

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF THE PARK DISTRICT OF LA GRANGE, ILLINOIS
HELD AT THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES
536 EAST AVENUE, LA GRANGE, ILLINOIS**

SEPTEMBER 9, 2019

President Vear called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Commissioners Vear, Jacobs, O'Brien, Opyd, Collins

ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Executive Director Dean Bissias, Superintendent of Finance Leynette Kuniej, Superintendent of Facilities Chris Finn, Superintendent of Recreation Kevin Miller, Superintendent of BASE Leanna Hartung, Superintendent of La Grange Fitness Jenny Bechtold, Recording Secretary Ginger Zeman

OTHERS PRESENT: Attorney Jim Rock, Dave Bryant, Rose Naseef

President Vear welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Communications, Presentations & Declarations

Public Comments/Participation (Board Manual Section #152)

None

Presentation from the Village of La Grange Environmental Quality Commission
Rose Naseef, 911 S. Stone Avenue, La Grange, is a member of the Village of La Grange Environmental Quality Commission. There are 13 members on the advisory board. Dave Bryant, 40 S. Ashland Avenue, La Grange, was also in attendance representing the Commission. Rose stated that residents come to the Commission meetings to voice their concerns and then the Commission makes recommendations to the Village Board. The Commission is part of the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus. It is a collaboration of green communities that work to promote waste reduction and renewable energy. The La Grange Commission has a bronze designation but will soon receive a silver designation when they reach the requisite percentage for a green community. Because the Park District has some large projects in the future, they were hoping we would consider energy efficiency in our buildings and incorporate environmentally friendly practices going forward. The Commission would like to partner with the Park District and offer gardening classes as well as recycling for shoes, corks, pumpkins and many other items to help the Village achieve sustainability. Rose also stated there will be a Native Garden Bike Tour on Sunday, September 15, 2019 from 12:00pm to 2:00pm through La Grange and

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La Grange Park. Our native plants absorb storm water, filter contaminants and are pollinators.

President Vear stated that the Park District is listening to what the Commission has to say. He reminded everyone that we have land, but not plentiful land to work with. He is a composter at home and when composting you must be mindful of the location because of the animals, and adequate space is necessary.

Commissioner Jacobs was glad to discuss recycling. Rose Naseef stated the Commission could help negotiate the Park District waste contract when it is up for renewal.

Commissioner Opyd stated he saw recycling signs at Endless Summerfest. He was glad to see the Environmental Quality Commission represented there and appreciates their help with recycling.

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Collins motioned to approve Item 3.1 Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of August 19, 2019; Item 3.2 Approval of the Financial Reports dated August 31, 2019; Item 3.3 Approval of the Consolidated Vouchers for September dated September 9, 2019.

Commissioner O'Brien seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Vear, Jacobs, O'Brien, Opyd, Collins
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None

Staff Reports

Director Dean Bissias

- He will be attending the NRPA National Conference in Baltimore, Maryland September 23 - 27, 2019. He has been attending this conference since 1997.
- The final numbers for Endless Summerfest are not complete at this time, however, it looks like approximately \$50,000 will be split between the Park District and LGBA. He congratulated staff for a job well done.
- He has been working on the contract with the Chicago White Sox for their lease of space in our facility.

Staff Comments

Superintendent of Facilities Chris Finn

- He is busy finishing ongoing projects and starting new projects.
- The Board liked the new sliding front doors.
- The Parks Dept. maintenance crew will be seeding all the fields this fall.

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Commissioner Opyd asked about the rested field at Gordon Park. Superintendent of Facilities Chris Finn stated that the fence is going back up because part of the field by the drain tile needs more dirt and seed.

Commissioner Jacobs recommended putting new carpeting in the social area in next year's budget. It was cleaned but the spots keep reappearing.

Superintendent of Finance Leynette Kuniej

- She is moving ahead with the initial planning with Tyler Technologies.
- She has an extended vacation in October so there will be no financial report in October, but bills will be paid.

Superintendent of Recreation Kevin Miller

- The boys travel basketball tryouts were held last week. There were lower numbers than previous years, but 52 boys were in attendance.
- The girls travel basketball tryouts are this week.
- This is the third year the Park District has participated in the West End Art Fair. There was a good crowd on Saturday but the weather did not cooperate on Sunday. We offered various arts and crafts and face painting in our booth.

Superintendent of BASE Leanna Hartung

- Cossitt School BASE is full with two children on the wait list. Congress Park School is full with three children remaining on the wait list. Ogden Avenue School is full with thirteen students left on the wait list. Forest Road School has a few openings and St. Francis School has open spots. All the children on the wait list for Barnsdale Road School were accepted into the program.
- She has five more staff to hire.
- The BASE tailgate party last Friday was fun for the kids and parents.

President Vear asked if there has been parent feedback about the program. Superintendent of BASE Leanna Hartung stated the parents and staff are happy with one campus at St. Francis School instead of two. She also stated parents whose children are on wait lists were not happy. She is evaluating attendance numbers at the schools to determine if additional children can be accommodated.

Superintendent of La Grange Fitness Jenny Bechtold

- The fitness center numbers decreased a little this month to 2,406.
- August is slower for new memberships because of vacations and college students returning to school.
- September 11, 2019 will be the fitness center's two-year anniversary.
- The 90-day summer challenge had 59 participants.
- They will be working on the stereo system this week.

