

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL 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 30, 2009

President Kelsas called the meeting to order at 6:49 P.M.

PRESENT: Commissioners Kelsas, Penicook, and Ashby

ABSENT: Commissioners Metzger, Walsh

STAFF PRESENT: Executive Director Dean Bissias, Superintendent of Recreation Laura Gallagher, Assistant Superintendent of Recreation Chris Finn, Superintendent of Finance Leynette Kuniej, Recreation Supervisor Laura Yednock, Early Childhood Supervisor Diana Korzyniewski, Intern Leonel Vazquez, Customer Service Supervisor Linda Muth, Parks & Maintenance Foreman Claudia Galla, Recording Secretary Ginger Zeman

OTHERS PRESENT: Board Treasurer Steve Paczolt, Thom Rae from Everythinglagrange.com, Kevin Shields

President Kelsas welcomed everyone to the meeting.

President's Comments

President Kelsas stated the board and staff must help our Park District of La Grange survive this economy. This budget is subject to Board approval at the Board Meeting on April 20, 2009.

Board Business

Board and Staff Discussion on General Operations Budget for 2009-2010

Director Bissias thanked everyone for coming and introduced staff. He stated staff was there to provide answers with regards to the budget.

Treasurer Paczolt reviewed the revenue streams and noted the budget is \$3,767,973 for next year. This is a decrease of \$37,781 from last year. He stated the flexibility of our budget is minute and the future of the

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Park District is not property taxes. He suggested staff look at new revenue engines. The Board agreed.

Director Bissias went over line items with the Board and answered any questions they had.

Staff and Board Discussion on Possible New Fee Structure for Rentals and Recreation Programming

Director Bissias presented the new fee structure from staff for Board comments and ideas. He stated the new fees would try to generate more revenue, but they are not ready for approval. After discussion, President Kelsas summarized the Board's interest in the new fees due to the fact the current rates were set when the building was opened 3 years ago. He would like the revenue generated from the new fees tracked and if unsuccessful revert to the old fee structure at a later time.

Executive Session

At 8:45P.M. Commissioner Penicook motioned the Board go into Executive Session, pursuant to Item 4.1 Potential Claims and/or Litigation, 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) 11; Item 4.3 Personnel, 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1) in accordance with the *Illinois Open Meetings Act* Commissioner Ashby seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by a Roll Call Vote as follows:


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

Action on Items Discussed in Executive Session (If Necessary)

None

Adjournment

Commissioner Penicook moved for adjournment at 9:25 P.M. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ashby and carried.



Tim Kelsas, President



Constantine Bissias, Secretary

Approved 04/20/2009