reviewed a preliminary concept site plan for a proposed single family residential subdivision at the northeast corner of Washington and Lake Streets.

Discussion took place regarding the developer donations to the Park District, should the district accept cash, land to extend Doolittle Park or a combination. A discussion also took place regarding a proposed emergency access through Doolittle Park as well as a proposed bike path leading from this new subdivision to Meadowview Woods Park. The board had some questions and concerns and asked Splitt to discuss them with the Village. Splitt will keep the board updated.

The board reviewed the report of the Executive Director.

Splitt reminded board members to fill out their Statement of Economic Interest no later than May 1st.

The Grayslake Management Committee met on March 12th. The committee approved the full volume treatment of the lake, which will occur in early May.

The IAPD annual Legislative Conference will be held May 5 & 6 in Springfield. Board Members should let Splitt know if they can attend.

There is some positive news regarding the Alleghany Bike Path that is planned from Village Station to Alleghany Park. Splitt received an email from Village Manager, Mike Ellis stating that they have received a request from IDOT to submit plans and an intergovernmental agreement for the project. The Village is awaiting a response from IDOT. After 5-years of the Village trying to get this bike path approved from IDOT, Splitt is hopeful they are moving in the right direction.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, April 19th from 1-4pm for the Grayslake Park Foundation Meat Raffle Fundraiser. The event will take place at Emils. The fundraiser is the foundations first event in quite some time and all proceeds will be coming back to the Park District either in camp scholarships or park/facility improvements.

Splitt gave an update on the Avon Baseball Park complex. Buildings have been taken down. The Round Lake Park District will move forward with placing 2 soccer fields in the front of the park and move the parking lot be parallel with Hainesville Rd. They would like to move forward with these fields this spring so that play can occur on them this upcoming fall. The RLPD will be removing the current field fencing and dugouts and removing (but stockpiling) the infield mix. Both the RLPD and GLPD will need to chip in approximately \$18,000 to cover the remaining cost of the entire project. These soccer fields will be able to begin to generate some additional funds for the maintenance of this facility as we move forward later this year with the start of a Master Plan.

The board reviewed the report of the Superintendent of Recreation.

Regnier stated that Preschool Registration will be held at the Performance Pavilion on Wednesday, May 20. Dance Recital will be held at Central High School on Saturday, May 16.

The spring season will start with our First Annual adult Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 21 at the Golf Course. Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, March 28 at 1pm at the aquatic football field. Flashlight Egg Hunt will be held at Meadowview Park for full darkness, this event will be held on Thursday, April 2nd.

Staff have returned to the Golf Course to complete certification and training on our new or updated software changes. Opening day is Monday, March 23 if the weather agrees. The course will host the Snow Bird Special, March 20 for 10% off a season pass.

The board reviewed the report of the Superintendent of Parks.

Muhr stated that his staff has finished up all major trimming projects for the winter and will now focus to spring programs and prepping parks for our residents to enjoy.

Next, staff will begin to prep our sports fields for our Spring-Fall seasons.

This will include:

- Edging/Rolling the edges of Baseball/Softball Fields
- Aeration of All fields in Grayslake
- Dirt and Seed added to fields
- Limestone added to dugouts/paths
- Mulch added to playgrounds

The board reviewed the report of the Business Manager.

VanZant stated that Volleyball and Tennis programs are above budget for the year due to increase participation. Youth basketball gross revenue is the highest it has been in the last 5 years.

Electricity costs are over budget which suggests Vanzant will be going out to a broker to obtain competitive energy pricing again this spring. Salt and Salt supplies are over budget by \$1200 for the year.

Ryan announced the April 15th Park Board Meeting will be at 7:00pm.

MOTION: by Kennedy to adjourn at 8:00pm. Second by Larson. Upon roll call all Park Board Members voted "aye" No nays. Motion passed.

Adjourned: 8:00pm

Ray Larson, Secretary
Board of Commissioners