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- LGBA is promoting Wellness Week. We will offer free drop-in visits to the fitness center during the day and on Friday night from October 7th through October 11th for La Grange residents. There will be a few afternoon fitness classes offered during the week as well.
- We are hosting a Zumbathon in our gymnasium on Friday, October 4, 2019 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. It is a donation based event, and all the funds raised will be donated to the Susan G. Komen Foundation. Participants must pre-register.

Attorney Report

None

Treasurer Report

None

Action Items

Director Bissias introduced Jeff Braun from Cody, Braun and Associates. His architectural firm prepares the drawings, oversees the bid process, and visits the jobsites. Jeff stated he contacted 20 roofing contractors and 11 bids were returned for the roof replacement at the Rec Center and the Community Center. The new roofs will be able to withstand solar panels in the future if the Board decides to install them. The life expectancy for the roofs are 20 years.

*Discussion and Possible Approval of Winning Bid for the Replacement of the Roof at the Community Center at 200 S. Washington Avenue and
Discussion and Possible Approval of Winning Bid for the Replacement of the Roof "Section Three" at the Recreation Center*

After Board discussion, Commissioner Opyd motioned to reject the roofing bid from Iron Guys Roofing because they failed to submit the bid bond with the sealed bid. Commissioner Jacobs seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Vear, Jacobs, O'Brien, Opyd, Collins
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None

Commissioner Jacobs motioned to accept Top Roofing's bid withdrawal. Commissioner O'Brien seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Vear, Jacobs, O'Brien, Opyd, Collins
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None

Commissioner Collins motioned to accept the combination bid of \$225,670 from Elens & Maichin Roofing for the replacement of the roof at the Community

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Center at 200 S. Washington Ave. and the replacement of roof "section three" at the Recreation Center at 536 East Avenue. Commissioner O'Brien seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Vear, Jacobs, O'Brien, Opyd, Collins
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None

Director Bissias asked the Board to consider moving funds from the reserve fund to cover the \$50,000 shortage for the projects and Jeff Braun's fees. Attorney Jim Rock stated there would need to be an ordinance in next month's agenda to discuss this item and move the money. There was Board consensus to put an ordinance in next month's agenda to discuss and move the money.

Discussion and Possible Approval of Winning Bid for the Replacement of the Pathway at Gilbert Park

Discussion and Possible Approval of Winning Bid for the Replacement/Resurfacing of the Parking Lots at Sedgwick Park Along 47th Street and at 10th Avenue

Discussion and Possible Approval of Winning Bid for the Resurfacing of the Tennis Courts at Sedgwick Park

Jeff Braun stated that six contractors requested bid documents for the asphalt replacement projects and only two contractors returned bids. After Board discussion of the three projects, Commissioner Collins motioned to approve the combination bid of \$388,939 from Evens & Son Blacktop for replacement of the pathway at Gilbert Park, the replacement/resurfacing of the parking lot at Sedgwick Park along 47th Street and at 10th Avenue, and the resurfacing of the tennis courts at Sedgwick Park. Commissioner Jacobs seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Vear, Jacobs, O'Brien, Opyd, Collins
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None

Board Business

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Committee Reports

Administration Committee

None

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Parks and Open Lands

None

Finance & Capital Project Committee

None

User Group Committee

None

Marketing/ Social Media Committee

Commissioner Opyd met with Marketing & Events Supervisor Teresa Chapman and gave her marketing ideas. There is a new paper publication coming to La Grange and an ad will run for three months. He suggested the fitness center run an ad from November through February to promote the "New Year New You" challenge. Summer camps could also be advertised in this publication in the spring. He suggested that Teresa Chapman use Google analytics reporting. It would provide information on how our website is being used and what is important.

Public Comments (Board Manual Section #152)

None

Board Comments

Commissioner Opyd thanked staff for representing the Park District at the West End Art Festival. The children enjoyed all the crafts and giveaways in our area. He was surprised that the Plantar Fasciitis Relief class was so popular. He sent a link to some moms who had this problem.

Superintendent of Recreation Kevin Miller informed the Board he met with representatives from the MAX to discuss partnering a swim program. We will be offering a parent/infant swim class in the spring and we are still working on a partnership for summer camps. Commissioner Opyd thanked Kevin for meeting with them. He is excited the Park District will offer swim classes.

Commissioner Collins stated the costs for current projects are daunting, however, they are definitely needed as it represents the face of the Park District. The costs are manageable over time and it is a good investment.

Commissioner Jacobs stated we are moving ahead with all the projects. The roofs will be of good quality and we can add solar panels in the future. She thanked the Board for inviting the La Grange Environmental Quality Commission to the meeting.

Commissioner O'Brien thanked staff for all the improvements of new paint, new doors, new roof, cleaning carpets and floors, and resurfacing the gym floor.

President Vear stated it was nice to have the capital funds on hand to do all

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these projects. It is important to make these improvements to keep up our image for the Park District and for the Village.

Superintendent of Facilities Chris Finn added that four pickleball courts would be lined on the Sedgwick Park tennis courts. President Vear suggested adding some pickleball courts at Gordon Park when it is completed.

Executive Session

None

Adjournment

Commissioner Collins moved for adjournment at 8:30 P.M. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Opyd and passed unanimously by Voice Vote.



Robert Vear, President



Constantine Bissias, Secretary

Approved 10/14/2019