

**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**

JANUARY 9, 2012

President Penicook called the meeting to order at 7:34 P.M.

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

ABSENT: None

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Attorney Jim Rock, Dave Wilkinson, Jim Boo, Orlando Coryell, Harlan Hirt, Matthew Hendrickson from the Patch

*Commissioner Lacey arrived at 7:40 P.M.

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

Director Bissias removed Item 8.1 Discussion and Possible Approval of a Part-Time Hiring Which May Fall under Section #210 of the Board Policy Manual under Old Business.

Communications, Presentations & Declarations

Public Comments\Participation (Board Manual Section #152)

Harlan Hirt, 421 S. Spring La Grange, asked what the difference was between Item 2.1 Public Comments and Item 10.0 Public Comments. President Penicook explained about six months ago the Board decided to open up another opportunity for public comment. Mr. Hirt also commented that the draft minutes should be put on the website for the public to know what happened at the last meeting.

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Kelpsas motioned to approve Item 3.1 Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of December 12, 2011; Item 3.2 Approval of the Minutes

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of the Executive Board Session of December 12, 2011; Item 3.3 Approval of the Financial Report dated December 31, 2011; Item 3.4 Approval of the Consolidated Vouchers for January dated January 9, 2012; Commissioner Ashby seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

Staff Reports

B.A.S.E. Program Update

Director Bissias stated he was happy to have the Director of B.A.S.E. Leanna Hartung participate at the Board meeting tonight. He thanked Superintendent of Finance Leynette Kuniej and Administrative Supervisor Linda Muth for all their hard work and time getting the B.A.S.E. program up and running under the Park District Administration.

Denning Park Grant Renovation Project

Director Bissias stated the Denning Park project is on schedule. The shelter would be arriving next week. He noted the Board report has pictures of the progress.

Gordon Park Master Plan

Jeffrey Braun of Cody, Braun & Associates presented the Board a draft master plan for Gordon Park that would be less costly than the original. He stated the site would drain to the center and as a result less fill and less utilities would be needed. Director Bissias and Jeffrey Braun met with the village who were behind it 100%. Jeffrey Braun stated the MWRD will set new regulations in a few years and it would be beneficial to have a new design permitted before then. Jeffrey Braun stated he would meet with WB Olson Contractors to estimate prices for the draft plan.

Miscellaneous Items

Director Bissias stated the Park District met a level of excellence with PDRMA and would receive a \$1500 award. He thanked Superintendent of Recreation Laura Gallagher for helping the Park District achieve this.

The Board agreed upon a budget meeting on April 2, 2012 at 7:30 P.M.

The Board agreed upon an MBO meeting for March 5, 2012 at 6:30 P.M.

Director Bissias stated the 2 ice rinks and the new equipment bought are waiting to be used when colder weather arrives to make ice.

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Director Bissias confirmed the Park District has been busy the past 3 weeks. Over 3,000 people entered our doors the past 3 weeks.

\$62,541	Registrations
\$23,473	Web Registrations
\$17,000	Daily Passes
\$13,884	Rentals
\$ 665	Vending Machine Sales

Staff Comments

B.A.S.E. Director Leanna Hartung stated the first day of B.A.S.E. ran smoothly with the Park District in charge. She thanked Director Bissias, Superintendent Kuniej and Supervisor Muth for all their amazing work. She felt welcome and part of the team.

Director Bissias stated staff is working on online registration for B.A.S.E. Superintendent Kuniej stated purchase cards were distributed to the B.A.S.E. supervisors to shop for food.

Superintendent of Facilities Chris Finn stated the facility was so busy over the holidays that he had to bring in extra staff. He stated he continues to work with Twin Supply for updating the electric at the Rec Center. The two grants did not come through however the project is continuing as the money saved on the electric bill would pay for the rest of the facility. Chris stated he was working with a flooring company to replace the floor at the Community Center. He was working on the Sedgwick Park volleyball lights and the banquet room remodel.

Superintendent of Recreation Laura Gallagher stated the new session of classes are starting up this week. The Rec Department was working on summer classes. She stated camp registration starts February 1, 2012 and she has been busy marketing the camps.

Director Bissias stated everyone should save the date July 27, 2012 for Family Fest.

Attorney Report

None

Treasurer Report

None

Action Items

First Reading of Ordinance 12-01 to Re-Approve the 2011-2012 General Operating Budget in order to Accommodate the Administration of the BASE Program

Commissioner Kelsas motioned to approve Ordinance 12-01 the 2011-2012 General Operating Budget in order to accommodate the administration of the BASE Program. Commissioner Walsh seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

Board Business

New Business

None

Old Business

None

Committee Reports

Administration Committee

None

Public Relations Committee

None

Finance Committee & Capital Projects Committee

None

Recreation Committee

Commissioner Lacey stated her committee will have a meeting this Wednesday January 11, 2012.

Public Comment

Harlan Hirt, 421 S. Spring La Grange, requested draft minutes be available for the public as it is for the press. He asked about a public document for the new Gordon Park draft and if the permit is available for public knowledge. President Penicook stated the Gordon Park draft is only a suggestion that the Board must discuss before we move forward and show the public. Director Bissias stated the permit is available to the public.

Jim Boo, 1327 Mason La Grange, stated he was in opposition to the PDLG's involvement with BASE, stating that it was a taxpayer subsidy of what he felt should be a private program.

Board Comments

Commissioner Walsh stated he disagreed with Jim Boo's comments. Commissioner Walsh was excited to have the B.A.S.E. program part of the Park District as he feels the Park District would make the program better. He was also excited about the progress at Denning Park and looking forward to the finished product. He enjoys hearing the increased activity and chatter in the Rec Center.

Commissioner Kelsas thanked staff for their informative board reports as it keeps the Board connected. He welcomed BASE Director Leanna Hartung and welcomed the public in attendance. Commissioner Kelsas stated there are a lot of

Executive Session

At 8:01P.M. Commissioner Kelsas motioned the Board convene to Executive Session pursuant to Item 12.4 Personnel, 5ILC 120/2 (c)(1) and Item 12.5 Review of Closed Executive Session Minutes, 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(21). Commissioner Walsh seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

The Regular Board Meeting resumed at 8:33 P.M.

Action Item

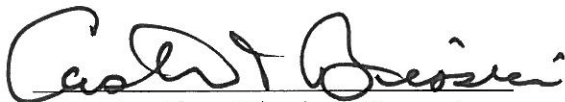
Release of Executive Minutes

Commissioner Kelsas motioned to release the Executive Board Minutes from April 15, 1997 and August 17, 1999. Commissioner Walsh seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Voice Vote.

Adjournment

Commissioner Walsh moved for adjournment at 8:34 P.M. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kelsas and passed unanimously by Voice Vote.


Mary Ellen Penicook, President


Constantine Bissias, Secretary
Approved 02/13/2012