

**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**

JULY 15, 2019

President Vear called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Commissioners Vear, Jacobs, O'Brien, Opyd

ABSENT: Commissioner Collins

STAFF PRESENT: Executive Director Dean Bissias, Superintendent of Finance Leynette Kuniej, Superintendent of Facilities Chris Finn, Superintendent of Recreation Kevin Miller, Assistant Superintendent of BASE Melissa Seaberg, Superintendent of La Grange Fitness Jenny Bechtold, Recording Secretary Ginger Zeman

OTHERS PRESENT: Attorney Jim Rock, Kathy Jaderberg, Barbara Ott, June Bosek

President Vear welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Director Bissias requested Item 8.1 Discussion and/or Approval to Apply for a MWRD Grant and Item 8.2 Discussion and/or Approval to Apply for an OSLAD Grant be removed and discussed in Executive Session.

Communications, Presentations & Declarations

Public Comments/Participation (Board Manual Section #152)

Kathy Jaderberg, 411 S. Brainard, La Grange, had charts and graphs for the Board to look at regarding the use of the Nu Step, Sci Fit and recumbent bikes at La Grange Fitness. She and her friends requested that the fitness center provide more of these machines as there is a large demographic who will be joining the fitness center due to the closure of Amita cardiac rehab, plus those members already using the equipment.

Barbara Ott, 1N. Beacon Place #305, La Grange, is a member of Silver Sneakers and requested Silver Sneaker classes be added at La Grange Fitness.

Superintendent of La Grange Fitness Jenny Bechtold stated we currently do not offer Silver Sneaker classes due to the lack of space. The fitness equipment will be discussed later in the meeting.

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Jacobs motioned to approve Item 3.1 Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of June 10, 2019; Item 3.2 Approval of the Financial Reports dated June 30, 2019; Item 3.3 Approval of the Consolidated Vouchers for July dated July 15, 2019. Commissioner O'Brien seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Vear, Jacobs, O'Brien, Opyd
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Commissioner Collins

Staff Reports

Director Dean Bissias

- Brian Floriani, the founder of Bernie's Book Bank, and Rob Metzger would like to use a basketball court at the Recreation Center for three days next spring to distribute books to low income children.
- The Board is scheduled to work the beer tent at Endless Summerfest on Sunday August 4, 2019.

Staff Comments

Superintendent of Facilities Chris Finn

- New glass is being installed in the front office windows and will be completed by Friday.
- New sliding doors in the front lobby will be installed August 12, 2019.
- Names will be changed on the glass when the window installation is complete.
- The splash pad has been busy and the pumps have been working.
- The splash pad gate and fencing were broken and have been repaired.
- Some businesses are renting the Denning Park shelter for company picnics.

Commissioner Opyd suggested using the LGBA to market our parks and facilities for rental revenue.

Commissioner Jacobs suggested that solar panels should be part of the bid if the Park District goes out for bids for the roofs at the Community Center and Recreation Center. President Vear stated this option was not budgeted. We can look into it but we need to fix the roofs first. Commissioner Opyd stated we need to look at the cost and the initial return.

Superintendent of Recreation Kevin Miller

- The fall brochure will be mailed out Thursday, July 18, 2019.
- Resident registration begins August 8, 2019.
- Non-resident registration begins August 15, 2019.
- Endless Summerfest is August 2, 3, & 4, 2019 in Gordon Park.

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- The Board is scheduled to work Sunday, August 4, 2019 and they are welcome to volunteer any of the other days.
- There will be an entrance fee at the fest all three days to help cover costs.
- There are no local breweries at the fest because Miller Brewing is one of our sponsors.

Assistant Superintendent of BASE Melissa Seaberg

- Summer camp is going well. There are about 40 campers every day.
- We have ads in the paper to hire four supervisors, five assistants and support staff.
- Other programs offer higher pay, more hours and benefits to their part-time employees.

Director Bissias stated we cannot offer benefits to part-time employees without offering it to all of the District's part-time employees.

Superintendent of La Grange Fitness Jenny Bechtold

- The fitness center continues to grow with 2,435 members. We are running out of space.
- We could reach the 3,000 member capacity.
- More cardiac rehab equipment is needed.
- There was Board consensus to investigate additional equipment and price a 4-year deal. She will bring the contract back for next month's meeting to show the costs and what will work in our space.
- The Commit to Be Fit program is a tool for new members to use on their own or have staff contact them every week for accountability to reach their goals.

