

**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**

DECEMBER 17, 2009

President Kelsas called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

PRESENT: Commissioners Penicook*, Ashby, Kelsas, Walsh

ABSENT: Commissioner Metzger

STAFF PRESENT: Executive Director Dean Bissias, Superintendent of Recreation Laura Gallagher, Recording Secretary Ginger Zeman

OTHERS PRESENT: Attorney Rob Bush, Thom Rae, Tom Cushing, Kevin Shields, Bob Brogan, and a few other residents

* Commissioner Penicook arrived at 7:33 P.M.

President Kelsas welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked for changes to the agenda. President Kelsas stated Announcements would be made after Public Comments.

Communications, Presentations & Declarations

Addresses from the Audience

Bob Brogan, 219 S. Madison La Grange, read a copy of a letter he sent to all the local papers regarding the Gordon Park lawsuit. A copy of his letter is attached. He stated his disapproval of the motives of the La Grange Friends of the Park members and Orlando Coryell which is costing the taxpayers of La Grange.

Harlan Hirt, 421 S. Spring La Grange, commented on Item 8.5.1 Adding a Field at Waiola Park. He hoped Little League would be adding a field the public would be able to use as well. He stated another field at Waiola Park would be a good addition to the park.

Thom Rae, 4601 Maple Avenue Brookfield, stated the land swap agreement will expire the end of December. He asked the board what would happen when it expires. President Kelsas asked him to contact Attorney Rob Bush.

President Kelsas read the letter from the Lyons Township Assessor dated December 14, 2009. It stated they would distribute no less than half of the Township Park Bond funds at the February 9 meeting.

President Kelsas stated staff delivered letters to 21 persons from Friends of the Park with a pro active settlement counter offer regarding the legal case at Gordon Park.

Commissioner Penicook arrived at 7:43 P.M.

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Walsh asked for removal of 3.3 Approval of the Minutes of the Executive Board Session of November 19, 2009 from the Consent Agenda.

Commissioner Walsh motioned to approve as amended Item 3.1 Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of November 19, 2009; Item 3.2 Approval of the Minutes of the Special Executive Session Meeting of November 15, 2009; Item 3.4 Acceptance of the Financial Report dated November 30, 2009; Item 3.5 Approval of the Consolidated Vouchers for December dated December 17, 2009. Commissioner Penicook seconded the motion, which passed unanimously on a Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Penicook, Walsh, Kelsas, Ashby
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Metzger

Staff Reports

Director Bissias stated staff is waiting for colder weather to install the ice rink liner at Gilbert Park.

President Kelsas stated the leader of the Pond Posse would like to use the Park District email blast to recruit more volunteers. Director Bissias gave his approval.

Attorney Report

Attorney Bush stated the new FOIA will go into effect on January 1, 2010. He would supply the Park District with all the materials necessary to be compliant.

Attorney Bush updated the Board on the Gordon Park court case. There was no settlement at last Friday's hearing. He stated the Park District is currently in discovery. Staff has been working diligently to prepare the many Park District

documents requested, as the deadline had been extended to January 1.

Treasurer Report

None

Action Items

Approval of Section 820 Employee Position Classification and Compensation Plan Schedule

Commissioner Penicook stated she would like to see last year's and the current year's compensation plan and review the basis for changes made. President Kelsas stated this item would be tabled until next month's meeting.

Board Business

Review of PDLG Rental, Sponsorships and Donations

Commissioner Ashby stated he would like information about volunteers, donations and sponsorships from other park districts and review ideas for our district. Commissioner Penicook stated she would like to recognize the MBO's that staff has already completed, and discuss if the uncompleted goals need to be prioritized again.

Approval of 2010-2011 PDLG Goals

Commissioner Ashby motioned to approve the 2010-2011 Park District of La Grange Goals. Commissioner Penicook seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Voice Vote.

Review of Park District Mission Statement

Commissioner Penicook motioned to approve the Park District Mission Statement. Commissioner Walsh seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Voice Vote.

Review of Board Policy Section #126 Naming of Parks, Recreation Areas and Facilities

Commissioner Walsh recommended leaving the policy as is and the Administration Committee would bring a proposal to the next meeting.

La Grange Little League Request to Add a Field at Waiola Park

After Board discussion, Commissioner Walsh motioned to approve a temporary baseball field at Waiola Park with Board annual review. Commissioner Ashby seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Voice Vote.

La Grange Little League Request to Name the Fields at Gilbert Park

Tom Cushing, President of La Grange Little League, stated there would be a spring T-Ball picnic and Little League reunion for the community for the field dedication if this naming is approved.

Commissioner Penicook motioned to approve naming the north field at Gilbert Park after Jack Yelnick and the south field after Bob Burson. Commissioner Walsh seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Voice Vote.

Review of 2010 Monthly Board Meeting Dates

After discussion, the Board decided to keep monthly meeting dates on Thursdays.

Committee Reports

Administration Committee

Commissioner Walsh stated the Board manual would be ready for review at January's meeting.

Marketing Committee

None

Finance and Capital Projects Committee

None

Recreation Committee

Commissioner Ashby stated his committee is looking to add value to our recreation programs by marketing information from our users.

Board Member Comments

None

Executive Session

At 8:30 P.M. Commissioner Penicook motioned the Board convene to Executive Session pursuant to Item 11.1 Potential Claims and/or Litigation, 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) 11; Item 11.2 Acquisition, Lease and/or Disposition of Real Property, 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(5&6); Item 11.3 Personnel, 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1). Commissioner Walsh seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

The Board Meeting resumed at 10:36 P.M.


Commissioner Walsh motioned to extend the Village of La Grange Agreement for one year. Commissioner Ashby seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

Adjournment

Commissioner Walsh moved for adjournment at 10:38 P.M. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Penicook and carried.



Constantine Bissias, Secretary

Tim Kelpsas, President

Approved 01/25/2010