

**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 13, 2020

President Vear called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Commissioners Vear, Jacobs, Collins

ABSENT: Commissioners Opyd, O'Brien

STAFF PRESENT: Executive Director Dean Bissias, Superintendent of Facilities Chris Finn, Superintendent of Recreation Kevin Miller, Assistant Superintendent of BASE Melissa Seaberg, Superintendent of La Grange Fitness Jenny Bechtold, Facility Rental Coordinator Andrea Weismantel, Recording Secretary Ginger Zeman

OTHERS PRESENT: Attorney Jim Rock

President Vear welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Superintendent of Facilities Chris Finn introduced the new Facility Rental Coordinator Andrea Weismantel to the Board. Andrea shared that she lives in Batavia and has two children. She worked at the Batavia Park District part-time for a few years where she handled rentals and the front desk. She then worked at Ruffled Feathers Golf Course where she booked weddings and showers for their banquet room. President Vear welcomed her to the team.

Communications, Presentations & Declarations

Public Comments/Participation (Board Manual Section #152)

None

Consent Agenda

Director Bissias removed Item 3.3 from the agenda, Approval of the Financial Reports Dated December 31, 2019, as Superintendent of Finance Leynette Kuniej is absent and reports are not complete.

Commissioner Jacobs motioned to approve Item 3.1 Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of December 9, 2019; Item 3.2 Approval of the Executive Session Meeting of December 9, 2019; Item 3.4 Approval of the Consolidated Vouchers for January dated January 13, 2020. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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AYES: Commissioners Vear, Jacobs, Collins
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Commissioners Opyd, O'Brien

Staff Reports

Director's Report

- Superintendent of La Grange Fitness Jenny Bechtold was a tremendous help to him with fine tuning the PARC Grant application. We are ahead of schedule and will be sending the application out on Thursday. We will not know the amount allocated for this grant until the State budget is approved in May. Therefore, we may not have an answer on this grant until June or July.
- Director Bissias and Jenny will continue to work on the foundation development after the PARC Grant has been submitted. The foundation will allow for the Park District to receive certain certifications.
- The Board must decide at the next meeting on a few dates to meet to go over the budget.
- He will be attending the IPRA conference next week.
- Next month he will review the budget process with the Board.

Staff Comments

Superintendent of La Grange Fitness Jenny Bechtold

- The fitness center is very busy with 2752 members.
- The *Patch* newspaper published an article which mentioned the fitness center along with pictures of the center.
- The fitness center is an ultimate sponsor for the WLTL Rock-a-Thon.
- Male to female member ratio is almost even. She will advise the Board next month on the exact numbers.

Assistant Superintendent of BASE Melissa Seaberg

- Two BASE employees resigned so Assistant Superintendent of BASE Melissa Seaberg and Superintendent of BASE Leanna Hartung are covering for these roles at the respective schools.
- BASE is waiting for the District 102 summer school schedule publication before the summer camp information can be released.
- District 102 is offering employment hours to our BASE staff beyond their Park District hours, working as para educators.

Superintendent of Recreation Kevin Miller

- Staff is busy working on the summer brochure and the recreation budget.
- Winter basketball programs have begun.
- There is a travel basketball tournament and preschool open house this weekend.
- Ronnie Fields is working with the Park District to create basketball

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camps in the spring and fall and work with our league coaches and players. He was a Chicago high school basketball star who was recruited by the NBA but an unfortunate accident prevented him from advancing to the NBA.

Superintendent of Facilities Chris Finn

- Rentals and open gym have been very busy.
- He is meeting with the soccer user groups tomorrow morning and with Little League at the end of the month to discuss field rentals.
- He is getting ready for spring and the budget.

Attorney Report

None

Treasurer Report

None

Action Items

None

Board Business

Old Business

Review of Emergency Closing Procedure for BASE

The board members received an email from a BASE customer concerned with the safety of the children at BASE for weather related school closings. Director Bissias reminded the Board that the policy was discussed at the October meeting and the Board elected to match the school district policy on closings during inclement weather days. If the school closes, BASE will also close. The Board and Park District have the safety of the students and staff foremost in mind when considering policy. The school district superintendent also confirmed that the schools would not allow students to leave the school without a place to go. In the future, this policy should be addressed at the beginning of the school year with the parents.

New Business

None

Committee Reports

Administration Committee

None

Parks and Open Lands

Commissioner Jacobs stated her committee would be meeting again in a few weeks. At the last meeting recycling in the parks, weeding and mulching parks were the areas the committee felt deserved attention.

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Finance & Capital Project Committee
None

User Group Committee
None

Marketing/ Social Media Committee
None

Public Comments (Board Manual Section #152)
None

Board Comments

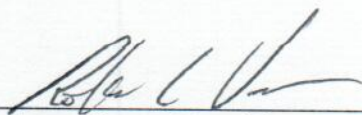
Commissioner Collins stated it was a good holiday season and it will be a good year.

Commissioner Jacobs stated that the Environmental Quality Commission of La Grange contacted her to inquire about the Park District hosting Earth Week in one of the parks.

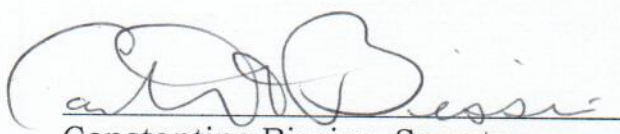
Executive Session
None

Adjournment

Commissioner Collins moved for adjournment at 7:32 P.M. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jacobs and passed unanimously by Voice Vote.



Robert Vear, President



Constantine Bissias, Secretary
Approved 02/03/2020