

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD 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**

**OCTOBER 18, 2010**

**President Penicook called the meeting to order at 7:06 P.M.**

PRESENT: Commissioners Penicook, Ashby, Kelpsas, Belcaster

ABSENT: Commissioner Walsh

STAFF PRESENT: Executive Director Dean Bissias, Superintendent of Finance Leynette Kuniej

OTHERS PRESENT: Jeffrey Braun of Cody, Braun & Associates, Dave Olson and Dave Ritterhoff of W.B. Olson, Jim Boo and others

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

President Penicook stated this is a special Board meeting to discuss the bids for renovating the west half of Gordon Park.

**Communications, Presentations & Declarations**

*Public Comments\Participation*

Jim Boo, 1327 Mason Drive, questioned the cost of renovating Gordon Park and where the money was coming from. He stated he was concerned about the location and limited use of a splash pad. Jim Boo also asked the Board to explain how the Gordon Park project would impact the Lyons Township Bond money for Denning Park.

**Action Items**

*Discussion and Possible Awarding of Bids for the Reconstruction of Gordon Park Phase # 1*

Jeffrey Braun of Cody Braun and Associates reviewed the plans for Gordon Park. Dave Ritterhoff of W.B. Olson reviewed the bid summary. Leynette Kuniej, Superintendent of Finance, reviewed the Park District cash flow and finances. The Board discussed whether to proceed with this project or not. No final decision was made. The Board asked Dave Olson of W.B. Olson for more information regarding the project cash flow over the project schedule over our

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cash flow analysis. The Board also asked Dave Olson to build a scenario of installing the utilities now and proceeding with the other work next spring.

**Board Business**

*New Business*

None

*Old Business*

None

**Board Comments**

Commissioner Kelsas stated he would like the objectors of Gordon Park to please stop suing the Park District.

Commissioner Ashby stated he would like to get Gordon Park done. He appreciates everyone's work getting it done and hopes they continue to keep working on it.

Commissioner Belcaster thanked Commissioner Ashby for clarifying many things for him tonight through all his questions.

**Executive Session**

At 8:48 P.M. Commissioner Kelsas motioned the Board convene to Executive Session pursuant to Item 6.2 Acquisition, Lease and/or Disposition of Real Property, 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(5&6). Commissioner Ashby seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Ashby, Penicook, Kelsas, Belcaster

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Walsh

The Board Meeting resumed at 8:53 P.M.

**Adjournment**

Commissioner Kelsas moved for adjournment at 8:53 P.M. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ashby and carried.

*Mary Ellen Penicook*  
Mary Ellen Penicook, President

  
Constantine Bissias, Secretary

*Approved 11/18/2010*