

**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 12, 2011

President Penicook called the meeting to order at 7:32 P.M.

PRESENT: Commissioners Penicook, Walsh, Lacey, Kelsas

ABSENT: Commissioner Ashby

STAFF PRESENT: Executive Director Dean Bissias, Superintendent of Finance Leynette Kuniej, Superintendent of Facilities Chris Finn, Superintendent of Recreation Laura Gallagher, Recording Secretary Ginger Zeman

OTHERS PRESENT: Attorney Rob Bush, Dave Wilkinson, Jim Boo, Nancy Mihalik, Anna Catelli, Amy Struve, Angel Springer, Leanna Harley, Jelena Cejka, Laura Calabrese, David May, Matthew Hendrickson from the Patch

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

Communications, Presentations & Declarations

Public Comments\Participation (Board Manual Section #152)

Nancy Mihalic, 4309 S. Madison La Grange, stated if the Board passes the agreement for B.A.S.E., she is looking forward to being part of our team.

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Kelsas motioned to approve Item 3.1 Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of November 14, 2011; Item 3.2 Approval of the Minutes of the Executive Board Session of November 14, 2011; Item 3.3 Approval of the Financial Report dated November 30, 2011; Item 3.4 Approval of the Consolidated Vouchers for December dated December 12, 2011; Item 3.5 Approval of the Minutes of the Public Relations Committee of November 17, 2011, November 21, 2011, December 5, 2011; Item 3.6 Approval of IMRF Benefit Protection Leave. Commissioner Walsh seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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AYES: Commissioners Penicook, Walsh, Lacey, Kelpsas
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Commissioner Ashby

Staff Reports

B.A.S.E. Program Update

President Penicook stated last Thursday, School District 102 passed the B.A.S.E. program contracts 3-0 with one abstention. School Board member David May and Superintendent of Finance Laura Calabrese commented they are looking forward to working with the Park District.

Denning Park Grant Renovation Project

Director Bissias stated the landscaping, the playground base, and the basketball striping at Denning Park would be completed in the spring.

Staff Comments

Superintendent of Recreation Laura Gallagher stated staff is busy getting ready for the Daddy/Daughter Dance on Friday, Santa Visits, Polar Express, and the Senior Holiday Social.

Superintendent of Facilities Chris Finn stated he is very pleased with the company working on the Denning Park project. The project is moving along very quickly.

He also stated Joe Niego had a fundraiser at our facility which raised over \$9,000 for an injured local marine.

Attorney Report

None

Treasurer Report

None

Action Items

Review and Approval of Board Meeting Dates for 2012

After Board discussion, Commissioner Kelpsas motioned to approve all regular board meeting dates as listed with the choice of April 16 for the April date. Commissioner Walsh seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Voice Vote.

Board Business

New Business

Approval of Agreements Between the School District #102 and PDLG(Administration of District #102 Base Program)

Commissioner Walsh motioned to approve the agreements between the School District #102 and PDLG (Administration of District #102 Base Program).

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Commissioner Kelsas seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Penicook, Lacey, Walsh, Kelsas
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Commissioner Ashby

President Penicook welcomed the B.A.S.E. staff and stated positive and negative feedback is welcomed to make this the best possible service for children. She stated this agreement was set up with the Park District rather than the schools because of the way the laws are written. The Park District's mission is to benefit the community and not to make a lot of money.

Old Business

None

Committee Reports

Administration Committee

None

Public Relations Committee

Commissioner Kelsas stated his committee has met every week. He thanked President Penicook for the first media advisory. He stated a news release would be next regarding the B.A.S.E. vote and a media advisory for the new playground at Denning Park with a photo opportunity.

Finance Committee & Capital Projects Committee

None

Recreation Committee

Commissioner Lacey stated her last committee meeting was December 10, 2011. Her committee is looking into swimming lessons, dog park, and ideas to bring in patrons during Rec Center afternoon down time between 1:00 P.M. and 3:30 P.M.. She has not drafted anyone yet from the community to join her committee.

Public Comment

Jim Boo, 1327 Mason La Grange, stated the B.A.S.E. program sounded interesting and asked if non members of District 102 could participate in the program such as District 106 or Catholic schools. Director Bissias stated the Park District is taking on an existing program that includes Catholic schools in the district boundaries. He stated he would explore other district participation in the future.

Board Member Comments

Commissioner Kelsas thanked President Penicook for all her hard work.

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Commissioner Lacey stated Pillars was having a fundraiser on January 28, 2012 and wondered if the Park District would buy a table for Board members and staff in support of the cause. Superintendent of Recreation Laura Gallagher added the Park District might have taken out an ad for the occasion.

President Penicook thanked District 102 for the opportunity to work with B.A.S.E. She stated it is a great example of intergovernmental cooperation that makes sense and will be successful. She thanked Director Bissias and Attorney Jim Rock for all of their work on this.

Executive Session

At 8:01P.M. Commissioner Kelsas motioned the Board convene to Executive Session pursuant to Item 12.4 Personnel, 5ILC 120/2 (c)(1) and Item 12.5 Review of Closed Executive Session Minutes, 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(21). Commissioner Walsh seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Penicook, Lacey, Walsh, Kelsas

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Ashby

The Regular Board Meeting resumed at 8:33 P.M.

Action Item

Release of Executive Minutes


Commissioner Kelsas motioned to release the Executive Board Minutes from April 15, 1997 and August 17, 1999. Commissioner Walsh seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Voice Vote.

Adjournment

Commissioner Walsh moved for adjournment at 8:34 P.M. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kelsas and passed unanimously by Voice Vote.



Mary Ellen Penicook, President



Constantine Bissias, Secretary
Approved 12/12/2011