

**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 8, 2016

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

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

ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Executive Director Dean Bissias, Superintendent of Finance Leynette Kuniej, Superintendent of Recreation Laura Gallagher, Superintendent of Facilities Chris Finn, Superintendent of BASE Leanna Hartung, Administrative Supervisor Linda Muth, Recording Secretary Ginger Zeman

OTHERS PRESENT: Attorney Rob Bush, Bill Reilly from AYSO, Charles Gilbert, Bill and Cathy Murdoch

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

Communications, Presentations & Declarations

None

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Vear motioned to approve Item 3.1 Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of December 14, 2015; Item 3.2 Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of January 11, 2016; Item 3.3 Approval of the Financial Report dated January 31, 2016; Item 3.4 Approval of the Consolidated Vouchers for February dated February 8, 2016. Commissioner Lacey 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

Director's Report

Banquet Hall Kitchen Upgrades

Director Bissias stated the upgrades to the DeSitter Room kitchen and bathrooms are complete and under budget. To date \$28,000 has been spent.

ADA Improvements to the Administration/ Recreation Center

Director Bissias stated the ADA accessibility projects still to be completed are redoing the remainder of the banquet room doors; installing new drinking fountains with a bottle feed; lowering the elevator keypad.

MBO's Update

Director Bissias stated the MBO's are being worked on.

Capital Budget Update

Director Bissias and Superintendent of Facilities Chris Finn will meet soon to finalize the Capital Budget.

Update of other Park District Matters

Contract with Chicago Bulls/ White Sox Academy

Director Bissias informed the Board the White Sox Academy has decided not to renew their agreement under the current contract. They want to renegotiate the contract which would allow the White Sox Academy to be more fiscally productive on their end and allow the Park District to utilize the current space for recreational programming. He will advise the Board next month of the new agreement. They are asking for longer terms only from November through March.

Update on BASE New Pricing

Director Bissias stated he spoke with the Principal and Superintendent of District 102 explaining why the new pricing for BASE was necessary. Superintendent of Finance Leynette Kuniej explained Ogden Avenue School had 62 students on average except for Wednesdays when there were 25 more students. All the other schools were consistent with their numbers. Ogden parents have called to voice their disapproval about discontinuing the part time option. Director Bissias stated it was difficult finding staff for one day.

Use of Land at Gordon Park for OPUS

Director Bissias stated he has been working on an agreement with Opus to use our 2.82 acres of land at Gordon Park for equipment staging. If our land sale goes through, they would also be the contractor for Pathways.

Staff Comments

President Penicook asked staff to enlighten the Board about their IAPD/IPRA state conference educational sessions.

Director Bissias stated he learned a lot from the session about employment

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laws. He was pleased the IAPD Board recognized one of SEASPAR's participants, Michelle Forzley who was the Illinois top athlete in the 2015 Special Olympics.

Superintendent of Facilities Chris Finn stated the building is busy and there was a basketball tournament here last weekend that went very well. At conference he attended an accessibility class and learned about things we need to update in our facilities to be ADA compliant. He attended a design class and learned about using different materials in our projects. He attended a Parks and Facilities session about park improvements and looked at the different ways park districts carry out their MBO's.

Superintendent of Finance Leynette Kuniej stated this past month she has been working on bond refunding and inputting information. She completed the Moody's interview and our AA2 bond rating is unchanged.

Superintendent of Recreation Laura Gallagher attended sessions at the conference regarding the world wide fitness trend for 2016. She also attended a session on interviewing for results that she will share with her staff.

Superintendent of BASE Leanna Hartung attended a leadership session about learning how to deal with families and customers using role play and a course on social media.

Attorney Report

Attorney Rob Bush hoped the four commissioners attending the Ancel Glink dinner at conference had a good time. He held three sessions at conference and joked he never had any stories to tell about the Park District of La Grange. He commended the Park District for all they do.

Treasurer Report

None

Action Items

None

Board Business

Old Business

Discussion and/or Re-Approval of Affiliate Agreement Policy #728

After Board discussion, Commissioner Vear motioned to re-approve the Affiliate Policy #728 with the revision of rental fee payments as stated: "Half of the agreed upon fees must be paid prior to the relevant season starting date, and the remainder of the full payment must be paid by the 30th of the month after the season ends. Permits will not be issued for the next season until all the fees are paid in full." Commissioner Walsh seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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NAYES: None
ABSENT: None

New Business

Discussion and/or Re-Approval of Park District Mission Statement and Goals for 2016-2017

Commissioner Walsh motioned to re-approve the Park District Mission Statement and Goals for 2016-2017. Commissioner Lacey seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Voice Vote.

Committee Reports

Administration Committee

None

Public Relations Committee

Commissioner Lacey confirmed Jane Michels is no longer working at the Doings newspaper. They will advise her of our contact in the near future.

Finance & Capital Project Committee

None

User Group Committee

None

Public Comments (Board Manual Section #152)

Bill and Cathy Murdock, 544 Edgewood La Grange, asked for an update on a proposed dog park in the village. Director Bissias stated he is gathering information for the southwest corner of Denning Park. The state approved the use of this OSLAD area for a dog park but now awaiting state approval for the amount of asphalt for a parking lot. Commissioner Walsh added that the Park District is looking at some properties available for lease or for sale however the addresses cannot be revealed. The Murdock's asked about volunteer opportunities. Director Bissias stated he would take their information and that a boy scout is working on this project as well. Commissioner Lacey added she was looking at dog parks and what they offer at the convention.

Board Comments

Commissioner Lacey stated she enjoyed going to workshops and visiting the vendors at the convention and learning a lot. She praised our Park District Board for being wonderful and compatible compared to many other Districts.

Commissioner Ashby appreciated the updates about the convention from staff.

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President Penicook recognized Senator Christine Radogno for her contributions and support for the Park District of La Grange. Director Bissias nominated Senator Radogno for the "Outstanding Legislator of the Year Award". She received the award at the IAPD/IPRA Conference.

Executive Session

None

Adjournment

Commissioner Walsh moved for adjournment at 8:25 P.M. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lacey and passed unanimously by Voice Vote.

Mary Ellen Penicook, President

Constantine Bissias, Secretary
Approved 3/07/2016