

**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**

JUNE 18, 2009

President Kelsas called the meeting to order at 7:33 P.M.

PRESENT: Commissioners Kelsas, Penicook, Walsh

ABSENT: Commissioners Metzger, Ashby

STAFF PRESENT: Executive Director Dean Bissias, Recreation
Supervisor Laura Yednock, Recording Secretary Ginger Zeman

OTHERS PRESENT: Kevin Shields, Thom Rae, Joe Sinopoli from Suburban Life, Scott Simpson, Jean and David O'Brien

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

President Kelsas stated the Park District of La Grange is offering lower usage fees for seniors and neighborhood network communities. He stated staff is doing their best to keep up with the high grass at the parks and to call Director Bissias if there is a complaint. President Kelsas stated if graffiti is spotted, Director Bissias or the Police Department should be called. President Kelsas recognized the tragedy in our village and stated the Park District of La Grange takes note of safety issues and holds annual safety meetings.

Communications

Addresses from the Audience

Jean and David O'Brien, 701 11th Avenue, thanked the Park District of La Grange for their urgency adjusting the lights at Sedgwick Park. They were satisfied with the results. The Board agreed they are great neighbors and thankful for a happy ending.

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Written Correspondences

None

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Walsh motioned to approve Item 3.1 Approval of the Minutes of the Public Hearing on May 13, 2009; Item 3.2 Approval of the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of May 13, 2009; 3.3 Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of May 21, 2009; 3.4 Approval of the Minutes of Executive Session Meeting of April 20, 2009 and May 13, 2009; Item 3.5 Acceptance of the Treasurer Report dated May 31, 2009; Item 3.6 Approval of the Consolidated Vouchers for June dated June 18, 2009. Commissioner Penicook seconded the motion, which passed unanimously on a Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Penicook, Walsh, Kelpsas

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Commissioners Metzger, Ashby

Staff Reports

President Kelpsas appreciated the format of the staff reports and asked them to continue writing their reports that way.

Recreation Supervisor Laura Yednock stated the Movie in the Park would take place at Denning Park tomorrow unless it rains. The rain location is our Recreation Center. She stated seven families have signed up for Tent Night, however it may be postponed until fall if it rains. Laura stated 83% of staff is CPR certified so far. For those on the Camp Quest wait list, Laura offered Camp a Palooza and Camp Park n It. She drives the children between camps. She stated this has been a successful all day option.

President Kelpsas noted the Park District of La Grange has received a partial distribution of surplus TIF funds. He stated in 2010, the balance would be distributed. For more information view the Superintendent of Finance Leynette Kuniej report.

Attorney Report

None

Treasurer Report

None

Action Items

Election of Officers (President, Vice-President)

Commissioner Penicook motioned to postpone the elections until the July Regular Board meeting. Commissioner Walsh seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Voice Vote.

Appointment of Treasurer

Commissioner Walsh nominated Steve Paczolt for Treasurer. Commissioner Penicook seconded the nomination, which passed unanimously by paper ballot.

Appointment of Secretary

Commissioner Walsh nominated Dean Bissias for Secretary. Commissioner Penicook seconded the nomination, which passed unanimously by paper ballot.

Appointment of Legal Counsel

Commissioner Penicook motioned to postpone the appointment of Legal Counsel until the July Regular Board Meeting. Commissioner Walsh seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Voice Vote.

Approval of Ordinance 09-05 Prevailing Wages

Commissioner Penicook motioned to approve Ordinance 09-05 Prevailing Wages. Commissioner Walsh seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES:	Commissioners Kelsas, Walsh, Penicook
NAYES:	None
ABSENT:	Commissioners Metzger, Ashby Approval of Ordinance 09-06

Change in Policy to Accommodate Alcohol at our Family Fest

President Kelsas asked to put Guidelines for Family Fest as a new item to discuss under Board Business.

Director Bissias stated the attorney's have reviewed the Ordinance and the guidelines can be adjusted once the Ordinance is approved. He stated the Park District is not authorized to sell alcohol at Family Fest until the Village permits the Park District to go ahead. Commissioner Penicook motioned to approve Ordinance 09-06 Change in Policy to Accommodate Alcohol at our Family Fest. Commissioner Kelsas seconded the motion, which passed by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

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Approval of MBO's for 2009-2010

President Kelsas stated the MBO's are goals of the Park District of La Grange that staff and the Board created. Staff would complete these objectives in ranking order unless it was cost prohibitive. Commissioner Walsh wanted to table this item until he had the other Commissioner's consent. President Kelsas stated this could be recalled at the next meeting if discussion is needed. Commissioner Penicook motioned to approve the MBO's for 2009-2010. Commissioner Kelsas seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYE: Commissioners Kelsas, Penicook, Walsh
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Commissioners Metzger, Ashby

