

**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 11, 2014**

**President Penicook called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M.**

PRESENT: Commissioners Penicook, Lacey, Walsh, Ashby

ABSENT: Commissioner Lynch

STAFF PRESENT: Executive Director Dean Bissias, Superintendent of Finance Leynette Kuniej, Superintendent of Facilities Chris Finn, Superintendent of Recreation Laura Gallagher, Superintendent of B.A.S.E. Leanna Hartung, Recording Secretary Ginger Zeman

OTHERS PRESENT: Attorney Jim Rock

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

Item 2.2 Presentation Community Service Award to Boy Scout Tommy Penicook was an error and removed from the agenda.

**Communications, Presentations & Declarations**

*Public Comments\Participation (Board Manual Section #152)*

None

**Consent Agenda**

Commissioner Walsh motioned to approve Item 3.1 Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of July 14, 2014; Item 3.2 Approval of the Financial Report dated July 31, 2014; Item 3.3 Approval of the Consolidated Vouchers for August dated August 11, 2014. Commissioner Lacey seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Lacey, Penicook, Walsh, Ashby

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Lynch

**Staff Reports**

*Update on Gordon Park Project*

Director Bissias stated the trees were removed at Tilden Avenue and the parking project has begun.

*Update on PDLG/LGBA Endless Summerfest*

Director Bissias stated the Endless Summerfest committee will meet next week, however preliminary numbers estimate about a \$20,000 profit. The \$30,000 put in originally was never touched. Everyone agreed there was positive feedback from the public for the event. Commissioner Ashby was concerned about the Park District recouping all our labor costs. Director Bissias and Superintendent of Finance Kuniej stated they would review our labor cost for the event.

*Update of other Park District Matters*

Director Bissias distributed the safety management information to the Board for their review. He stated they would discuss this and vote on it at next month's board meeting. They should direct any comments to Commissioner Walsh.

Director Bissias received the traffic light information at Denning Park from the Village. The bid was much higher than expected from \$320,000 to \$360,000. Director Bissias stressed to the Board that the Park District has spent all we are spending on this project with the construction of new entrances to the park. He will notify the Board when the Village responds.

*Staff Comments*

Superintendent of Finance Kuniej stated property taxes are coming in.

Superintendent of Facilities Finn stated staff is gearing up for the busy season indoors.

**Attorney Report**

None

**Treasurer Report**

None

**Action Item**

None

**Board Business**

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

None

**Committee Reports**

*Administration Committee*

None

*Public Relations Committee*

None

*Finance Committee & Capital Projects Committee*

None

*User Group Committee*

None

**Public Comments**

None

**Board Comments**

Commissioner Lacey gave kudos to staff for their hard work for the Endless Summerfest. She was surprised and overwhelmed by the size of the fest. She stated more volunteers were needed as 3 days were rough on the staff. She felt the community enjoyed it.

Commissioner Walsh felt the Endless Summerfest event went extremely well. He thought a high standard was set from this and heard a lot of positive comments about it.

Commissioner Ashby thanked staff for making accommodations for his wife Rose and daughter Grace for volunteering at the fest. He stated his friends were impressed by the level of fireworks and entertainment.

Commissioner Penicook agreed with all the Board comments about the Endless Summerfest. She was exhausted after 3 days and could only imagine how staff felt. It was a job well done. Commissioner Penicook informed the Board about the Cure Network renting our facility on Saturday September 13, 2014. They are mobilizing their clinic of licensed doctors, dentists, and optometrists to serve our community on a first come first serve basis. The doors open at 6:30 A.M. and close when they reach capacity. More information is on our Park District website and the hope is to get it on the Village's website and spread the word.

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**Executive Session**

At 7:22 P.M. Commissioner Lacey motioned the Board convene to Executive Session pursuant to Item 12.3 Setting the Price of Real Property, 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(6) and Item 12.5 Selection of a Person to Fill a Vacancy of a Public Officer 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(3). Commissioner Walsh seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:


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

The Regular Board meeting resumed at 8:09 P.M.

**Adjournment**

Commissioner Walsh moved for adjournment at 8:09 P.M. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lacey and passed unanimously by Voice Vote.

  
Mary Ellen Penicook, President

  
Constantine Bissias, Secretary  
Approved 09/08/2014