

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL 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**

APRIL 8, 2013

President Penicook called the meeting to order at 6:32 P.M.

PRESENT: Commissioners Penicook, Walsh, Lacey*, Kelpsas,
Ashby

ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Executive Director Dean Bissias, Superintendent of
Finance Leynette Kuniej, Finance and Personnel
Assistant Terri Kuzel, Superintendent of Facilities
Chris Finn, Superintendent of B.A.S.E. Leanna
Hartung, Park Foreman Claudia Galla, Community
Programs & Marketing Supervisor Ross Houston, Early
Childhood Supervisor Diana Faught, Recreation
Supervisor Kevin Miller, Administrative Supervisor
Linda Muth, Recording Secretary Ginger Zeman

OTHERS PRESENT: Dave Wilkinson, Peggy & Charles Gilbert, Jim Walls

* Commissioner Lacey arrived at 6:36 P.M.

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

Communications, Presentations & Declarations

Public Comments\Participation (Board Manual Section #152)

None

Board Business

Discussion of PDLG Goals and MBO's for Fiscal Year 2013-2014

Commissioner Ashby commented he would like the PDLG Goals changed to maximize benefits for everyone in the area not just residents. After Board discussion, Commissioner Kelpsas motioned to keep the goals as written.

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Commissioner Walsh seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Voice Vote.

President Penicook reviewed the 2012-2013 MBO's (Management by Objective) still in progress and the proposed 2013-2014 MBO's with the Board and Staff. She was amazed at all the projects staff has completed and progress being made.

Communications, Presentations & Declarations

Commissioner Kelsas motioned to revisit *Item 2.0 Communications, Presentations, & Declarations*. Commissioner Walsh seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Voice Vote.

Dave Wilkinson, 600 S. Waiola La Grange, stated he was impressed with the volume of ideas and objectives from staff. He applauded the depth of their self examination and their hard work and thinking. He stated an audit or survey would be helpful to find the interests for La Grange residents. He felt the brochure did not address a broader market. Commissioner Kelsas asked to meet with Dave to go over our public survey data already collected. A draft of this is on our website.

Charles Gilbert, 702 Gilbert La Grange, asked about the chairs, tables and internet at the Community Center. Superintendent of Facilities Chris Finn stated the tables from the Rec Center De Sitter Room were brought to the Community Center. The WiFi is wired at the Community Center but has to be hooked up for access. Buying new chairs would be discussed in the Capital Budget. Charles asked for a new building or major remodeling of the Community Center to match the Rec Center De Sitter Room. President Penicook reminded him the Village of La Grange owns the Community Center and a majority of the remodeling in the De Sitter Room at the Rec Center was paid for from donations.

Board and Staff Discussion on General Operations Budget for 2013-2014

Director Bissias reviewed the General Operations Budget for 2013-2014 with the Board and Staff. He stated it was a balanced budget with an \$116,817 positive gain.

Commissioner Walsh and Ashby requested projections of rentals for the De Sitter Room and open gym, and actual numbers from previous years through March 31, 2013. They wanted staff to have this ready for the next Board Meeting.

President Penicook stated the final vote on the General Operations Budget would take place at the next Board Meeting. Director Bissias stated after the vote, he would work on the Capital Budget. President Penicook commented

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the projected revenue is smaller and more challenging each year to meet and go above. Superintendent of Finance Leynette Kuniej added our Park District has been growing where other districts are laying off.

Public Comments\Participation

None

Board Comments

Commissioner Lacey was positive about this MBO process as a lot was accomplished in a short amount of time. She suggested holding some Board meetings at the different parks as the public is not showing up here at the Rec Center. President Penicook noted when all is running well at the Park District, the public does not show up. When something goes wrong, there is public attendance.

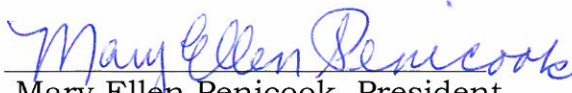
Commissioner Ashby thanked staff for their time and hard work putting the MBO's together. He admitted he does not get around the different parks to see everything as he should. Director Bissias added when we get our new bus, the Commissioners can tour the parks. Commissioner Ashby encouraged everyone to see the Gordon fields. He is excited about them. He also reminded everyone to vote tomorrow.

Commissioner Walsh stated the MBO process was better than he thought it would be. He thanked staff for their patience and dedication and holding the faith of this process.

President Penicook thanked everyone and commented the MBO process has gotten easier.

Adjournment

Commissioner Walsh moved for adjournment at 9:40 P.M. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lacey and passed unanimously by Voice Vote.


Mary Ellen Penicook, President


Constantine Bissias, Secretary
Approved 05/13/2013