

**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**

**SEPTEMBER 9, 2013**

**President Penicook called the meeting to order at 7:33 P.M.**

PRESENT: Commissioners Penicook, Walsh, Lacey\*, Lynch

ABSENT: Commissioner Ashby

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Jeffrey Braun from Cody, Braun and Associates, Dave Wilkinson, Charles Gilbert, Jim Boo

\* Commissioner Lacey arrived at 7:35 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

**Consent Agenda**

Commissioner Walsh motioned to approve Item 3.1 Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of August 12, 2013; Item 3.2 Approval of the Executive Session Meeting of August 12, 2013; Item 3.3 Approval of the Financial Report dated August 31, 2013; Item 3.4 Approval of the Consolidated Vouchers for September dated September 9, 2013. Commissioner Lynch seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Penicook, Walsh, Lacey, Lynch

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Ashby

**Staff Reports**

*Director's Report*

*Progress Report on Gordon Park*

Director Bissias stated the Gordon Park project is moving along. The grass would be installed this week. The playground and splash pad were installed. The project is under budget and will be open for Rocktoberfest at the end of the month.

*Update of Other Park District Matters*

Director Bissias informed the Board of vandalism over the weekend. The Community Gardens at Denning Park were damaged and there was graffiti at Sawyer Park.

Director Bissias gave a copy of the Gilbert Ave traffic light study to the Board for review. He asked that comments be forwarded to him.

Director Bissias stated ATT Wireless System would be installing a unit in the parkway at Waiola Park. We could suggest another location on park property if preferred.

Superintendent of Facilities Chris Finn stated he would check on the WiFi at the Community Center. We are paying for it and it should be working. Signs would be installed. He also stated he is working on outside construction now and Capital Projects after that.

President Penicook questioned the dashboard showing Denning Park 95% complete. Director Bissias stated he has not signed off on the landscaping as it does not meet his approval and needs to be fixed.

**Attorney Report**

There were no attorneys present.

Director Bissias stated the Appellate Court ruled on our #1235 Case affirming the lower court's decision that allows the Park District of La Grange the right to sell 2.82 acres of land at Gordon Park.

**Treasurer Report**

None

**Action Item**

*Discussion and/or Approval of Bids for Roof Replacement at the Recreation Center (Items to be presented at Board Meeting/bid opening 9/9/13 at 3:00 P.M.)*

There was Board discussion with Jeffrey Braun of Cody Braun and Associates

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regarding the particulars of the roofing bids. Commissioner Walsh motioned to accept the bid from Elens and Maichin Roofing and Sheet Metal not to exceed \$173,640 plus fees and licenses. Commissioner Lynch seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioner Walsh, Lynch, Penicook, Lacey

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Ashby

### **Board Business**

None

### **Committee Reports**

*Administration Committee*

None

*Public Relations Committee*

None

*Finance Committee & Capital Projects Committee*

None

*User Group Committee*

Commissioner Lynch stated he would meet with Director Bissias to move forward with the user group agreement.

### **Public Comments**

None

### **Board Comments**

Commissioner Lynch stated he drove by Gordon Park and was impressed with the beauty of the flat area accepting sod. He noticed the handball courts looked freshly painted and were being used. He received a few good comments from his neighbors that cannot wait for the Park to be completed.

Commissioner Lacey was disappointed the Community Gardens were damaged. She wondered if Lyons Township High School had a garden club to involve in this project. She stated Gordon Park was looking good.

Commissioner Walsh stated he was glad the appeals court made their decision.

President Penicook reminded the Board there would be a Bina Hearing before

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the next Board meeting at 7:30 P.M. on Monday October 21, 2013. She also reminded the Board of the meeting change to Monday November 18, 2013. She was very disappointed about the damage to the Community Gardens. She reminded everyone about the Community Nurse fundraiser event Rocktoberfest at Gordon Park on September 21, 2013. She stated it is a great event and a lot of fun.


### **Executive Session**

None

### **Adjournment**

Commissioner Walsh moved for adjournment at 8:01 P.M. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lacey and passed unanimously by Voice Vote.

  
Mary Ellen Penicook, President

  
Constantine Bissias, Secretary  
*Approved 10/21/2013*