

Village of La Grange Park  
Youth Commission – Meeting Minutes  
April 12, 2021

A meeting of the La Grange Park Youth Commission was held via teleconference due to the pandemic. The meeting was scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 12, 2021.

**1. Call to Order**

Maggie Jarr, Assistant Village Manager, called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. Audrey Topazian volunteered to be the meeting chairperson.

**2. Roll Call**

Audrey Topazian called the roll.

Commission Members Present/Absent were:

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| Ryan McAllister | Present              | William Aikens  | Present |
| Connie Anagnos  | Present (left early) | Katie Beyer     | Present |
| Audrey Topazian | Present              | Charlotte Sands | Present |
| Jakub Myers     | Present              | Sophia Marczuk  | Present |
| Julia Reven     | Present              | Owen Myers      | Present |

Also in attendance: Maggie Jarr, Assistant Village Manager  
Julia Cedillo, Village Manager  
Laura McAllister

**3. Public Comment**

Laura McAllister stated that she has observed trees planted improperly in the parkway on Forest Road, north of 31<sup>st</sup> Street. She went on to describe that some trees are still in the burlap bag and crooked, and she has also observed some volcano mulching. Julia Cedillo said that she will notify Rick Radde, Public Works Director, and noted that those trees might have been planted by residents, as the Village is aware of the damaging impact of these practices and has several certified arborists on staff. She also noted that the Village has sent out information to residents via E-Briefs on proper tree planting and maintenance practices.

**4. Approval of Minutes – March 8, 2021**

There was a motion to approve the minutes of March 8, 2021 by Connie Anagnos. The motion was seconded by Katie Beyer and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

**5. Village Board Meeting Sign-Up**

Audrey Topazian inquired as to if anyone was available to attend the Village Board Meeting on April 13, 2021. Ryan McAllister volunteered. Maggie Jarr noted that the meeting will start at 7:15 p.m. due to the public hearing.

**6. Confirm Interest in Re-Appointment**

Audrey Topazian inquired as to whether the Commissioners are interested in serving on the Youth Commission next year. All Commissioners expressed interest in continuing to serve, except for Ryan McAllister, who is graduating high school this spring.

Katie Beyer stated that she knew someone who might be interested in joining the Youth Commission and asked for details regarding eligibility and the application process. Julia Cedillo stated that Commissioners must be in 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade, and that applications will be accepted starting in June and selection will take place in July/August. Maggie Jarr stated that she would send the application to all Commissioners and encouraged them to distribute to their peers.

#### **7. Community Volunteer Day**

Maggie Jarr updated the Commission on details for Community Volunteer Day. The annual day of service has been scheduled for Saturday, May 22 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. She asked for feedback on how to promote the event. Julia Reven proposed that, in addition to sharing via E-Briefs, flyers could be posted at Park Junior High School and Lyons Township High School. Katie Beyer stated that her family might be interested in volunteering and lending skills in carpentry and gardening. Sophia Marczuk suggested that Commissioners could call older adults that they already know, such as neighbors, to ask whether they have any outdoor chores or work that require assistance. William Aikens described his experience volunteering in a previous year, providing assistance with weeding and grass cutting. Maggie Jarr stated that she would share the flyer and more details with the Commission in the coming weeks.

#### **8. Review of Village Board Work Session Meeting – April 13, 2021**

Maggie Jarr provided an overview of agenda item (8A) Extension of Temporary Outdoor Dining for Restaurants. *At the end of the discussion, there was consensus to approve the Motion to Approve an Ordinance Allowing for the Extension of Temporary Outdoor Dining.*

Audrey Topazian provided an overview of agenda item (9A) the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District IGA for Permeable Pavement Intersections. She went on to state her support for the motion and noted that she has seen cars stuck in the street due to flooding. Charlotte Sands agreed, noting that any project aimed at preventing flooding is good and that her family experiences flooding when the gutters aren't aligned properly. *At the end of the discussion, there was consensus to approve the Motion to Approve a Resolution Authorizing Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement by and Between the Village of La Grange Park and The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago for the Permeable Paver Intersection Reconstruction Project in La Grange Park, Illinois.*

Audrey Topazian provided an overview of agenda item (9B) 31st Street Alley Water Main Extension - Contract Award. Katie Beyer voiced a concern regarding selection of the lowest bidder. Julia Cedillo clarified that the Village has worked with Suburban General in the past and that they are a local company with good credentials and references. *At the end of the discussion, there was consensus to approve the Motion: (1) To Accept the Bid Proposal from Suburban General Construction, Inc., In The Amount of \$49,867.50 And (2) To Authorize the Village Manager to Execute the Contract Documents.*

Audrey Topazian provided an overview of agenda item (10A) Resolution Approving Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Pay Plan. Julia Cedillo elaborated that, as part of this process, the Village looked at the percentage increase for wages of non-union employees in neighboring communities, and that the proposed two percent increase is consistent with those municipalities. *At the end of the discussion, there was consensus to approve the Motion to Approve a Resolution Approving Pay Plan and Schedule of Authorized Positions for Fiscal Year 2021/22.*

Audrey Topazian provided an overview of agenda item (10B) FY2021-2022 Budget & Five Year Plan Finance Committee Review and Recommendation. Julia Cedillo elaborated that the transmittal memo is a good reference for finding out about the budget. She described how to navigate to the Transparency

Portal on the Village's website and find important documents. She stated that the budget is a policy document that outlines how the Village intends to spend money, and that the Village's budget includes about \$18 million in revenues and \$18 million in expenditures. She went on to describe a guiding objective of the budget, which is to "hold the line," as the Village did better than expected during the pandemic. *At the end of the discussion, there was consensus to approve the Motion: 1) To Approve a Resolution Approving FY 2021-2022 Operating Budget, and 2) To Approve the Five Year Plan FY 2021/22-2025/26.*

Audrey Topazian provided an overview of agenda item (10C) Fiscal Year 2021 Police Pension Contribution. Julia Cedillo explained that the Village includes a best guess for its annual contribution in the budget, then hires an actuary to determine what the contribution should be. She also stated that Cook County makes a payment on the Village's behalf, utilizing the tax levy, and that the Village makes a payment if there's a gap between what was paid and what is owed. Julia Reven voiced support for the motion because the Village has the money to make the payment. Ryan McAllister agreed that paying now is better than "kicking the can down the road." *At the end of the discussion, there was consensus to approve the Motion to Transfer an Amount Not to Exceed \$90,000 From the General Fund to the Police Pension Fund So as to Contribute the Full Actuary Determined Contribution for Fiscal Year 2021.*

Audrey Topazian provided an overview of agenda item (10D) Fiscal Year 2020/21 Budget Amendments. *At the end of the discussion, there was consensus to approve the Motion to Approve a Resolution Amending the Fiscal Year 2020/21 Budget.*

**9. Adjourn – Next Meeting: May 10, 2021**

With no further business, there was a motion to adjourn. The motion to adjourn was made by Katie Beyer, seconded by William Aikens, and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Maggie Jar  
Assistant Village Manager