

**GRAYSLAKE COMMUNITY PARK DISTRICT  
ANNUAL PARK BOARD MEETING**

May 15, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 7:04pm by Vice President Rodas. Upon roll call the following were:

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

**MOTION:** by Larson that the Park Board of Commissioners approve the May 15, 2024 Annual Park Board Meeting Agenda as presented. Second by Kennedy. Upon roll call all Park Board Members voted “aye” No nays. Motion passed.

**MOTION:** by Larson to nominate/elect the following slate of officers.

- President-Ken Ryan
- Vice President –Marlon Rodas
- Treasurer-Carl Deal
- Vice Treasurer-Janet VanZant
- Secretary-Ray Larson
- Vice Secretary-Kristin Splitt

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

**MOTION:** by Kennedy to approve the Current Committee Appointments.

- Grays Lake Management Committee: Commissioner Kennedy and Citizen Karen Rich
- Park/School Committee: Commissioners Rodas and Larson
- Engineering/Design Committee: Commissioners Rodas and Larson
- Village Economic Development Group: Tressler LLP
- Appointment of FOIA officers: Kristin Splitt & Janet VanZant
- Designation of employees for OMA training-Kristin Splitt & Janet VanZant

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

Splitt is proposing that we keep the meeting schedules the same as this past fiscal year. The board would hold their regular monthly board meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month (excluding December) and would schedule 2 Committee of the Whole (COW) meetings in November (tax levy/Audit discussion) and May (budget

discussion). If additional COW meetings are needed throughout the year, the board can decide to schedule them on an as needed basis through a public notice.

**MOTION:** by Deal that the Park Board of Commissioners approve the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Park Board Meeting Schedule as presented. Second by Kennedy. Upon roll call all Park Board Members voted “aye” No nays. Motion passed.

**MOTION:** by Larson that the Park Board of Commissioners adopt Ordinance O 2024-01 The Combined Budget and Appropriation Ordinance of the Grayslake Community Park District, Lake County, Illinois, for the Fiscal Year beginning the first day of June 2024 and ending on the thirty first day of May, 2025. Second by Kennedy. Upon roll call all Park Board Members voted “aye” No nays. Motion passed.

The board reviewed the report of the Executive Director.

Commissioners Rodas, Larson, Anderson, VanZant and Splitt attended the IAPD Legislative Conference in Springfield on May 7 & 8. They visited Senator Edly-Allen and Representative Faver Dias. Both Legislators asked for a list of future capital projects to be sent to them.

Splitt will be meeting with department heads throughout the next few weeks to complete their annual performance evaluations and to set goals for each individual and department.

The annual Memorial Day Parade in Grayslake is scheduled for Monday morning, May 27<sup>th</sup>. Line up begins at 9:00am at the Grayslake Central High School parking lot and the parade begins at 9:30am. Board Members should let Splitt know if they can attend.

The Grand Opening and ribbon cutting ceremony for the Jones Island Inclusive Playground will be on Wednesday, June 5<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-6:00pm with the ceremony taking place at 6:00pm. It is important that we have full board in attendance on this date. Invites have been sent to our main donors, Village trustees and legislators.

The Cambridge Park Tennis/Basketball Court Project plans, drawings and bid documents are complete for the full renovation. The district will be going out for bid next week with a sealed bid opening scheduled for Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup>. Splitt will be bringing the bids back to the board for approval at the June board meeting.

Registration and hotel registration has opened up for the National Park and Recreation Conference in Atlanta. The Conference will be taking place on October 8-10. Board Members should let Splitt know if they will attend.

The board reviewed the report of the Superintendent of Recreation.

The I LOVE Learning 4- year old Preschool Graduation Ceremony was held on Wednesday, May 15 at Central Park Performance Pavilion.

The Dance recital season is coming to an end. Dance rehearsal will be on Friday, May 17 and recital is Saturday, May 18 hosted at Grayslake Central High School. This will be Meghan Reimers last recital with us, after 16 years Meghan has decided to hand over her creative rights to Jennifer Reed. Miss Jenny developed her love for dance as a little girl with the Park District and came back to teach with us 10 years ago. Miss Jenny earned her Master's in Fine arts and is a dance professor at Carthage College as well as teaching dance at Wauconda Park District.

Camp staff has been hired. Summer camps begin Monday, June 3. Camp locations are at both Woodview School and Grayslake Middle School. Registration has continued to be very strong for summer camps.

The month of April at the Golf Course was busy with 985 rounds played. The Spring Two Cup tournament was held on April 13 and 20 golfers attending and sponsorship from Edward Jones Antioch office.

The board reviewed the report of the Assistant Superintendent of Parks.

Muhr stated the bathroom remodel at The Recreation Center is just about to be completed this week. Other projects we are working on include:

- We had a Successful Pride Softball Tournament on May 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>
- We are installing a new portable fence on field 5 to allow Brice to run more Games/tournaments at our facilities with the shorter fencing.
- Irrigation system is up and running for the golf course
- Splash Pad was fired up on May 13<sup>th</sup>, opening weekend is May 24<sup>th</sup>
- We have completed our bike path sign as required by the state of Illinois

The board reviewed the report of the Business Manager.

VanZant stated that in the next coming weeks the front office will have 2 new employees. Thomas Baker will be filling Karen Kobernick's position which is now titled, Business Service Coordinator and Danielle Mazurkiewicz will be filling Laurie Grim's position at Registration Coordinator.

Rodas announced the June 19, 2024 Park Board Meeting will be at 7:00pm.

**MOTION:** by Larson to adjourn at 7:31pm. Second by Kennedy. Upon roll call all Park Board Members voted "aye" No nays. Motion passed.

Adjourned 7:31pm.

Ray Larson, Secretary  
Board of Commissioners