

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL 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**

JUNE 16, 2014

President Penicook called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M.

PRESENT: Commissioners Penicook, Lacey, Walsh, Lynch*,
Ashby**

ABSENT: None

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Attorney Jim Rock, Dave Wilkinson, Regina McClinton,
Ted & Pat Bounds, Jeff Braun of Cody, Braun &
Associates

* Commissioner Lynch attended remotely by telephone.

** Commissioner Ashby arrived at 7:05 P.M.

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

Commissioner Lacey motioned to allow Commissioner Lynch to attend remotely by telephone. Commissioner Walsh seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Voice Vote.

President Penicook stated Item 2.2 Presentation of Community Service Award to Boy Scout Tommy Penicook would be postponed until next month.

Communications, Presentations & Declarations

Public Comments\Participation (Board Manual Section #152)

David Wilkinson, 600 S. Waiola La Grange, urged the Board to be proactive concerning Waiola Park and the unsightly AT&T transformer scheduled to be installed at the entrance to the park. He showed many photos of the park area and suggested putting the transformer near the neighbor's property.

Ted Boundas, 545 S. Stone Ave. La Grange, is the neighbor to Waiola Park and approves having the transformer adjoin his fence. He commended the Park

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District on the upkeep of Waiola Park.

Regina McClinton, 208 East Ave. La Grange, questioned why there was no charcoal grilling allowed for rentals in the parks. She suggested a deposit should be taken to insure clean up and a safe area should be designated for hot coals. Director Bissias stated propane is allowed, but no charcoal due to fires from patrons' neglect. He said he could ask the Board to revisit this policy.

Regina also commented on Gordon Park and the lack of shade. She hoped trees would be added. Director Bissias stated originally trees were being moved and now new trees would be planted in the fall.

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Consent Agenda

Commissioner Walsh motioned to approve Item 3.1 Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of May 12, 2014; Item 3.2 Approval of the Minutes of the Executive Session Board Meeting of May 12, 2014; Item 3.3 Approval of the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of May 19, 2014; Item 3.4 Approval of the Financial Report dated May 31, 2014; Item 3.5 Approval of the Consolidated Vouchers for June dated June 16, 2014. Commissioner Lacey seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

Staff Reports

Update on Gordon Park Project

Director Bissias stated Gordon Park and the splash pad opened Monday June 9, 2014. It has been well received and many patrons are enjoying it. Already there has been vandalism to the exercise equipment and signs on the skate area. There was Board consensus to investigate the cost of cameras for Gordon Park security.

Director Bissias stated the Rotary Club would like to donate something to the new and improved Gordon Park. There was Board consensus to research shade canopies for the Rotary donation.

Update on PDLG/LGBA Endless Summerfest

Director Bissias stated we are waiting on Village formalities to approve the permit for the Endless Summerfest. He informed the Board that so far, the \$30,000 budget has not been touched.

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Update on Capital Budget for 2014-2015/ Board Tour of Parks

Director Bissias stated there have been some changes to the draft version of the budget. The Board should review it.

Update of other Park District Matters - Bluff and Maple Property

Director Bissias asked the Board to read an email he received from John Harrington, 420 East Maple La Grange, about the vacant property at Bluff and Maple Avenue. He is not sure of the price of the property but would look in to the possibility of part of the property donated for a park.

Director Bissias stated we have been awarded a \$27,000 grant from the state for a summer work program.

Director Bissias stated the landscaper is returning to Denning Park to hydroseed and other work that needs to be done.

Director Bissias stated he would email the Board asking for their availability for a 3 hour shift as a volunteer bartender for Endless Summerfest.

Staff Comments

Superintendent of Finance Leynette Kuniej stated the auditors finished their field work this week and had favorable comments.

President Penicook noted BASE enrollment numbers were down but Superintendent of BASE Leanna Hartung was not worried about it at this time. She added St. Francis enrollment is doing well.

Attorney Report

None

Treasurer Report

None

Action Item

Discussion and/or Approval of Changes to Section 726 Alternative Turfgrass Management Guidelines of the Board Policy Manual

After Board discussion of Commissioner Walsh's revised board policy for turfgrass management, Commissioner Walsh motioned to approve the changes to Section 726 Alternative Turfgrass Management Guidelines of the Board Policy Manual.

