

**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 10, 2011

President Penicook called the meeting to order at 7:31 P.M.

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

ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Executive Director Dean Bissias, Superintendent of Finance Leynette Kuniej, Superintendent of Facilities Chris Finn, Superintendent of Recreation Laura Gallagher, Recording Secretary Ginger Zeman

OTHERS PRESENT: Attorney Rob Bush, Jamie Wilkey of Lauterbach & Amen, Dave Wilkinson

* Commissioner Lacey attended remotely by telephone.

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

Commissioner Ashby motioned for Commissioner Lacey to attend the meeting remotely by telephone. Commissioner Walsh seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Voice Vote.

Public Hearing Regarding the Intent of the Board of Commissioners of the Park District of La Grange, Cook County, Illinois to Sell \$300,000 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds (BINA Hearing)

There was no public discussion. At 7:36 P.M. Commissioner Walsh motioned to close the BINA Hearing. Commissioner Ashby seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Penicook, Ashby, Lacey, Kelpsas, Walsh

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

Communications, Presentations & Declarations

Public Comments/ Participation

None

Presentation of Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Audit by Lauterbach & Amen, LLP

Jamie Wilkey of Lauterbach & Amen gave a brief overview of the audit and highlighted a few items. The firm gave a clean opinion of the Park District and thanked Superintendent of Finance Leynette Kuniej, for her hard work making this a smooth process. Jamie stated she would provide the Board with a comparative report with other park districts before the end of the year.

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Kelsas motioned to approve Item 4.1 Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of September 12, 2011; Item 4.2 Approval of the Minutes of the Executive Board Session of September 12, 2011; Item 4.3 Approval of the Financial Report dated September 30, 2011; Item 4.4 Approval of the Consolidated Vouchers for October dated October 10, 2011. Commissioner Lacey seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Penicook, Walsh, Ashby, Lacey, Kelsas

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Staff Reports

Denning Park Grant Renovation Project

Director Bissias stated demolition has begun at Denning Park. They hope for project completion before winter. An opening celebration would be held in the spring.

Capital Budget Project Update for Fiscal Year 2011-2012

Superintendent of Facilities Chris Finn stated the basketball resurfacing at Elm Park and the Community Center has begun. He is looking into new lense covers on the lights at the volleyball courts at Sedgwick Park. He is working with Director Bissias and Facilities Coordinator Katie Walsh on the banquet room renovations.

Staff Comments

Superintendent of Recreation Laura Gallagher stated the Recreation Department is working on the winter/spring brochure. Travel Basketball tryouts were held last week. The Halloween Party will be Friday October 28 from 6:30 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

Commissioner Ashby questioned Park Foreman Claudia Galla's report regarding the time and expense the Park District incurred for Rocktoberfest. Director

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Commissioner Ashby also questioned the lower vending machine cost compared to last year. Staff agreed to look into this further.

Attorney Report

None

Treasurer Report

None

Action Items

Approval of Audit for Fiscal Year 2010-2011

Commissioner Ashby motioned to approve the audit for fiscal year 2010-2011. Commissioner Walsh seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES:	Commissioners Penicook, Lacey, Walsh, Ashby, Kelpsas
NAYES:	None
ABSENT:	None

Discussion and Possible Approval of Bid For the Installation of a Basketball Court to be Included in the Denning Park Lyons Township Grant Project

Director Bissias discussed staff's request for the installation of the basketball court option at Denning Park. Commissioner Kelpsas motioned to approve the bid for the installation of the basketball court at Denning Park. Commissioner Ashby seconded the motion. The Board discussed the size of the basketball court. Commissioner Kelpsas amended the motion to approve the bid for the installation of a basketball court and change the configuration to 2 back to back half courts at Denning Park. Commissioner Ashby seconded the motion which passed by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

Discussion and Possible Approval of Bid for the Installation of a Climbing Rock for the Center of the Playground to be Included in the Denning Park Lyons Township Project.

After discussion, Commissioner Ashby motioned to approve the bid for the installation of a climbing rock in the center of the playground at Denning Park not to exceed \$16,000. Commissioner Lacey seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Penicook, Lacey, Ashby, Kelsas, Walsh
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None

Approval of an Agreement with COMCAST to Supply the PDLG with Business Class Internet Service

After discussion, Commissioner Kelsas motioned to approve the agreement with COMCAST to supply the PDLG with Business Class internet service.

Commissioner Ashby seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Penicook, Lacey, Ashby, Walsh, Kelsas
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None

Board Business

New Business

First Draft of Proposed 2011 Tax Levy

Superintendent of Finance Leynette Kuniej reviewed the first draft of the proposed tax levy. The Board consensus was to proceed with the necessary documents for next month.

Discussion and Possible Approval of Ordinance 11-04 the Disposal of Playground Equipment from Gordon Park

Commissioner Kelsas motioned to approve Ordinance 11-04 the Disposal of Playground Equipment from Gordon Park. Commissioner Ashby seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Penicook, Lacey, Ashby, Walsh, Kelsas
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None

*Approval of Hiring Joe M. Sirridge as a Part-Time Maintenance Employee
(Required under Board Policy #210 Nepotism)*

Director Bissias explained Joe Sirridge is Commissioner Penicook's brother and under Board Policy #10, the Board would need to approve his hiring. He would be hired for part time maintenance under the guidance and supervision of Jonathon Regan and Chris Finn. Joe comes from Job Training and Job Coaching through the Department of Rehabilitation Services which is a division of the Department of Human Services. After Board discussion, Commissioner Ashby motioned to hire Joe M. Sirridge as a part time maintenance employee.

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Commissioner Lacey seconded the motion with Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Ashby, Lacey

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: Commissioners Walsh, Kelsas

Commissioner Penicook did not vote.

Commissioner Walsh motioned to table this item. Commissioner Kelsas seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Voice Vote.

Commissioner Ashby authorized Director Bissias and Chris Finn to outline a job description for this maintenance position and open the hiring process.

Old Business

None

Committee Reports

Administration Committee

None

Public Relations Committee

Commissioner Kelsas stated he met with his committee member, Dave Wilkinson, and drafted a definition of their Committee.

Finance Committee & Capital Projects Committee

Commissioner Ashby was happy to state Brad Belcaster would join him on the Finance Committee.

Recreation Committee

Commissioner Lacey stated her committee made plans for Holiday Trees in December and Black History Month in February. She hoped to start a focus committee with young people to find what interests them.

There was suggestion to submit committee minutes in the board packets.

Public Comment

Dave Wilkinson commented how he never realized how much time each Board member puts into their position when the agenda looks so simple.

Board Member Comments

Commissioner Kelsas praised Superintendent of Finance Leynette Kuniej for her work on the audit. He suggested his Public Relations Committee could write a press release. He applauded President Penicook's decision to table the vote for hiring her brother. This vote was not easy for all of the Board members. He suggested looking to change the nepotism policy and his vote would be different.

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Commissioner Ashby congratulated Leynette Kuniej and supported her decision for bringing in new auditors. He congratulated Director Bissias and all the department heads for their work keeping this building in great shape and busy with rentals.

Executive Session

At 9:18 P.M. Commissioner Ashby motioned the Board convene to Executive Session pursuant to Item 13.2 Acquisition of Real Property, 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(5); Commissioner Walsh seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Penicook, Lacey, Walsh, Ashby, Kelpas
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None

The Regular Board Meeting resumed at 9:35 P.M.

Adjournment

Commissioner Lacey moved for adjournment at 9:35 P.M. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Walsh and passed unanimously by Voice Vote.



Mary Ellen Penicook, President



Constantine Bissias, Secretary

Approved 11/14/2011