

**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**

APRIL 13, 2015

President Penicook called the meeting to order at 7:06 P.M.

PRESENT: Commissioners Penicook, Ashby, Walsh, Lacey, Vear

ABSENT: None

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Attorney Rob Bush, Peggy & Charles Gilbert

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

Director Bissias congratulated Commissioners Bob Vear, Mary Ellen Penicook, and Bob Ashby on their reelection.

Commissioner Walsh noted a change of the agenda to reflect this is a Regular Board Meeting and not a Special Board Meeting.

Communications, Presentations & Declarations

None

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Vear motioned to approve Item 3.1 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of March 9, 2015; Item 3.2 Executive Board Meeting of March 9, 2015; Item 3.3 Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of March 23, 2015; Item 3.4 Financial Report dated March 31, 2015; Item 3.5 Approval of the Consolidated Vouchers for April dated April 13, 2015. Commissioner Lacey seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

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Staff Reports

Director's Report

Director Bissias will be attending the legislative conference in Springfield April 28, 2015 and returning May 3, 2015.

Director Bissias informed the Board that work has begun on the Willow Springs/Gilbert Ave. electric for the traffic lights.

The first draft of the Capital Budget was distributed and discussed. Commissioner Ashby requested Superintendent of Finance Kuniej to make a schedule showing a before and after cash balance of our operating funds.

Staff Comments

Discussion Regarding Fee Structure for Athletic Field Usage (Soccer)

Superintendent of Facilities Finn and Commissioner Vear stated they met with the user groups to discuss charging fees for field usage to offset maintenance of the fields. After their research they found some districts charge for fields and some do not. Because AYSO lines our fields and use their own goals, they suggested charging \$5.00 per hour and the other user groups would be charged \$15.00 per hour. President Penicook asked for an agreement in which all groups are satisfied. They would try to have a final agreement for Board approval next month.

Other Comments

Superintendent of Finance Kuniej and Director Bissias will be meeting with Moody's to discuss raising our bond rating.

Congratulations to Superintendent of Facilities Finn on the birth of his new baby girl.

President Penicook commended Recreation Supervisor Kevin Miller for changing the basketball programs and the success he had with them this year.

Attorney Report

Attorney Rob Bush stated the legislative meeting in Springfield this month will update Park Districts of all changes in the state. When he asks the Board to call your legislative representative, he means it. Director Bissias will advise the Board later if letters should be written to save our grant.

Treasurer Report

None

Action Items

Discussion and/or Approval of Ordinance 15-05 the Combined Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Park District of La Grange Fiscal Year 2015-2016

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After Board discussion, Commissioner Ashby motioned to approve Ordinance 15-05 the Combined Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Park District of La Grange Fiscal Year 2015-2016. Commissioner Walsh seconded the motion which passed by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

Approval Board Policy #820 Employee Position and Compensation Schedule for 2015-2016

Commissioner Ashby motioned to approve Board Policy #820 Employee Position and Compensation Schedule for 2015-2016. Commissioner Vear seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

Discussion and/or Approval of SEASPAR Budget for 2015-2016

Commissioner Lacey motioned to approve the SEASPAR Budget for 2015-2016. Commissioner Walsh seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

Board Business

Old Business

Discussion and/or Approval of MBO's for Fiscal Year 2015-2016

President Penicook stated the MBO's and the Capital Budget would be approved next month.

New Business

Discussion of Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016

Director Bissias stated our bond rating went down last year due to legal expenses from the Gordon Park lawsuit. He hoped this next year's budget would bring the rating up.

Committee Reports

Administration Committee

None

Public Relations Committee

Commissioner Lacey stated reporter Jane Michaels from the *Doings* was busy

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with Village news and would be in touch if we have any news worthy information.

Finance & Capital Project Committee

None

User Group Committee

Commissioner Vear stated he hoped to have a schedule of user rental fees for the next meeting.

Public Comments (Board Manual Section #152)

None

Board Comments

Commissioner Vear stated he was looking forward to a final vote next month on the user fees.

Commissioner Lacey congratulated Superintendent of Facilities Chris Finn on the birth of his baby daughter. She also congratulated the reelected commissioners who ran a good clean campaign.

Commissioner Ashby congratulated his fellow commissioners on the election and their willingness to perform public service.

President Penicook reminded the Board of the Park Pride park clean up on Saturday May 16, 2015. Young and old are invited and refreshments would be served. She will forward the details to the Board. She noted the Pet Parade is Saturday May 30, 2015.

Executive Session

None

Adjournment

Commissioner Lacey moved for adjournment at 8:09 P.M. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Walsh and passed unanimously by Voice Vote.

Mary Ellen Penicook, President

Constantine Bissias, Secretary
Approved 05/11/2015