

**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**

SEPTEMBER 10, 2012

President Penicook called the meeting to order at 7:32 P.M.

PRESENT: Commissioners Penicook, Walsh, Lacey, Kelpsas

ABSENT: Commissioner Ashby

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Attorney Rob Bush, Jeffrey Braun of Cody, Braun & Associates, Dave Wilkinson

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

Communications, Presentations & Declarations

Public Comments\Participation (Board Manual Section #152)

Dave Wilkinson, 600 S. Waiola La Grange, stated he did not agree with installing a security system for the parks. He felt this was invasion of public privacy and resonates negativity. He felt this is not what the Park District wants portrayed. President Penicook stated she would speak with Dave later as there are other issues involved and this decision is not set in stone.

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Walsh motioned to remove Item 3.2 Approval of the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of August 20, 2013 due to a mistake in the vote tally. Commissioner Kelpsas accepted the motion.

Commissioner Kelpsas motioned to approve as amended Item 3.1 Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of August 13, 2012; Item 3.3 Approval of the Financial Report dated August 31, 2012; Item 3.4 Approval of the Consolidated Vouchers for September dated September 10, 2012.

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Commissioner Walsh seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Penicook, Walsh, Lacey, Kelsas

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Ashby

Staff Reports

Director's Report

Elm Park Update

Director Bissias stated the wood chips would be delivered this week to Elm Park. The park has been safety checked and should be open by Friday.

Architect Update on Gordon Park

Jeff Braun of Cody Braun & Associates explained the timeline for the Gordon Park project. At the end of this month he would meet with the village for review of the entire project for the permit. WB Olson would prepare a new cost estimate. Around November 15, 2012 we would go to bid with bids due by December 15, 2012. The project would begin March 1, 2013 and would be completed by August 1, 2013.

Financial Update Regarding Bond Refunding\Reissuance

Treasurer Rob Metzger gave his recommendations via email for executing the bond transactions. He recommended refinancing now versus in March and using the firm Incapital for the execution.

Miscellaneous Items

Director Bissias stated he was still evaluating the cost of the Eagle Eye Program for \$3,500. He also stated he would have information on the cameras next month. After Board discussion, it was decided to have an opening ceremony at Elm Park on Sunday September 30, 2012 at 3:00 P.M. where we would highlight our own park watch program with giveaways. The Denning Park opening would be Monday October 8, 2012 at 6:30 P.M. before the Board Meeting.

Staff Comments

None

Attorney Report

None

Treasurer Report

Treasurer Metzger's email with his financial recommendations was distributed to the Board members earlier in the evening.

Action Item

Discussion and or Approval of Addendum #1 to Cody, Braun and Associates' Contract for the Redevelopment of Gordon Park Phase 1

Commissioner Kelsas motioned to approve Addendum #1 to Cody, Braun and Associates contract for the redevelopment of Gordon Park Phase 1.

Commissioner Walsh seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioner Penicook, Lacey, Walsh, Kelsas

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Ashby

Board Business

New Business

Discussion and Selection of Financial Institution in Regards to Bond Refinancing and Issuance

Commissioner Kelsas motioned to select Incapital represented by Bill Carney in regards to bond refinancing and issuance. Commissioner Lacey seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioner Penicook, Lacey, Walsh, Kelsas

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Ashby

Discussion and or Approval Authorizing the Refinancing of Existing Bonds

Commissioner Kelsas motioned to approve authorizing the refinancing of existing bonds as presented in the board packet. Commissioner Lacey seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioner Penicook, Kelsas, Lacey, Walsh

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Ashby

Discussion and or Approval Authorizing the Issuance of New Bonds

Commissioner Walsh motioned to approve authorizing the issuance of new bonds for 2.5 million. Commissioner Kelsas seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioner Penicook, Kelsas, Lacey, Walsh

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Ashby

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Discussion and or Authorization Instructing Staff (WB Olson) to Proceed with Requesting Bids for the Redevelopment of Gordon Park Phase 1
After Board discussion, this was tabled until the next meeting.

Discussion and or Approval of Agreement with the Respect to Installation of a Traffic Control Signal on Gilbert Ave. near Denning Park
After Board discussion, President Penicook stated board consensus was in support of this agreement with no additional payments. The Board agreed on revising the document before approval.

Committee Reports

Administration Committee

None

Public Relations Committee

None

Finance Committee & Capital Projects Committee

None

Recreation Committee

None

Public Comments

Jamie Kelsas, 67 N. Brainard La Grange, stated fake cameras should be used in the parks.

Board Comments

Commissioner Kelsas stated he patrolled the parks in a police car with an officer one evening. He suggested making sure the lights are working properly as the security lighting in the parks make it easier for police to see what's going on.

President Penicook reminded the Board of the Bina Public Hearing for the general bonds. It will take place prior to the Board meeting on Monday October 8, 2012. She stated she appreciates all public comment as it gives staff direction. She thanked staff for their well written reports and hoped they continue their great work.

Executive Session

At 9:07 P.M. Commissioner Lacey motioned the Board convene to Executive Session pursuant to Item 12.2 Acquisition of Real Property, 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(5). Commissioner Kelpas seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioner Penicook, Lacey, Walsh, Kelpas
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Commissioner Ashby

The Regular Board meeting resumed at 9:39 P.M.

Adjournment

Commissioner Walsh moved for adjournment at 9:40 P.M. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lacey and passed unanimously by Voice Vote.


Mary Ellen Penicook, President


Constantine Bissias, Secretary
Approved 10/08/2012