

**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**

MARCH 6, 2017

President Penicook called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M.

PRESENT: Commissioners Penicook, Vear, Walsh

ABSENT: Commissioners Ashby, Lacey

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Attorney Jim Rock, residents Brian Opyd, Bob Sherman and Giedrius Sulnius, Karel Jacobs, Vanessa Cox, Thyllis Drake, Scott Ruden

President Penicook welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked for changes to the agenda. Director Bissias stated Item 8.1 Discussion and/or Possible Vote on a License Agreement with the La Grange Rotary Club for the Community Secret Santa Program would be taken off the agenda until next month.

Communications, Presentations & Declarations

Jim Boo, 1327 Mason Drive, La Grange, stated he is not a supporter of the Park District's new fitness center that is under construction. He suggested admittance should be exclusively for La Grange residents. He added residents should not have to pay any fees to see how much business would be generated. Mr. Boo also stated the lease agreement for the fitness equipment has no benefit for the tax payer. He questioned if there was a cash flow problem that taxpayers should be aware of for not buying the equipment outright.

Brian Opyd, 109 8th Avenue, La Grange, asked the Board for an update on the sale of the property at Gordon Park. President Penicook stated the update would be given later in the meeting.

President Penicook thanked the public for their comments and questions.

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Consent Agenda

Commissioner Walsh motioned to approve Item 3.1 Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of January 9, 2017; Item 3.2 Approval of the Minutes of the Executive Session Board Meeting of January 9, 2017; Item 3.3 Approval of the Financial Report dated January 31, 2017; Item 3.4 Approval of the Financial Report dated February 28, 2017; Item 3.5 Approval of the Consolidated Vouchers for February dated February 13, 2017; Item 3.6 Approval of the Consolidated Vouchers for March dated March 6, 2017. Commissioner Vear seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

Staff Reports

Director's Report

Update on the Construction of the PDLG Fitness Center

Director Bissias stated the construction of the PDLG Fitness Center is 25% complete. The concrete is poured, the drywall framing is up, and the plumbing is 80% complete.

MBO and Budget Workshop Scheduled for Monday March 20, 2017

Director Bissias reminded the Board of the budget workshop and MBO meeting on Monday, March 20, 2017 at 6:30 P.M.

Director Bissias asked the Board for ideas for naming the new fitness center.

President Penicook explained a substantial portion of the fitness center is being subsidized by a grant from the IDNR. A pro forma was completed and can be viewed in the General Operation Budget draft that will be on display in the office and online beginning tomorrow. The Board will approve the budget April 10, 2017. There will be a Public Hearing prior to the April 10, 2017 vote. On March 20, 2017 there will be a board workshop with staff to discuss the General Operation Budget and MBO's for the Capital Budget. The Capital Budget will be displayed and approved later. The board workshop is open to the public.

Director Bissias received a request today from Little League to add a backstop in the grassy area in Sedgwick Park between the basketball courts and the Little League field. Scott Ruden from Little League, 6 Elder Lane, La Grange, stated the Little League season begins April 10, 2017. This new area would be a warm-up area for in-field drills for practice only. The grass would remain. President Penicook stated this request is not on the agenda and cannot be voted on tonight. The Board would like some questions answered plus a scaled

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drawing to visualize the area before it can be voted on and put on the agenda for next month.

Staff Comments

Superintendent of Finance Leynette Kuniej stated the tax revenue is coming in.

Superintendent of Recreation Kevin Miller stated he has been busy working on the budget, the summer brochure and wrapping up winter classes. Summer camp registration is 7% higher than this time last year. Preschool registration is on par with last year.

Superintendent of BASE Leanna Hartung stated registration began today for full time BASE participants for the next school year. There were 119 registrations so far today. Last year there were only 35 registrations for the first day. She added that we had no summer camp registrations at this time last year and this year there are five registrations so far.

Superintendent of Facilities Chris Finn stated he has been busy with the budget, facility rentals, field usage, and picnics. There have been 7 to 9 rentals on Saturdays and 6 to 9 rentals on Sundays.

Director Bissias stated only the department heads will be at the MBO meeting. If the Board has any ideas for an MBO, they are to contact Director Bissias.

Attorney Report

Attorney Jim Rock stated the appellate court upheld the decision of the circuit court in our favor for the Gordon Park litigation. The objectors had until March 2, 2017 to file a request for review and we have no knowledge anything was filed.

