

**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**

**NOVEMBER 12, 2012**

**President Penicook called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.**

PRESENT: Commissioners Penicook, Walsh, Lacey, Kelpsas\*,  
Ashby

ABSENT: None

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Attorney Rob Bush, Dave Wilkinson, Jim Boo, Bill  
Carney from Incapital, John Brom, Jeffrey Braun from  
Cody Braun & Assoc., Dave Olson & Dave Ridderhoff  
from W.B.Olson, Boy Scout Troop 33

\* Commissioner Kelpsas arrived at 7:32 P.M.

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

President Penicook welcomed Boy Scout Troop 33 from St. Francis in La Grange. She gave them an overview of the meeting and introduced the Board and Staff.

**Communications, Presentations & Declarations**

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

Jim Boo, 1327 Mason La Grange, stated Commissioner Kelpsas' comment referring to the objectors as angry people messing up the Gordon Park project was unnecessary. He asked for more detail in the monthly Accounts Payable reports. He questioned Item 24 in Director Bissias' Board Report questioning why the district subsidized an industry conference trip to California to take classes on items such as protecting against child predators. Mr. Boo reiterated his opinion against installing a splash pad in Gordon Park.

**Consent Agenda**

Commissioner Kelsas motioned to approve Item 3.1 Approval of the Minutes of the Public Hearing & Regular Board Meeting of October 8, 2012; Item 3.2 Approval of the Minutes of the Executive Session Meeting of October 8, 2012; Item 3.3 Approval of the Financial Report dated October 31, 2012; Item 3.4 Approval of the Consolidated Vouchers for November dated November 12, 2012. Commissioner Lacey seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Penicook, Walsh, Kelsas, Ashby, Lacey  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None

**Staff Reports**

*Director's Report*

Director Bissias introduced Dave Olson and Dave Ritterhoff, from W.B.Olson and Jeffrey Braun from Cody, Braun & Associates to discuss the Gordon Park project.

Jeffrey Braun stated the Village is still reviewing the civil engineering drawings for the application of the MWRD permit. He also stated that the work would go to bid next week.

Dave Ritterhoff of W.B.Olson gave a summary of the updated projected project budget. Based on their inquiries with possible bidders, he estimates the projected budget to be \$95,800 less than 2010 bids.

Jeffrey Braun noted that AT&T wants the Park District to pay \$4,000 to \$8,000 for engineering costs to move lines at Hazel Avenue if the Park District wants the alternate bid for parking.

*Staff Comments*

None

**Attorney Report**

Attorney Rob Bush stated he has been working on the litigation for the potential sale of land in Gordon Park. He stated the Objectors just filed a brief for the Appellate Court and he responded with an updated brief for the Appellate Court for the 1235 Case.

Attorney Bush explained his legal fees were higher this month and will be the next few months due to the brief for the Appellate Court, the intergovernmental agreement with Countryside and negotiations with the Village on the Gilbert Ave. traffic light.

**Treasurer Report**

None

**Action Item**

*Approval of Bid for the Sale of General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds, Series 2012*

Commissioner Kelsas motioned to approve the bid for the sale of General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds, Series 2012. Commissioner Ashby seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioner Penicook, Walsh, Kelsas, Ashby, Lacey

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

*Approval of Ordinance 12-03, Authorizing the Sale of \$300,000 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds, Series 2012 "A"*

Commissioner Kelsas motioned to approve Ordinance 12-03, authorizing the sale of \$300,000 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds, Series 2012 "A". Commissioner Walsh seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioner Penicook, Walsh, Kelsas, Ashby, Lacey

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

*Approval of Ordinance 12-05 Providing for Issue of Not to Exceed \$5,000,000 General Obligation Refunding Park Bonds, Series 2012 "B"*

Commissioner Kelsas motioned to approve Ordinance 12-05 providing for issue of not to exceed \$5,000,000 General Obligation Refunding Park Bonds, Series 2012 "B". Commissioner Lacey seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioner Penicook, Walsh, Kelsas, Ashby, Lacey

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

*Approval of Ordinance 12-06 Providing for the Issue of Not to Exceed \$2,600,000 General Obligation Park Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) Series 2012 "C"*

After Board discussion with Bill Carney from Incapital, Commissioner Kelsas motioned to approve Ordinance 12-06 providing for the issue of not to exceed \$2,600,000 General Obligation Park Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) Series

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2012 “C”. Commissioner Walsh seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

*Discussion and/or Approval of Bond Purchase Agreement Authorizing the Sale of General Obligation Park Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) of the Park District of La Grange, Cook County, Illinois, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$2,600,000.*

Commissioner Kelsas motioned to approve the bond purchase agreement authorizing the sale of General Obligation Park Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) of the Park District of La Grange, Cook County, Illinois, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$2,600,000. Commissioner Walsh seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

