

**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**

FEBRUARY 11, 2019

President Vear called the meeting to order at 7:21 P.M.

PRESENT: Commissioners Vear, Lacey, Jacobs

ABSENT: Commissioner Penicook

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Attorney Jim Rock, Brian Opyd, Dan Collins, Bob Sherman

President Vear welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Attorney Jim Rock added Item 12.7 Selection of a Person to Fill Public Office 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(3) to Executive Session.

Communications, Presentations & Declarations

Public Comments/Participation (Board Manual Section #152)

Bob Sherman, 735 S. Brainard, La Grange, asked if there was any update on additional parking at the Rec Center.

Director Bissias stated we are in deep communications with the property owners to the south. He hopes by early spring there will be an announcement.

Brian Opyd, 109 8th Avenue, La Grange, questioned why facility usage fees are well over budget and wondered if there would be any adjustments to the budget. Superintendent of Finance Leynette Kuniej stated that there is a glitch in the new software. The soccer fees are going into the usage fees. She is working to fix the problem.

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Lacey motioned to approve Item 3.1 Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of January 14, 2019; Item 3.2 Approval of the Executive Session Board Meeting of January 14, 2019; Item 3.3 Approval of the Financial Reports dated January 31, 2019; Item 3.4 Approval of the

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Consolidated Vouchers for February dated February 11, 2019; Commissioner Jacobs seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Vear, Lacey, Jacobs
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Commissioner Penicook

Staff Reports

Director Dean Bissias

Director Bissias thanked the board members and staff who attended the IPRA annual meeting where he and Chris Finn received the IPRA 2019 Chairman's Award.

Staff Comments

Superintendent of Finance Leynette Kuniej

- She is coordinating the credit card upgrade for March 4, 2019.
- Property tax bills for 2018 are due March 1, 2019.

Superintendent of Recreation Kevin Miller

- He is working on the budget, the summer brochure, summer camp and Endless Summerfest.
- The Kids Garage Sale was last weekend. Twelve participants were registered and 150 people attended the event. This was the first year for this event and it will be offered again next year.

Assistant Superintendent of BASE Melissa Seaberg

- They are getting ready for registration for BASE for next year 2019-20. Full-time registration begins March 5, 2019. Part-time registration begins March 19, 2019.
- School District 102 kindergarten information night is February 19, 2019.
- The Presidents Day Camp was cancelled due to low enrollment.

Superintendent of La Grange Fitness Jenny Clark

- The fitness memberships remain strong at 2,230.
- She has had a lot of feedback regarding our lack of parking. She hopes that there will be more parking available after March 2, 2019, when basketball will be finished for the season.
- January is our busiest month. Her goal is to exceed the previous year's month.
- The fitness center is offering 48 classes per week. If the minimum of six members on average is not reached, the class is cancelled or replaced.
- We lost a few members due to discontinuing childcare, however, most are not commenting or missing it.
- Personal training constitutes 50% of all revenue. There are member and

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non-member rates.

- There is a kick start program for new members where they meet a personal trainer and are acclimated to the facility.

Attorney Report

Attorney Jim Rock explained that the Prevailing Wage Rate that the Park District previously voted on every year will now be managed by the Department of Labor. With the change, the Park District only must follow the act and not vote on it. Any contractors employed by the Park District must submit their payroll to show the prevailing wage paid.

Treasurer Report

None

Action Items

Discussion and/or Possible Vote on Resolution 19-01 Authorizing Participation in the ComEd Green Region Program

Commissioner Jacobs explained the ComEd Green Region Program is a \$10,000 grant awarded for open lands to encourage sustainable plantings in our parks. They prefer bees/pollinators to attract butterflies and for projects promoting beautification and ecology. The grant application is due March 15, 2019. President Vear stated he would like the input of Lyons Township High School's AP Environmental Department. If Denning Park or Elm Park is chosen, students could be involved for educational purposes. Commissioner Lacey suggested the Boy Scouts and Eagle Scouts be contacted. Commissioner Jacobs motioned to accept Resolution 19-01 authorizing the application for a grant from the ComEd Green Region Program. Commissioner Lacey seconded the motion which passed by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioner Vear, Lacey, Jacobs

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Penicook

Board Business

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Committee Reports

Administration Committee

None

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Public Relations Committee

None

Finance & Capital Project Committee

None

User Group Committee

None

Marketing Committee

None

Public Comments (Board Manual Section #152)

Brian Opyd, 109 8th Avenue, La Grange, thanked the Board for approving the submission of a grant application to the ComEd Green Region Program.

Board Comments

Commissioner Lacey was delighted that Director Bissias received the IPRA Chairman's Award. She would like staff to put this announcement in the newspaper.

Commissioner Jacobs agreed with Commissioner Lacey and stated it would be good marketing to put this information in the newspaper. She was very pleased Director Bissias received the award. She appreciated being invited to the conference. She attended the meeting and a few sessions. She also thanked Attorney Jim Rock and his law firm Ancel Glink for being invited to their dinner.

President Vear thanked Director Bissias and staff for inviting the Board to the conference. The governor, congressmen, all the park districts in Illinois and Ancel Glink were there. It was a great event. He congratulated Director Bissias for his award.

Executive Session

At 7:51 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) and Item 12.7 Selection of a Person to Fill a Vacancy in a Public Office, 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(3). Commissioner Jacobs seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Voice Vote.

At 8:47P.M. the Board resumed the regular meeting.

Adjournment

Commissioner Lacey moved for adjournment at 8:47 P.M. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jacobs and passed unanimously by Voice Vote.

Robert Vear, President

Constantine Bissias, Secretary
Approved 03/04/2019