

**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**

**FEBRUARY 18, 2010**

**Vice President Ashby called the meeting to order at 7:34 P.M.**

PRESENT: Commissioners Penicook, Ashby, Walsh

ABSENT: Commissioners Metzger, Kelpsas

STAFF PRESENT: Executive Director Dean Bissias, Superintendent of Recreation Laura Gallagher, Recording Secretary Ginger Zeman

OTHERS PRESENT: Attorney Rob Bush, Jim Boo, Harlan Hirt, Carol Hedrick, Terry Lubenkov, Ashley Lubenkov

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

**Communications, Presentations & Declarations**

*Public Comments/ Participation*

Jim Boo, 1327 Mason La Grange, attended the Lyons Township meeting where grant money was dispersed to the Park District. He asked the Board to comment on this. He also asked the Board to post the Park District application for this grant on the website. Director Bissias stated he would.

Vice President Ashby stated this was not on our agenda as the process has not been clarified. He stated we would keep the public informed.

Harlan Hirt, 421 S. Spring La Grange, stated there was no information regarding Item 7.2 Easement Agreement with the Village of La Grange for Sedgwick Park. He asked for public comment after this item was explained.

Vice President Ashby stated he would allow public comment after the Board was

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informed about Item 7.2 and after Board discussion.

Commissioner Walsh motioned to move Item 7.2 Easement Agreement with Village of La Grange to Item 2.3 so the public can comment on this issue. There was Board consensus.

Terry Lubenkov, Conservation Committee Chairman, and Regent Carol Hedrik of the Daughters of the American Revolution of La Grange presented a donation to the Park District of La Grange for a commemorative tree to be planted at Denning Park for the beautification of the community. Vice President Ashby thanked them for their interest in keeping our parks beautiful in La Grange.

*Easement Agreement with the Village of La Grange for Sedgwick Park*

Director Bissias explained the Village request for a permanent easement at the north end of Sedgwick Park parking lot at 47<sup>th</sup> street. He stated with the reconstruction of Bluff Avenue, this easement is needed to access utilities. The Board discussed the agreement.

The Board asked for public comment on this item. Harlan Hirt, 421 S. Spring La Grange, stated he had no comment as the map located the area and there was nothing above ground.

Commissioner Penicook motioned to approve the easement agreement with the Village of La Grange as presented. Commissioner Walsh seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES:	Commissioners Ashby, Walsh, Penicook
NAYES:	None
ABSENT:	Commissioners Metzger, Kelpsas

**Consent Agenda**

Commissioner Walsh motioned to approve Item 3.1 Approval of the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of January 25, 2010; Item 3.2 Approval of the Minutes of the Special Executive Session Meeting of January 25, 2010; Item 3.3 Acceptance of the Financial Report dated January 31, 2010; Item 3.4 Approval of the Consolidated Vouchers for February dated February 25, 2010. Commissioner Penicook seconded the motion, which passed unanimously on a Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

**Staff Reports**

Director Bissias stated the Park District received a \$508,000 grant from Lyons Township. It was the largest award distributed thus far. He stated there are still more monies to be distributed at a later date.

Laura Gallagher stated staff is working on the summer brochure and the budget. Chris Finn organized two basketball tournaments here and Andrea De Francesca helped out. She stated Andrea is getting acclimated with her new responsibilities.

**Attorney Report**

None

**Treasurer Report**

None

**Action Items**

*Approval of Section 820 Employee Position Classification and Compensation Plan Schedule*

Director Bissias asked the Board to table this item until next month.

**Board Business**

*Request from the Community Nurse Health Association to hold this year's ROCKtober Fest at Gordon Park*

Commissioner Penicook motioned to grant the Community Nurse the ability to have their ROCKtober Fest at Gordon Park this year subject to the park being available, and try our best to work with them to find an alternate location if need be. Commissioner Walsh seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Voice Vote.

**Committee Reports**

*Administration Committee*

None

*Marketing Committee*

Commissioner Penicook stated the committee is working on getting sponsors for Family Fest, general plans for marketing the district, and producing a letter for the next brochure.

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*Finance and Capital Projects Committee*

Commissioner Ashby stated the preliminary budget would be presented at the next meeting.

Director Bissias stated the Board must set a date for the MBO's. The Board chose Friday March 5 or Saturday March 6. Director Bissias stated he would canvas staff for their dates.

*Recreation Committee*

Commissioner Ashby stated his committee is developing a survey to send out to users of this facility. They hope the data will increase the value for camps and other recreational programs. Commissioner Ashby stated he hoped this survey would be ready by next month.

**Board Member Comments**

Commissioner Walsh sympathized with a resident who complained to him about the few hours open gym is available on week day evenings. Commissioner Walsh did state however that he was ecstatic about the \$508,000 grant received.

Commissioner Penicook stated both the Lyons Township grant and the OSLAD grant awarded to the Park District would make the best use of resources to benefit the community. We hope to give the residents the best bang for our buck.

Commissioner Ashby seconded the other Commissioners' comments. He congratulated Director Bissias for getting the grants and getting the money for the district.

**Executive Session**

At 8:30 P.M. Commissioner Penicook motioned the Board convene to Executive Session pursuant to Item 11.1 Potential Claims and/or Litigation, 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) 11; Item 11.2 Acquisition, Lease and/or Disposition of Real Property, 5 ILCS120/2 (c)(5&6). Commissioner Walsh seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Ashby, Penicook, Walsh  
NAYES: None  
ABSENT: Commissioner Metzger, Kelpsas



The Board Meeting resumed at 9:05 P.M.

There were no action items from Executive Session to vote on.

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**Adjournment**

Commissioner Walsh moved for adjournment at 9:05 P.M. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Penicook and carried.

  
Constantine Bissias, Secretary  
Tim Kelsas, President

*Approved 03/18/2010*