

Regular Meeting Minutes of the
Gurnee Park District Board of Commissioners
July 20, 2023

President Goshorn called the regular meeting to order at 7:00pm. The President led the Pledge of Allegiance and asked for roll call. Commissioners present: Chrissie Popper, Aaron Dalzot, Vicki Paddock, Gerry Crews and Jim Goshorn. Commissioners absent: none. Also present: Susie Kuruvilla, Executive Director; Kraig Owens, Director of Parks and Planning; Mike Szpylman, Director of Business Services; Mike Wick, Director of Recreation and Jennifer Gilbert, Director of Marketing and Community Relations.

A motion was made by Popper to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 20, 2023. The motion was seconded by Crews. Roll call vote taken. Ayes: Dalzot, Popper, Paddock, Crews and Goshorn. Nays: none. Motion carried.

A motion to approve the total bills, payouts and payroll in the amount of \$1,291,891.57 presented on July 20, 2023, was made by Crews and was seconded by Popper. Roll call vote taken. Ayes: Popper, Paddock, Dalzot, Crews and Goshorn. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The financial report and treasurer's report were reviewed.

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

Jesse Balay, Graphic Design and Brand Specialist and member of the DEI Committee presented "Gender Bread" DEI Training for the Board of Commissioners.

Department Directors reviewed their written reports with the Board.

Director of Parks Kraig Owens reviewed the parks report. Owens indicated that parks are still incurring vandalism. Board discussed possible ideas for deterrent. Commission Crews inquired about safety training for staff. Owens and Wick indicated that staff get job specific safety training for scenarios such as fires, AED and the like.

Director of Recreation Mike Wick reviewed his report. He introduced the recreation summer interns, Clayton Nix and Chris Nesterowicz. The interns introduced themselves. Dalzot inquired about the Cops and Bobbers Event. The interns have been planning the event alongside Mary Lester, Davida Doyle and the Gurnee Police Department. Commissioner Crews remarked on the positive attendance numbers at FitNation.

Director of Business Services Mike Szpylman reviewed the business services report. Executive Director Kuruvilla recognized Szpylman on the five year financial plan.

Director Jennifer Gilbert reviewed the Marketing and Community Relations report. Director Gilbert updated the Board on Gurnee Days advertising efforts.

Executive Director Susie Kuruvilla reviewed her report. Kuruvilla updated the Board on the process of the Comprehensive strategic master Plan.