Discussion and Approval of Memorandum of Understanding with Park Patrons Around La Grange

Director Bissias stated the Memorandum of Understanding was reviewed by the attorneys. The Board discussed their options. Commissioner Penicook recommended the Board approve the MOU and send it to Park Pals for their approval and productive comments and/or changes. Commissioner Penicook motioned to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Park Patrons Around La Grange. Commissioner Walsh seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

Discussion and Approval of Transparency Policy Section 728 "District Publications"

Commissioner Walsh motioned to move this item to Board Business. Commissioner Penicook seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Voice Vote.

Board Business

Little League Field Lights Update

Director Bissias stated he received a letter from Musco Company stating the lights at Sedgwick Park were fixed to code. He stated the neighbors were happy. This item is complete.

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Discussion and Approval CEP for the Use of Denning Park for This Year's Haunted Manor

Director Bissias stated CEP would like to build a nightly haunted trail at Denning Park this October. In return, the Park District would be the major sponsor and receive special recognition. The Board discussed all the details and stated the only negatives were noise and traffic. Commissioner Penicook stated the Board would like feedback from the neighborhood meetings.

Family Fest Update

Director Bissias stated due to safety issues, Family Fest would be moved to Gordon Park this year. He stated staff has reapplied to the village for fireworks. Director Bissias stated this event is not costing the taxpayers any money. Donations of \$12,435.00 have been collected thus far.

Discussion of Board Interest in Researching the Value of a Lobbyist/Advocate for Funding Sources

President Kelsas stated two lobbyists have approached the Park District to pursue available governmental monies for us. After discussion, Commissioner Walsh stated no one had the expertise to make a qualified decision. President Kelsas suggested staff speak with Peter Murphy at IAPD for direction and put together a preliminary wish list.

Guidelines for Family Fest Alcohol

Commissioner Walsh summarized the discussion about Family Fest selling alcohol stating a customer must show ID and pay for a wristband good for three drinks. The drinks are given to each person one drink at a time. He stated there should be a fenced in area for consumption and limited hours for selling.

Discussion of Transparency Policy Section 728 "District Publications"

Commissioner Walsh discussed his work in progress on the Transparency Policy. President Kelsas stated Commissioner Walsh should consult with the attorney as to when an exempt document, discussed at an open board meeting, loses its exempt status. President Kelsas acknowledged Thom Rae, everythinglagrange.com, to explain the state's new legislation regarding transparency. Thom Rae stated nothing is exempt for disclosure unless it was made exempt according to law. He stated the Park District has too many insignificant documents to go through and put online. President Kelsas stated this policy needs more work and should be put under Board Business for the next meeting.

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Committee Reports

Administration Committee

None

Marketing Committee

Commissioner Penicook stated this committee is meeting more regularly. They are working on the visibility of the Park District. She stated staff is contributing more which is what it should be.

Finance and Capital Projects Committee

None

Recreation Committee

None

Board Member Comments

President Kelsas thanked staff for accommodating the camps for families. He also thanked staff for the MBO's, for the Board passing them, and now they must find the money. He stated AYSO is having a uniform donation at Spring Rock Park this Saturday from 9:00A.M. until 12:00 P.M. They would be redistributed to needy soccer teams in the area.

Director Bissias stated the Highland Games are this weekend in Oak Brook from 9:00 A.M. until 9:00 P.M.

President Kelsas stated next month there would be voting for committee heads.

Executive Session

President Kelsas stated there were no items for Executive Session.

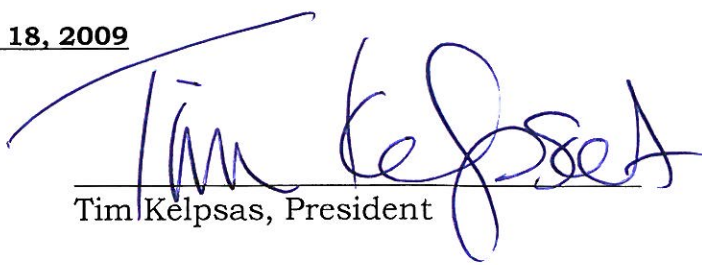
Adjournment

Commissioner Walsh moved for adjournment at 9:06 P.M. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Penicook and carried.

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Constantine Bissias, Secretary



Tim Kelpsas, President

Approved 07/16/2009