

**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**

AUGUST 12, 2013

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

PRESENT: Commissioners Penicook, Walsh, Lacey, Ashby, Lynch

ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Executive Director Dean Bissias, Superintendent of Facilities Chris Finn, Superintendent of Recreation Laura Gallagher, Director of B.A.S.E. Leanna Hartung, Recording Secretary Ginger Zeman, Community Programs & Marketing Supervisor Teresa Skrzynski

OTHERS PRESENT: Attorney Rob Bush, Wes Venteicher from Chicago Tribune

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

Director Bissias added *Item 2.3 Introduction of New Staff Member*.

Communications, Presentations & Declarations

Public Comments\Participation (Board Manual Section #152)

None

2012-2013 Audit Presentation by Lauterbach & Amen, LLP

Jamie Wilkey, Partner with Lauterbach & Amen, LLP, presented the 2012-2013 audit. She gave an overview of the audit and answered questions from the Board. She thanked Superintendent of Finance Leynette Kuniej and staff for their hard work preparing for the audit. Director Bissias stated the audit would be put on our website for public viewing and a hard copy would be put at the front office.

Commissioner Walsh motioned to accept the 2012-2013 Audit as presented. Commissioner Lacey seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

Staff Introduction

Superintendent of Recreation Laura Gallagher introduced our new staff member Teresa Krazinski the Community Programs & Marketing Supervisor. She gave a short background of her experience. The Board welcomed her.

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Walsh motioned to approve Item 3.1 Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of July 8, 2013; Item 3.2 Approval of the Financial Report dated July 31, 2013; Item 3.3 Approval of the Consolidated Vouchers for August dated August 12, 2013; Item 3.4 Approval of AT&T Agreement for the removal and replacement of cables at Gordon Park (Hazel Avenue). Commissioner Lynch seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Penicook, Walsh, Ashby, Lacey, Lynch
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

Staff Reports

Director's Report

Progress Report on Gordon Park

Director Bissias stated great progress has been made at Gordon Park. Concrete is being poured for the foundations of the splash pad, shelter, playground and pavilion.

He also gave updates on the other projects; a new roof is being installed at the Gilbert Park facility; a hydrant, drinking fountain and new doors are being installed at Sedgwick Park; the indoor playground walls have been painted at the Rec Center; new doors and fencing are installed at the Community Center; specs are being drawn up by Jeffrey Braun for a new roof at the Rec Center.

Commissioner Lynch wanted a comparison between our splash pad and the one in the plans for La Grange Park. Director Bissias stated our splash pad will use recycled water and La Grange Park's new splash pad will use fresh water.

Superintendent of Recreation Laura Gallagher stated the camp season is over and praised the staff for a job well done. She added preschool is 100% full and staff is working on the winter/spring brochure.

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Attorney Report

None

Treasurer Report

None

Action Item

Discussion and/or Approval of an Agreement with Lauterbach & Amen, LLP for Audit Services for 2014-2016

Commissioner Lacey motioned to approve the agreement with Lauterbach & Amen, LLP for audit services for 2014-2016. Commissioner Lynch seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioner Walsh, Lynch, Penicook, Lacey, Ashby
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None

Board Business

Review of Board Policy Section 526 Firearms, Weapons, and Pyrotechnics Devices

Commissioner Walsh stated the state legislature passed a law about carrying concealed weapons and elements that directly concern the Park District. He stated the law prohibits weapons in the parks and facilities however the Park District must install signage for that matter. The exact language for the signs as stated on the statute is not known at this time. Commissioner Walsh would investigate and inform the Board when known.

Committee Reports

Administration Committee

None

Public Relations Committee

Commissioner Lacey stated she was compiling a list of media contacts. Director Bissias stated he would give her his list.

Finance Committee & Capital Projects Committee

Commissioner Ashby thanked Superintendent of Finance Leynette Kuniej, Board Treasurer Rob Metzger and Director Dean Bissias for making the Park District finances look good.

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User Group Committee

Commissioner Lynch thanked Director Bissias and Superintendent of Facilities Chris Finn for informing him on the background of the user groups. A meeting was attended by the 3 area soccer groups with a productive exchange. All their field requests were reserved.

Director Bissias stated the Board needs to create a policy for all user groups.

Public Comments

None

Board Comments

Commissioner Lynch thanked Superintendent of Finance Kuniej for the excellent audit report and the historic accolades. He stated he regrets not attending the fireworks on August 1. He heard rave reviews from those attended.

Commissioner Lacey stated she has visited all the parks. She commented they look beautiful and people are enjoying them. She has had positive feedback from the community.

Commissioner Walsh stated he heard positive feedback on the fireworks. He was pleased to hear the financial audit and that the Park District is doing well. He thanked Superintendent of Finance Kuniej for her hard work going over and above to meet the needs of the auditors and receiving their praise is impressive.

Commissioner Ashby noted the charts in the back section of the audit shows the history of the Park District finances. He thanked Superintendent of Finance Kuniej for a nice job. He added the fireworks were great, the parks are beautiful and he hopes everything continues to improve.

President Penicook commented it was Superintendent of Finance Kuniej's day to shine with the audit. She asked the Board to notice the dashboard of MBO's. She commended staff for making an effort to get things done and in the end everything will look even better. She noted we are spending money but projects are getting done.

Executive Session

At 8:22 P.M. Commissioner Ashby motioned the Board convene to Executive Session pursuant to Item 12.4 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: Commissioner Penicook, Lacey, Walsh, Ashby, Lynch
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None


The Regular Board meeting resumed at 8:45 P.M.

Adjournment

Commissioner Ashby moved for adjournment at 8:45 P.M. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Walsh and passed unanimously by Voice Vote.



Mary Ellen Penicook, President



Constantine Bissias, Secretary
Approved 09/09/2013