Commissioner Jacobs would like another survey for feedback for the fitness center even though one was sent out less than a year ago. She stated it is good to reach out and get opinions.

Attorney Report

None

Treasurer Report

None

Action Items

Discussion and/or Approval of Ordinance 19-04 Changes to Board Policy Manual Section 540 (Aviation and Airspace)

Director Bissias stated this ordinance change allows us to start filming in the park up to 150 ft. in the air with director authorization. Commissioner Jacobs motioned to approve Ordinance 19-04 changing the board policy manual section 540 (Aviation and Airspace). Commissioner O'Brien seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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NAYES: None
ABSENT: Commissioner Collins

Discussion and/or Approval of Contract with Tyler Technologies for a New Accounting Software Package

Superintendent of Finance Leynette Kuniej stated she has been researching new financial software for many years. She likes this one for the flexibility, data and good support system. After reviewing the contract, Commissioner Opyd motioned to approve the contract with Tyler Technologies with the following amendments: strike section 16; negotiate and approve maintenance fees not to exceed 25%; negotiate the potential inclusion of the clause stating that if the implementation date exceeds January 1, 2020, Tyler would pay the additional cost for the W2's.

Commissioner O'Brien seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Vear, Jacobs, O'Brien, Opyd
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Commissioner Collins

Discussion and/or Approval of Annual Transfer of Funds from General Fund to Capital Fund

After Board discussion, Commissioner Jacobs motioned to approve the annual transfer of funds from the General Fund to the Capital Fund. Commissioner Opyd seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Vear, Jacobs, O'Brien, Opyd
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Commissioner Collins

Board Business

Old Business

None

New Business

Discussion and/or Approval of to Apply for a MWRD Grant

Discussion and/or Approval to Apply for an OSLAD Grant

Both items were moved to Executive Session

Committee Reports

Administration Committee

None

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Parks and Open Lands

Commissioner Jacobs stated she is putting together her committee. She is looking at acquisition grants. She made a list of the former grants the District applied for and posted it on the website for the public to view. She met with David Bryant of the Village of La Grange Environmental Quality Commission. She would like him to attend the September board meeting to discuss ways to align our efforts and tell us about what the village is doing. She is glad that the village board minutes are included in the Park District board packet to see what the village is doing about the sustainability of lands in La Grange.

Finance & Capital Project Committee

President Vear met with Superintendent of Finance Leynette Kuniej and became more informed.

User Group Committee

Commissioner O'Brien stated he approved Little League to have a survey done in our park.

Marketing/ Social Media Committee

Commissioner Opyd stated he is working with Nancy from the LGBA to explore new technology for Endless Summerfest next year. It is the same technology that the Disney parks use. It controls access to the park and when a person leaves and returns. Cashless tokens are used and customers can load money ahead of time.

Public Comments (Board Manual Section #152)

None

Board Comments

Commissioner Opyd admired the beautiful flowers in the front of the building and the picnic bench. He was glad Kathy Jaderberg and the other patrons provided their comments from the community regarding the fitness center. He congratulated Director Bissias for the Rotary Award he received. He stated it is not only representative of him, but the whole staff as well.

Commissioner Jacobs suggested putting something on the website about Director Bissias' Rotary Award.

Commissioner O'Brien congratulated Director Bissias. He also had a shout-out to Superintendent of La Grange Fitness Jenny Bechtold. He heard many positive comments on how she runs the fitness center.

President Vear congratulated Director Bissias. He is looking forward to Endless Summerfest. He stated if under-age volunteers are needed, he has kids that he can gather to help.

Executive Session

At 8:32 P.M. Commissioner Jacobs motioned the Board convene to Executive Session pursuant to Item 12.2 Acquisition of Real Property, 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(5). Commissioner Opyd seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Voice Vote.

At 9:08 P.M. the Board resumed the regular meeting.

Director Bissias reminded the Board that while we may currently have extra funds, we spent \$1.5 million on a court battle and we neglected many things at the Park District during those years. We need to play catch up now by replacing roofs, playground equipment and items on the capital budget. Other major items we need to address include purchasing property for parking and expanding the busy fitness center.


Commissioner Opyd stated we will be showing the community we are taking care of all the parks, buildings, and fitness.

Adjournment

Commissioner Opyd moved for adjournment at 9:20 P.M. The motion was seconded by Commissioner O'Brien and passed unanimously by Voice Vote.



Robert Vear, President



Constantine Bissias, Secretary
Approved 08/19/2019