

Regular Meeting Minutes of the
Gurnee Park District Board of Commissioners
October 21, 2025

Board President Crews called the regular meeting to order at 7:00pm, led the Pledge of Allegiance and asked for roll call. Commissioners present: Gerry Crews, Chrissie Popper, Liz Nelson and Sarah Beckmann. Commissioners Absent: Aaron Dalzot. Also present: Mike Szpylman, Executive Director; Melissa Marsh, Director of Recreation; Kraig Owens, Director of Parks; Sumitra Potharazu, Director of Business Services and Jennifer Gilbert, Director of Marketing and Community Relations. Aaron Dalzot arrived at 7:03pm.

Board President Crews opened a hearing to receive public comments on the proposal to sell bonds of the District in the amount of \$800,000 to provide the revenue source to pay certain alternate bonds and for the payment of land condemned or purchased for parks, for the building, maintaining, improving and protecting of the same and the existing land and facilities of the District and for the payment of outstanding obligations of the District.

A notice of the meeting was published in the *Daily Herald* on October 1, 2025. The proceeds from this bond issue will be used for various capital projects throughout the Park District.

No comments were received during the hearing. A motion to adjourn was made by Popper and seconded by Nelson. On voice vote, all voted aye.

A motion was made by Popper to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on September 23, 2025. The motion was seconded by Nelson. Roll call vote taken. Ayes: Nelson, Dalzot, Beckmann, Popper and Crews. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

A motion to approve the total bills, payouts and payroll in the amount of \$1,070,329.55 presented on October 21, 2025, was made by Popper and was seconded by Nelson. Roll call vote taken. Ayes: Nelson, Dalzot, Beckmann, Popper and Crews. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

The financial report and treasurer's report were reviewed.

The Board President opened the floor to visitors; there were no comments provided.

Department Directors reviewed their written reports with the Board.

Director of Parks and Planning Kraig Owens reviewed the parks report.

Director of Recreation Melissa Marsh reviewed the recreation report.

Director of Business Services Sumitra Potharazu reviewed the business report.

Director of Marketing and Community Relations Jennifer Gilbert reviewed the Marketing and Community Relations report.

Executive Director Mike Szpylman reviewed his report.

ACTION ITEMS

A motion to approve the estimated tax levy amount of \$6,215,522 in the corporate and special purpose funds and \$1,251,156 in the bond and interest fund bringing the total estimated levy to \$7,466,678 was made by Popper and seconded by Nelson. Roll call vote taken. Ayes: Nelson, Dalzot, Beckmann, Popper and Crews. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

A motion to approve the \$68,000 Bid for Demolition Services from Anthem Excavation & Demo at 35006 & 35010 N. Hunt Club Road, Gurnee, IL 60031 (known as the Markus Property) was made by Popper and seconded by Nelson. Roll call vote taken. Ayes: Nelson, Dalzot, Beckmann, Popper and Crews. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

A motion to approve the Bid from Everlast Blacktop for Maintenance Facility Water Service Improvements at Hunt Club Maintenance Facility at a cost of \$70,450 was made by Popper and seconded by Nelson. Roll call vote taken. Ayes: Nelson, Dalzot, Beckmann, Popper and Crews. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

A motion to adjourn was made by Popper and seconded by Dalzot. On voice vote, all voted aye. The meeting adjourned at 7:52pm.

Gerry Crews, President

Aaron Dalzot, Secretary