

**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**

**OCTOBER 21, 2013**

**Vice President Ashby called the meeting to order at 7:32 P.M.**

PRESENT: Commissioners Ashby, Walsh, Lacey, Lynch

ABSENT: Commissioner Penicook

STAFF PRESENT: Executive Director Dean Bissias, Superintendent of Facilities Chris Finn, Superintendent of Recreation Laura Gallagher, Director of B.A.S.E. Leanna Hartung, Superintendent of Finance Leynette Kuniej, Recording Secretary Ginger Zeman

OTHERS PRESENT: Attorney Jim Rock, Dave Wilkinson, Charles and Peggy Gilbert, Jim Boo, Mike Zahorik

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

**Public Hearing Concerning the Intent of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Park District of La Grange, Cook County, Illinois to Sell Not to Exceed \$315,000 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds (BINA Hearing)**

Vice President Ashby opened the Public Hearing at 7:33 P.M and asked for any questions from the public.

There were no public comments.

At 7:34 P.M. the BINA Hearing was closed.

**Communications, Presentations & Declarations**

*Public Comments\Participation (Board Manual Section #152)*

David Wilkinson, 600 S. Waiola La Grange, commented on the dangerous pedestrian access to Gordon Park now that IDOT would not be putting a signal at the entrance. He felt the park would draw more attention if there was better access.

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Jim Boo 1327 Mason Dr. La Grange, thanked Director Bissias for the Park District's donation to the Kelly McLaughlin Scholarship Fund. The Run for Kelli fundraiser takes place at Lyons Township South Campus on Saturday November 16, 2013. There are two race times on the cross country course at 8:00 A.M. and 8:45 A.M.

### *YMCA Men's Handball to Discuss Possible Improvements They Would Like to Make to Handball Courts at Gordon Park*

Mike Zahorik, 717 Brewster Ave. La Grange, thanked the Board for the new benches at the handball courts and for the Park District's continued support. He spoke about the successful tournament they had this summer with players from around the world. He stated the handball group has their own maintenance fund that will improve the lighting and roof panels. Mike would like the Park District to consider flattening and paving the east wall area so it could be played by handball or tennis players. He stated the handball group would contribute towards this project. Mike informed the Board about the background of the handball group and stated he plans on organizing a handball camp next summer for older children and adults. He hopes to have it in our brochure.

### **Consent Agenda**

Commissioner Walsh motioned to approve Item 4.1 Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of September 9, 2013; Item 4.2 Approval of the Financial Report dated September 30, 2013; Item 4.3 Approval of the Consolidated Vouchers for October dated October 21, 2013. Commissioner Lynch seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Ashby, Walsh, Lacey, Lynch  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Commissioner Penicook

### **Staff Reports**

#### *Director's Report*

#### *Progress Report on Gordon Park*

Director Bissias stated the Gordon Park project is a week and a half behind schedule due to the weather and one contractor. The skate spot equipment was installed today. He stated the project should be completed the first or second week of November.

Director Bissias stated there is an opportunity for grant money to cover 50% of the cost of new playground equipment for Sedgwick Park. This project has been on our MBO's for a few years. He asked for consensus from the Board to apply for this grant. After Board discussion, they gave consensus for Director Bissias to apply for the playground grant.

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Attached is a copy of an email sent to President Penicook from Sterling Topol, 641 S. 6th Ave. La Grange, requesting the Board to add two tennis courts to the redesigned Gordon Park. Director Bissias passed out copies of the email to the Board.

### *Update of Other Park District Matters*

Superintendent of Recreation Laura Gallagher reminded the Board of the annual Halloween Party at the Rec Center this Friday from 6:00 P.M. to 8:30 P.M.. Commissioner Lynch would be there to judge the pumpkin carving. Laura thanked Ancel Glink, Impact Dance, and Sports Clips for sponsoring this event.

Superintendent of Facilities Chris Finn stated he was finishing up on projects outside and will begin indoor projects with the inclement weather.

### **Attorney Report**

Attorney Jim Rock stated the Appellate ruling on the #1235 Case was now final. He stated the plaintiff motion to reconsider was denied.

### **Treasurer Report**

None

### **Action Item**

#### *Discussion and/or Approval of Bids for the Purchase of a 2014 New Wheelchair Transit Vehicle or Equivalent*

Director Bissias reviewed the specifications of the 2014 Wheelchair Transit Vehicle with the Board. He stated no CDL license is needed for this vehicle. Commissioner Lynch motioned to approve the bid from Illinois Bus Best Bus Sales for the purchase of a 2014 new wheelchair transit vehicle not to exceed \$66,000.00. Commissioner Lacey seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioner Walsh, Lynch, Ashby, Lacey

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Penicook

#### *Easement Agreement with AT&T at Waiola Park*

After Board discussion, this item was tabled for Director Bissias to research the market value of access to our park.

**Board Business**

*First Draft of the Proposed Tax Levy for 2013 (Estimate of Levy, 35 ILCS 200/18-60)*

After Board discussion, Commissioner Walsh motioned to approve the first draft of the proposed tax levy for 2013. Commissioner Lynch seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

*Authorization of Delegates/Alternates for Annual IAPD Meeting*

Commissioner Walsh motioned to authorize Director Bissias as a delegate and Commissioners Lynch and Lacey as alternates for the Annual IAPD Meeting. Commissioner Lacey seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Voice Vote.

*Discussion and/or Approval Board Policy Section #819 Use of Electronic Devices by Board Members*

After Board discussion, Commissioner Lacey motioned to approve Board Policy Section #819 Use of Electronic Devices by Board Members. Commissioner Walsh seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

**Committee Reports**

*Administration Committee*

None

*Public Relations Committee*

Commissioner Lacey stated she spoke with a Chicago Tribune reporter regarding Gordon Park and told him to speak with Director Bissias.

*Finance Committee & Capital Projects Committee*

None

*User Group Committee*

Commissioner Lynch stated he was editing the new user group agreement. It should be ready for approval for the next meeting.

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### Public Comments

Director Bissias informed the audience the Community Center has internet service now.

### Board Comments

Commissioner Lacey stated she visited SEASPAR and was impressed with their programs and Eagle project.

Commissioner Lynch thanked the Park District for sponsoring the Legacy Guilt Golf Outing. They raised about \$30,000 for scholarships.

Commissioner Ashby thanked staff for all their reports. He hoped staff would continue the dashboard ideas. He added that Gordon Park was looking good.

### Executive Session

At 8:40 P.M. Commissioner Walsh motioned the Board convene to Executive Session pursuant to Item 13.3 Setting the Price of Real Property, 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(6). Commissioner Lacey seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:


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

The Regular Board meeting resumed at 9:05 P.M.

### Adjournment

Commissioner Walsh moved for adjournment at 9:06 P.M. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lynch and passed unanimously by Voice Vote.

  
Mary Ellen Penicook, President

  
Constantine Bissias, Secretary  
*Approved 11/18/2013*