*Approval of Ordinance 12-07, Levying and assessing Taxes of the Park District of La Grange for the 2012 Tax Levy Year*

Commissioner Kelsas motioned to approve Ordinance 12-07, Levying and assessing taxes of the Park District of La Grange for the 2012 tax levy year. Commissioner Ashby seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

*Approval of Ordinance 12-08, Directing the Cook County Clerk to Reduce the Park District of La Grange’s Real Estate Tax levy for Tax Levy Year 2012*

Commissioner Kelsas motioned to approve Ordinance 12-08 directing the Cook County Clerk to reduce the Park District of La Grange’s Real Estate Tax Levy for tax levy year 2012. Commissioner Walsh seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

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*Approval of Ordinance 12-09, Abating the Taxes Levied for 2012 to Pay Debt Service on General Obligation Park Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) Series 2006*

Commissioner Kelsas motioned to approve Ordinance 12-09, abating the taxes levied for 2012 to pay debt service on General Obligation Park Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) Series 2006. Commissioner Ashby seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

*Approval of SEASPAR Tax Levy for 2012*

Commissioner Walsh motioned to approve the SEASPAR tax levy for 2012. Commissioner Kelsas seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

**Board Business**

***New Business***

*Authorization of Delegates/ Alternates for Annual IAPD Meeting*

Commissioner Walsh motioned to elect Director Bissias as delegate and Commissioner Lacey as alternate for the annual IAPD Meeting. Commissioner Kelsas seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Voice Vote.

*Discussion of Board Meeting Dates for 2013*

Director Bissias asked the Board to review the 2013 dates listed in their board packets and will table the voting until next month.

*Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement for the Installation of a Traffic Light on Gilbert Avenue and Denning Park*

Commissioner Kelsas motioned to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement for the installation of a traffic light on Gilbert Avenue and Denning Park as shown in Section 8 of the Board packet. Commissioner Walsh seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

*Approval of Gordon Phase 1 Budget*

Commissioner Kelsas motioned for W.B.Olson, Inc. to go out for bid for the Phase 1 Gordon Park Project with all alternates. Commissioner Walsh seconded the motion which passed by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioner Pennicook, Walsh, Kelsas, Lacey  
NAYES: Commissioner Ashby  
ABSENT: None

*Approval of Playground Purchase for Gordon Park Phase 1*

Commissioner Kelsas commended Director Bissias for obtaining a \$40,000 grant for the purchase of playground equipment for the Gordon Park Phase 1 project. Commissioner Kelsas motioned to approve the purchase of playground equipment not to exceed \$90,262.00 only if the grant for \$42,567.50 is applied to the purchase resulting in spending of \$52,840.67. Commissioner Walsh seconded the motion which passed by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

**Committee Reports**

*Administration Committee*

None

*Public Relations Committee*

None

*Finance Committee & Capital Projects Committee*

None

*Recreation Committee*

None

**Public Comments**

Jim Boo, 1327 Mason La Grange, asked if the \$2.6 million bond issue was the same as the Save the Timber \$10 million bond where the taxpayers paid the interest and gave no clear direction on spending the money. President Penicook stated she or Dean would be happy to answer his questions at another time after the meeting.



**Board Comments**

Commissioner Lacey stated she read about damage to Park District property and would have liked to have been notified by someone. She hoped that the perpetrators would be identified and charged.

Commissioner Kelsas encouraged staff to publicize the "Be Our Eyes" program. It needs to have its own website. He also stated passing the bonds tonight was a big decision and historic as it will encumber the boards in the future. He added it was the right decision.

Commissioner Ashby thanked the Superintendents for their informative monthly reports. He also encouraged e-marketing to publicize our Park District.

President Penicook thanked the volunteers for the Halloween Party. She stated the BASE employees working the Halloween Party reinforces in the public's eye, the connection between BASE and the Park District and provides a positive public perception for both BASE and the Park District. She congratulated Director Bissias for receiving the playground grant. She stated he showed initiative and follow through for the residents of La Grange. She thanked staff for attending the meeting to answer questions appreciating what a long day that makes.

**Executive Session**

At 8:56 P.M. Commissioner Kelsas motioned the Board convene to Executive Session pursuant to Item 12.1 Potential Claims and/or Litigation, 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)11; Item 12.2 Acquisition of Real Property, 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(5); Item 12.4 Personnel, 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1). Commissioner Lacey seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

The Regular Board meeting resumed at 9:40 P.M.

**Adjournment**

Commissioner Walsh moved for adjournment at 9:41 P.M. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ashby and passed unanimously by Voice Vote.

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Mary Ellen Penicook, President

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Constantine Bissias, Secretary  
*Approved 12/10/2012*