

**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**

JUNE 10, 2019

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

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

ABSENT: None

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Attorney Jim Rock, Dave Bryant, Bob Sherman

President Vear welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were no changes to the agenda.

Communications, Presentations & Declarations

Public Comments/Participation (Board Manual Section #152)

Bob Sherman, 735 S. Brainard, La Grange, appreciated the Board and Superintendent of Facilities Chris Finn monitoring of the field conditions. The staff had them up and running as soon as they could. He thanked the staff for all the extra hours spent getting the parks useable after the record rainfall.

Attorney Jim Rock stated that the Open Meetings Act requires that the motion given to approve the consent agenda must be clear by naming each item in the consent agenda.

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Jacobs motioned to approve Item 3.1 Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of May 13, 2019; Item 3.2 Approval of the Financial Reports dated May 31, 2019; Item 3.3 Approval of the Consolidated Vouchers for June dated June 10, 2019. Commissioner O'Brien seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

Staff Reports

Director Dean Bissias

- At the last minute Illinois legislators approved \$50 million for next year's OSLAD and PARC grants. They have not released the new requirements or dates when the applications are due.
- The Board is scheduled to work the beer tent at the Endless Summerfest around 5 P.M. on Friday, August 2, 2019. Mark your calendars. The tip jar will be donated to a charity.

Staff Comments

Superintendent of La Grange Fitness Jenny Bechtold

- She is happy to state there are 2342 members.
- There are 1500 more visits than last year.
- There is still a need for additional parking.

Superintendent of BASE Leanna Hartung

- BASE summer camp started today with 52 children attending.
- St. Francis School will only have one location for BASE for the next school year.
- BASE moved all their supplies from the second location at St. Francis School to the Rec Center for storage.

Superintendent of Finance Leynette Kuniej

- The April year-end report shows an excess of revenue over expenditures in the operating fund of \$541,900.
- The profit is \$300,000 more than last year.
- The fitness center and the interest income from the land sale increased the District's income.
- Our attorney is reviewing the contract for the new accounting software, Incode 10 by Tyler Technologies. The new software will reduce paper use and be more interactive than what we have now.

Superintendent of Facilities Chris Finn

- The record rainfall has made it challenging for maintenance to keep up at all the parks.
- The user groups are adding extra games after many cancellations.
- Commissioner O'Brien asked if the damage to the parks is budgeted. Superintendent of Facilities Chris Finn stated we have dirt and seed on hand to use for the damage.
- Commissioner Jacobs was concerned about AYSO not using Denning Park as is stated in the board report. They were switched to Gordon Park due to the conditions at Denning Park.
- Commissioner O'Brien stated the parks are looking good now.
- Director Bissias stated there were two instances of vandalism in the parks; a burning/exploding portalet at Spring Park, and a tree pulled out

and stolen at Gilbert Park.

Attorney Report

Attorney Jim Rock stated that this is the first time in five years that a State budget has been in place. He also stated that this is the first time park districts are not required to post the prevailing wage.

Treasurer Report

None

Action Items

Discussion and/or Approval of Lease Agreement with IPRA (Illinois Park and Recreation Association)

Attorney Rock stated the lease with IPRA is actually a license agreement. President Vear stated that this is a renewal for another three years. The rate is based on the CPI from the previous year and will be \$3,589 per month. Commissioner Opyd motioned to approve the license agreement with IPRA (Illinois Park and Recreation Association). Commissioner O'Brien seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

Board Business

Old Business

None

New Business

Discussion, Nomination and Approval of Board President, Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer

The Board voted by ballot for each open Board position. Director Bissias counted the votes. The 2019-2020 elected Board positions are President Robert Vear, 1st Vice President Tim O'Brien, 2nd Vice President Karel Jacobs, Secretary Dean Bissias, and Treasurer Rob Metzger. Commissioner Collins motioned to approve the 2019-2020 Board positions. Commissioner O'Brien seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Voice Vote.

Committee Reports

Administration Committee

Commissioner Collins will head the Administration Committee.

Parks and Open Lands

Commissioner Jacobs will head the Parks & Open Lands Committee. She met with David McCarty from the Village of La Grange Environmental Quality

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Commission. They would like to collaborate with the Park District. They are part of a green community collaborative and what we do at the Park District will earn points for the Village of La Grange.

Finance & Capital Project Committee

President Vear will head the Finance & Capital Project Committee.

User Group Committee

Commissioner O'Brien will head the User Group Committee.

Marketing/ Social Media Committee

Commissioner Opyd will head the Marketing/Social Media Committee. He had a meeting with Commissioner Jacobs and the others on the Marketing/Social Media Committee. They discussed the past surveys, marketing, and the future of the content and development of the website. He introduced Marketing & Events Supervisor Teresa Chapman to a tool which can be used to automate and use google analytics for information on where our patrons come from. Commissioner Opyd told staff he is available for them if needed.

Commissioner Jacobs motioned to accept the new committees and their chairmen. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Voice Vote.

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Dave Bryant, 40 S. Ashland Avenue, La Grange, stated he is a member of the La Grange Community Council Board, the Environmental Commission, and the green team at the First Congregational Church of La Grange. He recommended solar panels be used at the Rec Center.

Board Comments

Commissioner Collins thanked staff for the great time at the Pet Parade. He was told there is no shade at the Waiola playground. He asked the Board and staff to think about remedying the problem. Director Bissias stated that a covered playground is too dark. Commissioner Opyd recommended installing columns to attach sails like those at the Palatine Park District. Commissioner Collins attended the IAPD boot camp. He stated it was an interesting evening and well worth it.

Commissioner O'Brien thanked Superintendent of Facilities Chris Finn and staff for keeping up with the maintenance of the parks through all the rain. He enjoyed the Pet Parade and thanked staff for organizing all the giveaways and decorating the bus.

Commissioner Opyd also gave kudos to staff for the Pet Parade. He was glad to see all the staff safety training opportunities this past month. He thanked Superintendent of Facilities Chris Finn for preparing the parks through all the

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rain. He thanked Superintendent of La Grange Fitness Jenny Bechtold for going above and beyond and providing a service of value at an affordable price. He applauded the Sedgwick Park movie in the park. He suggested the Board and staff visit other parks and use the opportunity to gather ideas for use in planning. He stated we have great staff and it was another great month.

Commissioner Jacobs mentioned that she has lived in La Grange since 1998. Over this time, she noticed changes in the Pet Parade and our community for the better. The Pet Parade was a vibrant event and she is proud to be part of the Park District. She thanked the new commissioners for their enthusiasm.

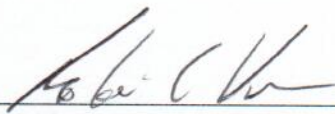
President Vear stated he was glad to be part of the profitable year for the Park District. He also mentioned attending a Little League event where the residents were in praise of the baseball fields in the Park District.

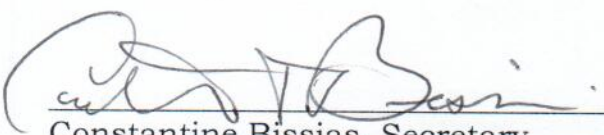
Executive Session

None

Adjournment

Commissioner Opyd moved for adjournment at 8:07 P.M. The motion was seconded by Commissioner O'Brien and passed unanimously by Voice Vote.



Robert Vear, President

Constantine Bissias, Secretary
Approved 07/15/2019