

**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, 2020

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

PRESENT: Commissioners Vear, Collins, O'Brien, Opyd

ABSENT: Commissioner Jacobs

STAFF PRESENT: Executive Director Dean Bissias, Superintendent of Facilities Chris Finn, Superintendent of Finance Leynette Kuniej, Superintendent of Recreation Kevin Miller, Assistant Superintendent of BASE Melissa Seaberg, Superintendent of La Grange Fitness Jenny Bechtold, Recording Secretary Ginger Zeman

OTHERS PRESENT: Attorney Derke Price, Jeff Nowak, Mike Zahorik, Jeff Bonnevier, Rich Schumacher, Jen Vaughan

President Vear welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Communications, Presentations & Declarations

Public Comments/ Participation (Board Manual Section #152)

None

Y Men's Club

Mike Zahorik, representing the Y Men's Club and Handball Group, stated that the groups would like to build a one wall handball court, a permanent shed, and a sidewalk at the handball location at Gordon Park. He gave the Board a rendering of the proposed project. It would be used for the Y Men's Club tree sale, the handball group, tennis players and others. These groups would pay for the paving and the shed, but asked the Board to consider any assistance the Park District could provide for this project. After Board discussion, there was consensus to allow them to proceed with obtaining estimates for this project. This project could be completed by November 2020.

La Grange Little League

Jeff Novak, president of La Grange Little League, introduced his executive board in attendance. He thanked the Park District for our partnership and support. He gave a PowerPoint presentation to explain why they are requesting funding to construct a third baseball field with lights, for peanuts and minors grades 1st through 5th grade, at Sedgwick Park. They are also asking for

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access to the Sedgwick Park field house bathrooms, regrading between Sedgwick fields A and B, and installation of a sidewalk to connect the Babe Ruth and Little League fields to the bathrooms.

Commissioner Opyd commented that this project would be suited for a master plan and should accommodate the entire community, not just Little League.

Superintendent of Recreation Kevin Miller stated that the proposed area is where summer camp is set up. Logistics would need to be worked out.

President Vear thanked Jeff for his presentation and stated the Board would discuss this further once we have an estimate on the project.

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Opyd motioned to approve Item 3.1 Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of February 3, 2020; Item 3.2 Approval of the Financial Reports dated February 29, 2020; Item 3.3 Approval of the Consolidated Vouchers for March dated March 9, 2020. Commissioner O'Brien seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

Staff Reports

Director's Report

- A reminder that the MBO/Budget meeting is next Monday, March 16, 2020 with dinner at 6:00 P.M. and the meeting at 6:30 P.M.

Staff Comments

Superintendent of La Grange Fitness Jenny Bechtold

- She spoke with Amita Health and they will continue to reimburse us for their cardiac patients' initiation fees. Their cardiac rehab remains closed.

Assistant Superintendent of BASE Melissa Seaberg

- Base registration for full-time care for school year 2020-2021 begins tomorrow March 10, 2020. Registration for part-time care begins Tuesday, March 31, 2020.

Superintendent of Recreation Kevin Miller

- The 6th grade Lions travel basketball team is going to the Illinois Middle School Championship State Tournament in Rockford this weekend.

Superintendent of Facilities Chris Finn

- Indoor facility rentals are busy, and outdoor use is busy with Little League and soccer. The tennis courts at Sedgwick Park will be finished when the weather breaks.

Commissioner Opyd requested that we ask Meadowbrook Manor about installing an additional picnic bench at that park location.

Superintendent of Finance Leynette Kuniej

- She will make her comments when the Action Items are discussed.

Attorney Report

Attorney Derke Price stated he is honored to be present as the District's new attorney.

Treasurer Report

None

Action Items

Discussion and/or Approval of Resolution 20-01 Authorizing Participation in the ComEd Green Region Program

- Executive Director Bissias stated that this is the same as last year's plan and pertains to the District's green space, but the Board needs to approve the grant program application. The cost of the project would be approximately \$33,000 with partial reimbursement from ComEd if the grant is awarded.

After Board discussion Commissioner Collins motioned to approve Resolution 20-01 Authorizing Participation in the ComEd Green Region Program.

Commissioner Opyd seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Commissioners Vear, O'Brien, Collins, Opyd

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Jacobs

Discussion and/or Approval of the Renewal of a Three-Year Agreement with Lauterbach & Amen for Park District Audit Services

- Supt. of Finance Leynette Kuniej stated that Lauterbach & Amen is the firm we have used for nine years. The new three-year agreement contains no increase in fee for the first year, with an increase of \$300 per year for the second and third years. She sees no reason to change firms as they are very organized, respond in a timely manner, and keep in good communication. It would be the same Lauterbach & Amen partner with a new audit staff.

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After Board discussion Commissioner Collins motioned to approve the renewal of a three-year agreement with Lauterbach & Amen for Park District audit services. Commissioner Opyd seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote:

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

Discussion and/or Approval of PMA Services Financial Agreement which Provides for the Refinancing of \$2,400,000 General Obligation Bonds

- Supt. of Finance Leynette Kuniej stated that she received an email from the company we currently use. They indicated that we could save a substantial amount of money by refinancing if interest rates continue to drop. She would like Board approval of this Action Item.

After Board discussion Commissioner Collins motioned to approve the PMA Services financial agreement which provides for the refinancing of \$2,400,000 General Obligation Bonds. Commissioner O'Brien seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote:

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

Board Business

Old Business

None

New Business

First Reading of the General Operations Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Allowing the Budget to be put on Display (Minimum 30-Day Requirement)

Executive Director Bissias stated that Board consensus is required to allow the budget to be put on display as required by law.

After Board discussion Commissioner Opyd motioned to approve the first reading of the General Operations Budget for fiscal year 2020-2021 allowing the budget to be put on display (minimum 30-day requirement). Commissioner Collins seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Voice Vote:

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

Committee Reports

Administration Committee

None

Parks and Open Lands

None

Finance & Capital Project Committee

None

User Group Committee

None

Marketing/ Social Media Committee

None

Public Comments (Board Manual Section #152)

None

Board Comments

Commissioner Opyd congratulated the 6th grade Lions basketball team and wishes them luck in the tournament. He stated that La Grange Little League did a great job on their presentation tonight. Staff is doing a great job and he hopes the rainy weather is not as bad this season.

Commissioner Collins commended Supt. of Recreation Kevin Miller for running for president of the South Suburban Park & Recreation Professional Association and thanked staff for their work.

Commissioner O'Brien wished Kevin Miller luck in the SSPRP election. He stated the Countryside St. Patrick's parade was a good time and thanked staff for participating.

President Vear stated that the SSPRP election results will be announced in May after the April online election. He encouraged everyone to vote for their favorite judge and other officials in the State primary this month.

Executive Session

At 8:00 P.M. Commissioner Opyd motioned the Board convene to Executive Session pursuant to Item 12.2 Acquisition of Real Property, 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(5); Item 12.4 Personnel, 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1). Commissioner Collins seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Voice Vote.

AYES: Commissioners Vear, O'Brien, Collins, Opyd

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Jacobs

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At 8:20 P.M. the Board resumed the regular meeting.


Adjournment

Commissioner O'Brien moved for adjournment at 8:20 P.M. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins and passed unanimously by Voice Vote.



Constantine Bissias, Secretary

Approved 04/13/2020



Robert Vear, President