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

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

Discussion and/or Approval of Ordinance 14-04 Prevailing Wages for 2014-2015
Commissioner Ashby motioned to approve Ordinance 14-04 Prevailing Wages for 2014-2015. Commissioner Walsh seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

Discussion and/or Approval of Additional Capital Expense for the Development of Parking Spaces Along Tilden Avenue Adjacent to Gordon Park
After Board discussion, Commissioner Walsh motioned to authorize additional capital expense for the development of parking spaces along Tilden Avenue adjacent to Gordon Park with the adjustment of the line item for flaggers of \$19,999 for a total of \$87,797 for additional costs. Commissioner Lacey seconded the motion which passed by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

Discussion and/or Approval of MBO's for Fiscal Year 2014-2015
Commissioner Lynch motioned to approve the MBO's (Management by Objective) for Fiscal Year 2014-2015. Commissioner Walsh seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

Discussion and/or Approval of the Capital Budget for 2014-2015
After discussing Board concerns of spending revenue on the roof vs. the parking lot, Commissioner Lynch motioned to approve the Capital Budget for 2014-2015 as presented. Commissioner Lacey seconded the motion which passed by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

Commissioner Lynch exited the meeting at 8:22 P.M.

Authorization of a One Year Extension of the Rental Agreement with The Leadershop (CEP)

Commissioner Lacey motioned to approve a one year extension of the rental agreement with The Leadershop (CEP). Commissioner Walsh seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

Board Business
Old Business

Approval of the Open Space Master Plan

Commissioner Walsh motioned to approve the Open Space Master Plan as presented. Commissioner Lacey seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

Nomination of Board President

Commissioner Walsh nominated Commissioner Penicook for Board President. Commissioner Penicook accepted the nomination for Board President.

Nomination of Board Vice President

Commissioner Ashby nominated Commissioner Walsh for Board Vice President.

Commissioner Walsh accepted the nomination for Board Vice President.

Commissioner Penicook nominated Commissioner Ashby for Board Vice President.

Commissioner Ashby accepted the nomination for Board Vice President.

Nomination of Board Secretary

Commissioner Walsh nominated Director Bissias for Board Secretary.

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Director Bissias accepted the nomination for Board Secretary.

Nomination of Board Treasurer

Commissioner Penicook nominated Rob Metzger for Board Treasurer. Rob Metzger was absent.

Board elections will take place next month.

New Business

Hiring Consultant Regarding Gordon Park

President Penicook explained the need for real estate expertise for the sale of Gordon Park. Brad Belcaster of Belcaster Realty submitted a proposal for his consulting services. President Penicook and Director Bissias recommended his services as the Park District had a relationship with his firm before and it is someone we could trust. Commissioner Ashby motioned to approve the agreement with Belcaster Realty. Commissioner Walsh seconded the motion which passed by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Penicook, Ashby, Walsh
NAYES: Commissioner Lacey
ABSENT: Commissioner Lynch

Committee Reports

Administration Committee

Commissioner Walsh stated he revised the Turf Policy for the Board manual.

Public Relations Committee

Commissioner Lacey stated she has been corresponding with the papers about the information on Endless Summerfest and the Gordon Park opening.

Finance Committee & Capital Projects Committee

None

User Group Committee

None

Public Comments

Dave Wilkinson, 600 S. Waiola La Grange, asked if the Open Space Master Plan would be available to view online. Director Bissias stated it would be online tomorrow now that it was approved.

Board Comments

Commissioner Lacey thanked the public for attending the meeting this evening. She stated a lot was accomplished tonight. She noted the Gordon Park splash

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pad has been crowded when she drives by. It looks inviting to her.

Commissioner Walsh was ecstatic Gordon Park was open and in use.

President Penicook updated the Board on the La Grange Planning Commission meeting she attended regarding the YMCA property development. She informed the Board of the proposed Opus Development of rental housing, parking garage and some retail. There were traffic and pedestrian concerns for the area.

President Penicook thanked the Waiola Park neighbors for attending the meeting tonight. She asked them to discuss the AT&T transformer problem with the Village and Director Bissias to solve this issue. Board approval is needed if the transformer is put in the park. She stated the best solution would be to avoid putting it in the park.

President Penicook thanked everyone for attending tonight's meeting.

Executive Session

At 8:55 P.M. Commissioner Walsh motioned the Board convene to Executive Session pursuant to Item 12.3 Setting the Price of Real Property, 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(6). Commissioner Ashby 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 9:29 P.M.

Adjournment

Commissioner Walsh moved for adjournment at 9:29 P.M. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ashby and passed unanimously by Voice Vote.


Mary Ellen Penicook, President



Constantine Bissias, Secretary
Approved 07/14/2014