

**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**

**FEBRUARY 19, 2009**

**Vice President Ashby called the meeting to order at 7:34 P.M.**

PRESENT: Commissioners Ashby, Penicook, and Walsh

ABSENT: Commissioners Metzger, Kelpsas

STAFF PRESENT: Executive Director Dean Bissias, Recording Secretary Ginger Zeman, Recreation Supervisor Laura Yednock, and Intern Leonel Vazquez

OTHERS PRESENT: Jim Boo, Treasurer Steve Paczolt, Attorney Rob Bush, and Kevin Shields

Vice President Ashby welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked for changes to the agenda. Director Bissias removed 3.2 from the Consent Agenda.

**Communications**

*Addresses from the Audience*

Kevin Shields, 45 N. Drexel La Grange, referred to the February 18, 2009 article from the Suburban Life regarding Gordon Park. He hopes the Park District would end the litigation. He envisions the YMCA building their own development on their own property and keeping the nice park space.

*Written Correspondences*

Director Bissias read an email from Rose (no last name). She suggested recycling the Easter eggs from the Easter Egg Hunt and restuffing them and reusing them again. Director Bissias noted the Easter eggs were bought already for this year. They would be putting recycle cans in the park.

**Consent Agenda**

Commissioner Penicook motioned to approve as amended Item 3.1 Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of January 15, 2009; Item 3.3 Acceptance of the Treasurer Report dated January 31, 2009; Item 3.4 Approval of the Consolidated Vouchers dated February 19, 2009. Commissioner Ashby seconded the motion, which passed unanimously on a Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Penicook, Ashby, and Walsh  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Commissioners Metzger, Kelsas

**Action Items**

*Approval of Board Policy #152 Public Comment*

Commissioner Walsh motioned to approve Board Policy #152 Public Comment. Commissioner Ashby seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by a Voice Vote.

**Board Business**

*Discussion on Re-Appling for an OSLAD Grant*

Director Bissias stated the deadline for re-applying for the OSLAD Grant is July. After discussion, Vice President Ashby stated the board consensus is to proceed with the process and put the resolution on the agenda for next month.

*Discussion on Retaining Consultant for Federal Grants/Fund*

Director Bissias stated this item would be tabled until President Kelsas returns.

*Update of Task Force Report*

Director Bissias stated a task force was put together with Village President Asperger and President Kelsas to discuss and review the lay out of the south parking lots at Gordon Park. The architects are still working on the plans.

*LGBA "The Big Picture Project"*

Director Bissias explained this year's LGBA fundraiser "The Big Picture Project" and asked if there was PDLG support as the deadline is February 24, 2009. Commissioner Walsh stated the PDLG should not be involved this year, as expenditures need to be watched. Commissioner Penicook suggested the PDLG'S involvement should be promoting the LGBA and "The Big Picture" by putting advertising in the Rec Center front window area. Commissioner Walsh motioned not to sign up for the



LGBA “The Big Picture Project”. Commissioner Penicook seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Voice Vote.

**Committee Reports**

*Administration Committee*

None

*Marketing Committee*

Commissioner Penicook stated her committee is working on a flyer to be included in the Welcome Packet for new residents. She will explain other marketing ideas at the next meeting.

*Finance and Capital Projects Committee*

Commissioner Ashby stated there would be a meeting within the next two weeks to go over the budget. Staff has their items ready.

*Recreation Committee*

None

**Attorney Report**

None

**Treasurer Report**

Treasurer Paczolt thanked the board for letting him attend state conference for the 16<sup>th</sup> year. He stated how La Grange residents are fortunate for not feeling the recession as much due to their diverse tax base. Treasurer Paczolt began to discuss certain legal expenses incurred or anticipated by the District. Commissioner Walsh recommended discussing this in Executive Session due to the fact that it concerns matters of litigation and personnel. Treasurer Paczolt commented on the state of the Park District.

**Staff Reports**

Director Bissias introduced our new intern Leonel Vazquez. He attends University of Illinois and is working on recreation and marketing projects for the Park District.

Director Bissias explained the tile wall program that was presented by staff. Tiles would be sold and decorated and then placed on the wall to the playground. Commissioner Penicook suggested getting Ceramic Art Café involved with this project.

Director Bissias stated a preschool instructor, Lily, volunteered to paint a mural for us on the wall in the social area. He showed the board two samples of her ideas.

Director Bissias stated the fire department would be using our maintenance facility at Gordon Park for a few days for training. It would be smoke only.

Director Bissias stated La Grange Little League would like a consensus from the board to redo fields at Gilbert Park this year at Little League's expense. They would reposition the backstops to the east side of the park for safety purposes in hopes the Park District would contribute funds later. The board discussed this proposal with caution to expenses at this time. The board agreed this was a good idea.

Director Bissias stated the 80-year anniversary of the Park District this year was to be a big event. If there are no sponsors, Family Fest could be cut from the budget. Director Bissias has scheduled workshops next week with staff to discuss the budget.

Recreation Supervisor Laura Yednock stated the first annual Family Night at the Rec Center would be held on Friday February 20, 2009 from 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. Currently there are 60 persons registered. Basketball, volleyball, dodge ball, arts and crafts, and the fun jump would be offered.

Director Bissias stated he is researching a local distributor for paper recycling at Denning Park. Steve Paczolt stated there would be labor involved for loose paper picking up around the container.

#### **Board Member Comments**

Commissioner Walsh stated his approval of the recycle idea and would like more information about it.

#### **Executive Session**

At 8:44 P.M. Commissioner Walsh moved that the Board go into Executive Session, pursuant to Item 11.1 Potential Claims and/or Litigation, 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) 11; Item 11.2 Review of Closed Session Minutes; Item 11.3 Acquisition, Lease and/or Disposition of Real Property, 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (5&6); Item 11.4 Personnel, 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1) in accordance with the *Illinois Open Meetings Act* Commissioner Penicook seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by a Roll Call Vote as follows:

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AYES: Commissioners Walsh, Penicook, Ashby,  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Commissioners Metzger, Kelpsas

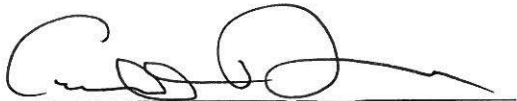

The regular meeting resumed at 9:55 P.M.

Commissioner Walsh motioned to make no changes regarding the opening of Executive Session minutes to the public. Commissioner Penicook seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Walsh, Penicook, and Ashby  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Commissioners Metzger, Kelpsas

**Adjournment**

Commissioner Walsh moved for adjournment at 9:56 P.M. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ashby and carried.

  
Constantine Bissias, Secretary  
Tim Kelpsas, President

*Approved 03/19/2009*