

**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**

JULY 13, 2015

President Penicook called the meeting to order at 7:04 P.M.

PRESENT: Commissioners Penicook, Walsh, Lacey, Vear, Ashby

ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Executive Director Dean Bissias, Superintendent of Facilities Chris Finn, Superintendent of Finance Leynette Kuniej, Superintendent of Recreation Laura Gallagher, Superintendent of B.A.S.E. Leanna Hartung, Recording Secretary Ginger Zeman,

OTHERS PRESENT: Attorney Jim Rock, Kris LaRocco, Bud Bach, David Wilkinson, Margie Baigh

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

Communications, Presentations & Declarations

Public Comments/Participation (Board Manual Section #152)

Kris LaRocco, 505 S. Waiola La Grange, stated she was upset to hear of the removal of the existing path around Waiola Park. She stated all ages use it as a safe zone for biking, walking, and strollers. It would make a quality park with positive health benefits for the community by enhancing the path with distance markings and stations to work out.

Bud Bach, 524 S. Stone Ave. La Grange, stated he lived across from the Waiola Park for 10 years. He stated the path is part of our community park that is filled with fields, a playground and basketball courts and has a wide variety of users. The path is plowed every winter but no other attention has been given to it. He hopes the Board would consider making the investment to keep the path.

Margie Baigh, 744 S. La Grange Rd. La Grange, stated she is a 30 year resident of La Grange and walks the path at least one time per day. She feels safe walking the path as the park is surrounded by houses on 3 sides where there would be someone if help was needed. She stated there is community spirit in the park and removing the path would degrade the park and tarnish an asset.

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She would be upset if the path were removed.

David Wilkinson, 600 S. Waiola La Grange, stated he lives across the street from Waiola park and has noticed many changes through the years. He stated the path is still there and is the heart and soul of Waiola park. He felt the path has been neglected but would be worth the effort to restore it or replace it.

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Lacey motioned to approve Item 3.1 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of June 8, 2015; Item 3.2 Minutes of the Executive Session Meeting of June 8, 2015; Item 3.3 Approval of the Financial Report dated June 30, 2015; Item 3.4 Approval of the Consolidated Vouchers for July dated July 13, 2015. Commissioner Walsh seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Penicook, Ashby, Walsh, Vear, Lacey
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None

Staff Reports

Denning Park Traffic Light Update

Director Bissias stated the traffic light has been installed on Willow Springs Road however it has not been turned on yet. There is a software update and timing issues that will be resolved before school begins next month.

Captial Budget Item Adjustment (Waiola Park Pathway)

Director Bissias stated this item would be deferred to Action Items.

Endless Summerfest

Director Bissias stated they are still looking for volunteers for Endless Summerfest. Those interested should contact Kevin Miller. Commissioner Ashby commented he was uncomfortable with the Miller Lite logo next to the Park District logo on the signs around town for advertising the event. Director Bissias stated Miller Brewery is a main sponsor of the event however the newer signs will have the beer signage smaller.

Update of Other Park District Matters

Director Bissias stated we weathered the storms and all fields are aerated, seeded and fertilized.

Director Bissias stated the splash pad is not working. The company is overnighing a new control box. It is all under warranty and he hopes the splash pad will be up and running right away.

Staff Comments

Superintendent of Recreation Gallagher stated the summer camps are busy

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and the fall brochure would be delivered by July 27, 2015.

Update on Fees for User Groups

Commissioner Vear stated this item would be deferred to Action Items.

Attorney Report

None

Treasurer Report

None

Action Items

Discussion and/or Approval of Capital Budget Item Adjustment (Waiola Park Pathway)

President Penicook summed up the options for discussion for the Waiola Park pathway. First is the budgeted \$75,000 for replacement of the Waiola pathway and secondly, \$35,000 to remove and seed the area. After Board discussion, Commissioner Walsh motioned to adjust the \$75,000 item back in the Capital Budget and go out for bid for the replacement of the path at Waiola Park with ADA requirements. Commissioner Ashby seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES:	Commissioners Penicook, Ashby, Walsh, Lacey, Vear
NAYES:	None
ABSENT:	None

Resident Margie Baigh thanked the Board for all they do and declared La Grange parks are the best.

Discussion and/or Possible Approval on Fees for User Groups

Superintendent of Facilities Finn and Commissioner Vear reviewed the new Board policy regarding the User Group fees. They stated all the users are aware of these fees and were part of the decision process. President Penicook requested changing the descriptions for Tier 1 and 2. She suggested wording Tier 1 AYSO, a youth affiliate soccer group; Tier 2 other youth affiliate soccer groups including but not limited to LTSC and Celtics. Resident Dave Wilkinson questioned how these fees compare to Little League fees. Director Bissias explained how Little League takes care of their fields on their own and puts money back into the fields. Soccer users do not. Soccer fields are torn up and that is where the usage fee began. Commissioner Walsh motioned to approve as amended Board Policy #732 Athletic Field Fees for User Groups. Commissioner Lacey seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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AYES: Commissioners Penicook, Ashby, Walsh, Lacey, Vear
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None

Board Business

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Committee Reports

Administration Committee

None

Public Relations Committee

None

Finance & Capital Project Committee

None

User Group Committee

None

Public Comments (Board Manual Section #152)

Dave Wilkinson, 600 S. Waiola La Grange, commended the Board for reconsidering the path at Waiola Park. He was concerned that there is a trend for the future that all users of the parks, even if they sit on a bench, would have to pay a fee. He recognizes the need for fees but feels they are becoming too important in our budgeting process.

Board Comments

Commissioner Vear thanked the residents for attending the meeting and giving their viewpoints. It was very helpful for the Board to make a decision.

Commissioner Lacey thanked the residents as well. She stated their comments made a big difference to her and now the Board will do something about it. She told them to tell their neighbors of the Board's decision.

Commissioner Ashby appreciated resident Dave Wilkinson's concerns regarding the User Fees. He stated the Park District spends about \$30,000-\$40,000 on field maintenance and the user fees will help offset this expense.

President Penicook stated this was democracy in action as we saw your needs and worked it into the budget.

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Executive Session

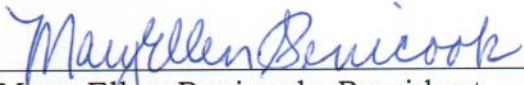
At 8:06 P.M. Commissioner Walsh motioned the Board convene to Executive Session pursuant to Item 12.2 Acquisition of Real Property, 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(5) and Item 12.3 Setting the Price of Real Property, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6). Commissioner Vear seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

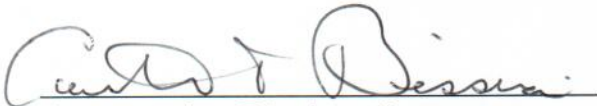
AYES:	Commissioners Penicook, Ashby, Walsh, Lacey, Vear
NAYES:	None
ABSENT:	None

The Regular Board meeting resumed at 9:10 P.M.

Adjournment

Commissioner Walsh moved for adjournment at 9:10 P.M. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lacey and passed unanimously by Voice Vote.


Mary Ellen Penicook, President


Constantine Bissias, Secretary
Approved 08/10/2015