Treasurer Report

None

Action Items

Discussion and/or Possible Vote on Ordinance 17-01 the Disposal of Park District Property Under Park District Code(Code) 70 ILCS 1205/ 1 A Smithco Diesel Super Rake, Smithco Super Rake 2, John Deere (Mower & Deck), Advance Convertamatic Floor Scrubber, Ford E 250 Cargo Van, Ford Explorer, and Ford F 150XL

Commissioner Walsh motioned to vote on Ordinance 17-01 disposing of Park District property under Park District code 70 ILCS 1205/1 a Smithco diesel super rake, Smithco super rake 2, John Deere(mower & deck), Advance convertamatic floor scrubber, Ford E250 Cargo Van, Ford Explorer, and Ford F150XL. Commissioner Vear seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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NAYES: None
ABSENT: Commissioner Lacey, Ashby

Discussion and/or Possible Vote on a SEASPAR Update to the Member Agreement

Director Bissias stated there is a change in the state law allowing the director to spend \$25,000 without going out for bid. Per our agreement with SEASPAR, they need to ask us for the change to the agreement. Commissioner Vear motioned to accept the SEASPAR update to the member agreement. Commissioner Walsh seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

Board Business

Old Business

None

New Business

Discussion and/or Possible Vote on a License Agreement with the La Grange Rotary Club for the Community Secret Santa Program

Commissioner Vear motioned to remove this item from the agenda. Commissioner Walsh seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Voice Vote.

First Reading of the General Operations Budget for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Allowing the Budget to be put on Display (Minimum 30 Day Requirement)

Commissioner Walsh motioned to allow the budget be put on display. Commissioner Vear seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Voice Vote.

Discussion and/or Possible Vote to Allow the Executive Director to Proceed with a Leasing Contract with Direct Fitness for the Lease of Fitness Equipment for the New Fitness Center

Director Bissias stated after going out to bid nationwide for the fitness equipment, the numbers came back from Direct Fitness for \$400,000 to buy the equipment and \$11,000 per month to lease it. After speaking with other fitness centers, leasing was recommended because equipment changes rapidly and pieces can be changed out if they're not being used. After Board discussion, Commissioner Walsh agreed with the list of equipment, however, the exact terms need to be agreed upon. Director Bissias stated he would bring the agreement to the budget workshop on March 20, 2017. He added it takes

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three to four months for delivery of the equipment with the first payment due 30 days after delivery.

Commissioner Vear motioned to authorize Director Bissias to order fitness equipment subject to board approval of the agreement for lease or purchase with Direct Fitness. Commissioner Walsh seconded the motion. There was not a majority of the quorum to pass the motion.

AYES: Commissioners Penicook, Vear
NAYES: Commissioner Walsh
ABSENT: Commissioners Lacey, Ashby

Committee Reports

Administration Committee

None

Public Relations Committee

None

Finance & Capital Project Committee

None

User Group Committee

None

Public Comments (Board Manual Section #152)

Jim Boo, 1327 Mason Drive, La Grange, suggested the longer you wait to lease the fitness equipment the price should come down. He compared it to the splash pad price going down. He stated he is a fan of Little League, however, he requested a backstop in his neighborhood at Denning Park and he was denied.

Attorney Jim Rock stated the MBO and Budget workshop March 20th will include public comment. The Public Hearing before the vote on the budget in April is another opportunity for public comment.

Brian Opyd, 109 8th Avenue, La Grange, remarked that his mother told him never to buy anything unless you have the money. He agreed with Commissioner Walsh that staff and the Board need to do their homework regarding the buying or leasing of the fitness equipment. Brian questioned Commissioner Ashby's absence at the past few meetings and asked about the board rules on attendance. Attorney Jim Rock stated if a board member is out of town for business, has health reasons or a family member has health reasons, they could participate electronically. It is at the discretion of the Board to have attendance rules. It was noted Commissioner Ashby was out of town on business this evening.

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Bob Sherman, 735 S. Brainard, La Grange, asked if Commissioner Ashby is up for re-election. Commissioner Vear replied Commissioner Ashby, Commissioner Vear and Karel Jacobs are running in the election.

Board Comments

Commissioner Vear stated the social area echoes and is very loud. He suggested hanging banners to help with the sound. He also commented again that he would like to see a sidewalk between the Rec Center and Sedgwick Park.

Commissioner Walsh stated he was impressed with the pace of the construction of the fitness center. He stated he has confidence there will be a decision made at the next meeting for the fitness equipment. He felt it was not urgent to take action at tonight's meeting. He commented the weather is better and spring is here. People are active and involved. He is happy to see more attendance for our programs and our meetings. He is encouraged that people are taking an active interest in what their elected officials are doing for them.

President Penicook appreciated all those in attendance at the meeting tonight. She stated the effect of people making comments and questions make you look at things differently. The lease for the fitness equipment made sense to her as she has seen how equipment can take a beating and wear out quickly. She is open to other ideas. She stated Director Bissias is always available to answer any questions at any time. If anyone would like to be more involved and run for the board please let one of the board members know.

Executive Session

None

Adjournment

Commissioner Walsh moved for adjournment at 8:06 P.M. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Vear and passed unanimously by Voice Vote.



Constantine Bissias, Secretary

Approved 04/10/2017


Mary Ellen Penicook, President