

**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**

APRIL 9, 2018

President Penicook called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M.

PRESENT: Commissioners Penicook, Vear, Lacey, Jacobs, Ashby*

ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Executive Director Dean Bissias, Superintendent of Finance Leynette Kuniej, Superintendent of Facilities Chris Finn, Superintendent of Recreation Kevin Miller, Fitness Center Supervisor Jenny Clark, Assistant to the Superintendent of BASE Melissa Seaberg, Recording Secretary Ginger Zeman

OTHERS PRESENT: Attorney Jim Rock, Tim O'Brien, Bob Anderson, Bill Sloyan, Bob Sherman, Mike Zahorik, Jack Hagan, Brian Opyd, James Komsthoeft, Terry McGuire, Bob Trompeter

* Commissioner Ashby arrived at 7:47 P.M.

Commissioner Penicook welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked for changes to the agenda.

Communications, Presentations & Declarations

Public Comments/Participation (Board Manual Section #152)

None

Y's Men's Club Proposal for a New Updated Facility at Gordon Park Handball Courts

Bill Sloyan, 645 S. Brainard, La Grange, stated he is the acting president of the Y's Men's Club. He provided the background of the club's annual Christmas tree sale at Gordon Park. They buy 1,500 trees at cost to sell, and make \$40,000 to \$70,000 yearly. All the profits are given back to the community. He thanked the Park District for being supportive of their club.

Mike Zahorik, 327 N. Kensington, La Grange Park, is a long time member of the Y's Men's Club. He stated the club would like to continue their tree

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fundraiser for the long term at the handball courts located at Gordon Park.

La Grange architect, Bob Trompeter, designed plans for a permanent structure that mimics the other buildings in the park. The structure would be used for the annual tree sale and for other storage. He stated the Y's Men's Club, with the help of their handball friends, has the required funding for the project. However, they would like to partner with the Park District with a contribution from us. The permanent addition would beautify the entrance to the park. Director Bissias advised the Board there is an opportunity for further discussion of this project later in the agenda.

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Lacey motioned to approve Item 3.1 Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of March 5, 2018; Item 3.2 Approval of the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of March 19, 2018; Item 3.3 Approval of the Financial Report dated March 31, 2018; Item 3.4 Approval of the Consolidated Vouchers for April dated April 9, 2018. Commissioner Jacobs seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Penicook, Vear, Lacey, Jacobs
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Commissioner Ashby

Staff Reports

Director's Report

Director Bissias stated there is nothing to add to his board report included in the board packet. He handed out copies of the Capital Replacement Plan that Commissioner Ashby requested at the last meeting. It is a draft that must be updated every year. The spreadsheet shows the amortization schedule for the Park District's equipment for outdoor maintenance and large replaceable equipment at the Recreation Center.

Staff Comments

Fitness Center Supervisor Jenny Clark stated the fitness center is booming with 1,937 members.

- April is Member Appreciation Month. There will be healthy snack days and tomorrow will be bring-a-friend day.
- She is still evaluating the fitness classes and relocating the classes if necessary.
- There will be a personal training promotion for the month of April. The special is one session for \$35, which is regularly \$50.
- The numbers for childcare are increasing.
- She is working on Rec Trac upgrades.
- May is National Physical Fitness Challenge month.

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Superintendent of Recreation Kevin Miller

- Summer registration begins April 20, 2018 for residents and April 27, 2018 for non-residents.
- La Grange Fitness members will pay a reduced fee for Rec Center specialty fitness classes of 20% off the resident rate.
- Staff is hiring summer camp staff.
- Staff will begin working on the fall brochure in May.
- He is working on Endless Summerfest plans.

Superintendent of Finance Leynette Kuniej

- April is the end of the fiscal year. Leynette is meeting with the auditor to get the audit schedule.
- She is also getting paperwork ready for the hiring of summer help.
- The Park District has received the GFOA award for over 18 years.

