

**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**

MARCH 9, 2015

President Penicook called the meeting to order at 7:05 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, Bill Reilly from AYSO

*Commissioner Lacey arrived at 7:06 P.M.

President Penicook welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked for changes to the agenda. She reminded everyone there are additional items on the agenda due to the cancellation of the February meeting.

Communications, Presentations & Declarations

Bill Reilly, 240 S. Ashland Ave. La Grange, a volunteer board member of AYSO 300 gave a background of the soccer organization for 4-19 year olds. He stated this volunteer organization is open to every child and everyone plays. There are over 2600 players this year. He added they spend \$10,000 per year to maintain fields and equipment.

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Vear motioned to approve Item 3.1 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of January 12, 2015; Item 3.2 Financial Report dated January 31, 2015 ; Item 3.3 Financial Report dated February 28, 2015 ; Item 3.4 Approval of the Consolidated Vouchers for February dated February 9, 2015; Item 3.5 Approval of the Consolidated Vouchers for March dated March 9, 2015. Commissioner Ashby seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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NAYES: None
ABSENT: None

Staff Reports

Director's Report

Little League Request Letter for Use of Waiola Park 2015

Director Bissias stated La Grange Little League was requesting use of Waiola Park as a temporary field again this year as space is needed due to the growing program. The Board asked if there were any issues or complaints from the neighbors this past year. Superintendent of Facilities Finn stated there were no complaints and Little League was reducing the amount of usage to 4 out of 7 days. President Penicook hoped Little League would eventually phase out Waiola Park usage.

Update of Fitness Center Site

Director Bissias stated Governor Rauner has frozen all monies in order to review and evaluate every grant that was issued by former Governor Quinn. The demolition for the fitness center would begin after grant money was received. Director Bissias would email the Board of any updates. Everything is ready to go.

Update of Other Park District Matters

Director Bissias stated the Park District has received the Excellence Award from PDRMA and the GFOA (Government Financial Officers Association) Award again this year.

Director Bissias updated the Board on the Endless Summer plans for July 31, August 1 & 2, 2015. Admission would be charged for music on Friday and Saturday nights. Sunday would be free for music and fireworks. Country Financial would sponsor the fireworks again this year. There would also be a first responder challenge with the police and fire departments competing with tug of war and strength and agility challenges.

Staff Comments

Superintendent of Recreation Laura Gallagher stated the annual Easter Egg Hunt is Saturday March 28, 2015 at Sedgwick Park.

Superintendent of B.A.S.E. Leanna Hartung stated BASE is busy and gearing up for summer camp. She combined the east and main campus at St. Francis due to low attendance.

Superintendent of Facilities Chris Finn stated indoor rentals are still busy and now users are looking toward outside rentals. The splash pad would be open Memorial Weekend.

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Superintendent of Finance Leynette Kuniej stated she is working hard on the budget.

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 and repair costs of the fields. An hourly rate was preferred for rental of our soccer fields of \$20.00 per hour and \$15.00 per hour for all other fields. They felt an hourly rate would be more simplistic for record keeping rather than per player. They figured about 5000 hours of field usage was used between all the soccer groups for the year in La Grange and Countryside. From their research, they found some towns charged for usage and some did not. Bill Reilly, from AYSO, responded how the Park District and AYSO have been partners for over 30 years. He stated AYSO has offered to repair fields and would like to be part of the conversation for charging fees as their budget for this year has already been set. Director Bissias stated the fee structure would begin in the fall season. Superintendent of Facilities Finn and Commissioner Vear stated there would be more research and more discussion of this fee structure.

Attorney Report

None

Treasurer Report

None

Action Items

Re-Approval of Agency Goals

Commissioner Walsh motioned to approve the Agency Goals for 2015-2016. Commissioner Ashby seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Voice Vote.

Discussion and/or Approval of Ordinance 15-02 Security Policy which includes Board Policy Sections 266 and 842

After Board discussion, Commissioner Ashby motioned to approve Ordinance 15-02 Security Policy which includes Board Policy Sections 266 and 842. Commissioner Lacey seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Voice Vote.

Discussion and/or Approval of Ordinance 15-03 Disposal of 1995 Ford Van (15 Passenger)

Commissioner Walsh motioned to approve Ordinance 15-03 Disposal of 1995 Ford Van (15 Passenger). Commissioner Vear seconded the motion which passed by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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NAYES: None
ABSENT: None

First Reading of the General Operations Budget for Fiscal Years 2015-2016

Director Bissias reminded the Board to bring their budget binders to the MBO/Budget meeting on Monday March 23, 2015. The Budget would be displayed for 30 days then discussed and voted on Monday April 13, 2015. Commissioner Ashby reviewed the highlights of the Budget and asked the Board to email any questions. Commissioner Ashby motioned to display the General Budget in the office and electronically for 30 days. 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

Discussion and/or Approval of Fee Structure for Athletic Field Usage (Soccer)

This item was tabled until next month

Board Business

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Committee Reports

Administration Committee

None

Public Relations Committee

Commissioner Lacey invited the new reporter to our meeting however the Village had more going on at their meeting tonight.

Finance & Capital Project Committee

Commissioner Ashby reminded the Board if they had any questions on the budget, they should call him or Leynette.

User Group Committee

Commissioner Vear stated he was glad to have the discussion tonight about the user group fee structure. He knows what he needs to do.

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Public Comments (Board Manual Section #152)

Bill Reilly thanked the Board for letting him speak about AYSO and the fee structure.

Board Comments

Commissioner Lacey stated BEDS is looking to build a facility a few blocks away from the Park District. She and other concerned residents are worried the Park District would have a problem with the homeless loitering here. Some residents she has spoken with stated the Park District charges too much for programs. The residents also were against having cameras at the Community Center. Director Bissias stated the Village owns that building and can do as they please.

Commissioner Lacey stated she attended the state conference and thought it was great and was impressed how well our board gets along compared to other districts.

Commissioner Walsh stated he would not anticipate a problem with the new BEDS facility in the area. He felt the front desk is trained and prepared to call police plus there is talk about updating the building's security in the near future. His thoughts regarding the field usage went two steps forward and one step back. He stated if fees are figured on participation of those groups who use it, then it will move forward.

Commissioner Ashby thanked staff for making the budget come together smoothly. He thanked Commissioner Walsh for his work on the new policy.

President Penicook reminded the Board to bring their MBO's for next year to the meeting on Monday March 23, 2015 with staff. It will be an effective collaborative meeting.

Executive Session

At 8:45 P.M. Commissioner Lacey motioned the Board convene to Executive Session pursuant to Item 12.3 Setting the Price of Real Property, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6) and Item 12.5 Review of Closed Executive Session Minutes, 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(21). 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

The Regular Board Meeting resumed at 8:59 P.M.

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Commissioner Walsh motioned to keep all the closed Executive Session minutes closed. Commissioner Lacey seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

Adjournment

Commissioner Walsh moved for adjournment at 9:00 P.M. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Vear and passed unanimously by Voice Vote.

Mary Ellen Penicook, President

Constantine Bissias, Secretary
Approved 04/13/2015