

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF THE PARK DISTRICT OF LA GRANGE, ILLINOIS
536 EAST AVE, LA GRANGE, ILLINOIS**

NOVEMBER 11, 2024

President Opyd called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Commissioners Posey, Weber, Opyd

ABSENT: Commissioners Vear & Lacey

STAFF PRESENT: Executive Director Jenny Bechtold
Director of Finance Jamie Hollock

OTHERS PRESENT: Attorney Derke Price
Rose Naseef
Katie Davis
Brad Carter

President Opyd welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked for any announcements or changes to the agenda and there were none.

Communications, Presentations & Declarations

Public Comments (Board Manual Section #152)

None

Presentation 2024 Referendum, Issuance Consideration of a Successful Referendum, Andrew Kim, PMA & Kyle Harding, Chapman & Cutler
Andrew Kim and Kyle Harding presented the issuance options for our successful referendum. There was board consensus to issue the full \$13.86 million bond all at once by March 2025 with the goal to meet the spend down requirements.

Consent Agenda

President Opyd asked for a motion to approve Item 3.1 Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of October 14, 2024; Item 3.2 Approval of the Minutes of the Executive Session Meeting of October 14, 2024, 3.3 Approval of the Financial Reports dated October 31, 2024; Item 3.4 Approval of the Consolidated Vouchers for November dated November 11, 2024.

The motion was so moved by Commissioner Posey, seconded by Commissioner Weber, and passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote.

AYES: Commissioners Posey, Weber, Opyd

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NAYES: None
ABSENT: Commissioners Vear & Lacey

Staff Reports

Executive Director Jenny Bechtold

- Director Bechtold presented her report.

Director of Finance, Jamie Hollock

- Director Hollock presented her report.

Attorney Report

No Report

Treasurer Report

No Report

Action Items

Discussion and/or Approval of the Draft Proposal Levy and Assessment of Taxes of the Park District of La Grange for the 2024 Tax Levy Year

Jamie Hollock presented the 2024 tax levy presented in the board packet. We have an overall 18.2% percent increase over last year's levy amount, however that amount includes the referendum that was just passed November 5, 2024, as well as a significant increase in new growth. Last year's new growth was approximately \$6.5 million, where this year it is \$30 million. This recommendation would require truth and taxation, as it is over 5% increase. The tax impact without the referendum is \$1.83 per month for a \$500K fair market value home.

Commissioner Posey motioned to announce the levy amount of \$4,211,000 dollars. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Weber which passed by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Pose, Weber, Opyd
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Commissioners Vear & Lacey

Discussion and/or Approval of Topographic Survey Work for 2024 Referendum

Director Bechtold explained that it is important to get this agreement approved to be able to stay on track with the 2024 Referendum and get the surveys started. A second quote came in from Compass at \$97,000.

Commissioner Weber motioned to approve the DLZ Topographic Survey agreement in the amount of \$47,200. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Posey which passed by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Weber, Posey, Opyd
NAYES: None

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ABSENT: Commissioners Vear & Lacey

Discussion and/or Approval of Waiola Park Site Features through Co-Op Contracts
Director Bechtold recommended the approval of the shelter and playground Contracts through Sourcewell. Commissioner Posey motioned to approve the playground agreement through Landscape Structures for \$124,734 and the shelter agreement through Parkreation for \$22,151. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Weber which passed by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Posey, Weber, Opyd

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Commissioners Vear & Lacey

Board Business

Old Business

None

New Business

Discussion and/or Approval on Authorization of Delegates/ Alternates for the 2025 Annual IAPD Meeting

Commissioner Weber motioned to appoint Director Bechtold as the delegate and Kevin Miller as the alternate for the annual IAPD meeting. Commissioner Posey seconded the motion which passed by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Weber, Posey, Opyd

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Commissioners Vear & Lacey

Committee Reports

Administration Committee

No report currently.

Parks and Facilities Committee

No report currently.

Recreation & Cultural Programming Committee/ Arts & Cultural Affairs Committee

No report currently.

Public Comments (Board Manual Section #152)

None

Board Comments

Commissioner Posey congratulated everyone who participated in the referendum, including all the residents and their feedback. We listened to the residents and pivoted where needed. She is proud and excited about the impact this will have on the residents.

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Commissioners Weber agreed with Commissioner Posey and appreciated the residents showing up to vote. He also thanked the board and Director Bechtold.

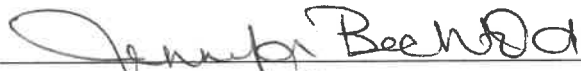
President Opyd said that 74% approval is an amazing number. He has seen the District lead the community with a vision beginning with Waiola and navigating the referendum. It is a big win for La Grange and a big win for generations to come.

Adjournment

Commissioner Weber moved for an adjournment at 7:17 P.M. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Posey, which passed unanimously by Voice Vote.



Brian Opyd, President



Jennifer Bechtold, Board Secretary
Approved December 9, 2024