

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

Vice President Paddock called the regular meeting to order at 7:00pm. The Vice President led the Pledge of Allegiance and asked for roll call. Commissioners present: Gerry Crews, Vicki Paddock, Chrissie Popper and Jim Goshorn (via conference phone). Commissioners Absent: Aaron Dalzot. Also present: Susie Kuruvilla, Executive Director; Melissa Marsh, Director of Recreation; Kraig Owens, Director of Parks; Mike Szpylman, Director of Business Services; Jennifer Gilbert, Director of Marketing and Community Relations and Christina Richmond, Accounting Manager.

A motion was made by Popper to approve Jim Goshorn to attend the meeting via phone. The motion was seconded by Crews. Roll call vote taken. Ayes: Crews, Paddock, Popper and Goshorn. Nays: none. Absent: Dalzot. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Popper to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 17, 2024. The motion was seconded by Crews. Roll call vote taken. Ayes: Crews, Paddock, Popper and Goshorn. Nays: none. Absent: Dalzot. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Goshorn to approve the minutes of the executive session meeting of January 7, 2025. The motion was seconded by Popper. Roll call vote taken. Ayes: Crews, Paddock, Popper and Goshorn. Nays: none. Absent: Dalzot. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Popper to approve the minutes of the executive session meeting of January 13, 2025, January 14, 2025 and January 15, 2025. The motion was seconded by Crews. Roll call vote taken. Ayes: Crews, Paddock, Popper and Goshorn. Nays: none. Absent: Dalzot. Motion carried.

A motion to approve the total bills, payouts and payroll in the amount of \$1,911,754.21 presented on January 21, 2025, was made by Crews and was seconded by Popper. Roll call vote taken. Ayes: Crews, Paddock, Popper and Goshorn. Nays: none. Absent: Dalzot. Motion carried.

The financial report and treasurer's report were reviewed.

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

Department Directors reviewed their written reports with the Board.

Director of Parks Kraig Owens reviewed the parks report. Owens mentioned there were two public input meetings held to discuss the Viking Park Master Plan and both received excellent feedback. Hitchcock Design Group will put together an initial plan to be reviewed by GPD and will work with the District to devise a final plan.

Director of Recreation Melissa Marsh reviewed the recreation report. Enrollment numbers continue to meet expectations for FitNation, with over 4,800 members and 36,000 visits for December. Winter programming and soccer registration is underway. Camp Registration begins on February 4, 2025. 830 pool passes have been sold for the upcoming season. Melissa then reviewed staffing

updates for the team - Amanda Kochenash will move into the Cultural Arts Supervisor role. Robert May has re-joined the team (former GPD lifeguard) and will become the new Aquatics Supervisor.

Director of Business Services Mike Szpylman reviewed the business services report.

Director of Marketing and Community Relations Jennifer Gilbert reviewed the Marketing and Community Relations report. She reported that the new camp and special event postcards have been distributed. The Board also acknowledged the success of the GPD SOFIE Holiday party.

Executive Director Susie Kuruvilla reviewed her report. The IAPD Legislative breakfast this year is hosted by Vernon Hills Park District on Friday, February 28th at 8:00 am. Aaron Dalzot is planning to attend.

ACTION ITEMS

A motion to approve the Real Estate Ordinance #24/25-6 for the purchase of 35066 N. Hunt Club Road at a price of \$1,000,000.00 presented on January 21, 2025, was made by Popper and was seconded by Goshorn. Roll call vote taken. Ayes: Crews, Paddock, Popper and Goshorn. Nays: none. Absent: Dalzot. Motion carried.

A motion to move into Executive Session was made by Goshorn and seconded by Popper. On voice vote, all voted aye. The regular meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.

James G. Goshorn, President

Aaron Dalzot, Secretary