Attorney Report

None

Treasurer Report

None

Action Items

Discussion and/or Approval of 2018-2019 MBO's

President Penicook reminded Director Bissias to add Commissioner Jacob's MBO for investigating a land use plan for the parks. Commissioner Vear motioned to approve as amended the 2018-2019 MBO's. Commissioner Lacey seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Penicook, Vear, Lacey, Jacobs
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Commissioner Ashby

Discussion and/or Approval of Ordinance 18-03 the Combined Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Park District of La Grange Fiscal Year 2018-2019

Commissioner Jacobs motioned to approve Ordinance 18-03 the combined annual budget and appropriation ordinance for the Park District of La Grange fiscal year 2018-2019. Commissioner Lacey seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Penicook, Vear, Lacey, Jacobs
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Commissioner Ashby

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Discussion and/or Approval of Resolution 18-01 a Resolution Approving and Ratifying the Execution of Amendments to the Purchase Agreement for Property Commonly Known as Lot 2 and Lot 3 in Shawmut Avenue Addition No. 2

President Penicook stated that previously the Board gave Director Bissias consent to approve extensions to the Pathway agreement for the purchase of Lots 2 and 3 in Gordon Park, as needed. After the resolution of the lawsuit, the process was further delayed because of the negotiations surrounding the Village's approval of the project.

Attorney Rock explained that this resolution ratifies the execution of the extensions. Commissioner Lacey motioned to approve Ordinance 18-01 a resolution approving and ratifying the execution of amendments to the purchase agreement for property commonly known as Lot 2 and Lot 3 in Shawmut Avenue addition No. 2. Commissioner Jacobs seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Penicook, Vear, Lacey, Jacobs

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Ashby

Board Business

Old Business

None

New Business

Y's Men's Club Proposal for a New Updated Facility at Gordon Park Handball Courts

President Penicook asked for a consensus from the Board for approval to investigate the cost and final drawings for a new updated facility at the Gordon Park handball courts. Attorney Rock assured the Board and Y's Men's Club that an agreement would be written up once the project is agreed upon. Commissioner Jacobs was concerned about the building's footprint. Bob Trompeter, the architect from La Grange, stated it would be 10'x 20' and the style would mimic the buildings already in the park. After Board discussion, Commissioner Lacey motioned to move forward on the Y's Men's Club proposal for a new updated facility at the Gordon Park handball courts and direct staff to develop the concept further and submit a final proposal. Commissioner Jacobs seconded the motion, which passed by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Penicook, Lacey, Jacobs

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Ashby

ABSTAIN: Commissioner Vear (He is a member of the Y's Men's Club)

President Penicook appreciates the great relationship with the Y's Men's Club and all the charitable work they have done. She also appreciates all the work that was put into their proposal and design of the proposed structure.

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Committee Reports

Administration Committee

Commissioner Ashby stated the capital budget will be reviewed at the next meeting. He was glad to see the Capital Replacement Plan for the Park District distributed tonight.

Public Relations Committee

Commissioner Lacey praised staff for their work as she sees Park District articles in all the papers and *The Patch*.

Finance & Capital Project Committee

None

User Group Committee

None

Marketing Committee

Commissioner Jacobs stated there was a marketing meeting regarding the website and making it more user friendly. There were good ideas for updating the website.

Public Comments (Board Manual Section #152)

None

Board Comments

Commissioner Jacobs asked staff if we had a handball program. Superintendent of Recreation Kevin Miller stated staff tried a handball program one summer, however, the Recreation Department would love to work with the handball members. A handball member from Joliet stated their goal would be to entertain a younger group of kids to play and hit the ball around.

Commissioner Lacey enjoyed all the public in attendance this evening and their interest in what we are doing. She hopes we are going in the right direction. She is proud of the Park District staff. They amaze her with all they do.

Commissioner Ashby apologized for arriving late to the meeting this evening.

Commissioner Vear thanked the Y's Men's Club for attending the meeting this evening.

Executive Session

None

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Adjournment

Commissioner Ashby moved for adjournment 7:53 P.M. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lacey and passed unanimously by Voice Vote.

Mary Ellen Penicook, President

Constantine Bissias, Secretary
Approved 05/14/2018