

**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 12, 2011

President Penicook called the meeting to order at 7:37 P.M.

PRESENT: Commissioners Penicook, Walsh, Ashby*, Lacey

ABSENT: Commissioner Kelpsas

STAFF PRESENT: Executive Director Dean Bissias, Superintendent of Finance Leynette Kuniej, Superintendent of Facilities Chris Finn, Superintendent of Recreation Laura Gallagher, Recording Secretary Ginger Zeman

OTHERS PRESENT: Attorney Rob Bush, Jeffrey Braun from Cody Braun & Assoc., Jim Boo, Dave Whelan, Dave Wilkinson

* Commissioner Ashby arrived at 7:47 P.M.

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

Communications, Presentations & Declarations

Public Comments/ Participation

Jim Boo, 1327 Mason La Grange, asked if this was the only input session before the Denning Park approval. He stated residents asked for a backstop and he had not seen it in the plans. Jeff Braun stated the Board wanted to keep this a passive park for kids to play everywhere not in one particular place. President Penicook stated the backstop was not included in the bid package however it is not a big expense and could be added at a later date.

Dave Whelan, 1325 Mason La Grange, asked for an update on the drainage problem at the north end of Denning Park at his back yard. Director Bissias stated the grant money only covered changes in drainage for the south end of the park. President Penicook stated we would cooperate with the village as it is their drain. Director Bissias stated the village is still working on sewers in that area.

La Grange Little League Requests

President Penicook tabled this item until a Little League representative arrived.

F.O.I.A. Request Update

Director Bissias stated the Attorney General agreed with our interpretation of denying access to preliminary documents for a pending F.O.I.A. request.

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Walsh motioned to approve Item 3.1 Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of August 8, 2011; Item 3.2 Approval of the Minutes of the Executive Board Session of August 8, 2011; Item 3.3 of Contract Agreement with Illinois Park & Recreation Association; Item 3.4 Approval of the Financial Report dated August 31, 2011; Item 3.5 Approval of the Consolidated Vouchers for August dated August 31, 2011. Commissioner Lacey seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Penicook, Walsh, Ashby, Lacey
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Commissioner Kelpsas

Staff Reports

Denning Park Grant Renovation Project

Director Bissias stated the bids came back higher than anticipated due to changes in the drainage at Denning Park from the engineers' final review. Jeffrey Braun of Cody, Braun & Associates stated there were 9 bidders on this project with the lowest bid from FBG Corp. He recommended dropping the basketball court and rock climbing area to stay closer to budget. Those items could always be added at a future date. The Board discussed their budget and bid numbers.

Commissioner Ashby arrived at 7:47 P.M.

Capital Budget Project Update for Fiscal Year 2011-2012

Superintendent of Facilities Chris Finn reviewed all the improvements he was working on in the buildings and parks. He stated all the projects are within budget from the capital budget.

Staff Comments

Superintendent of Facilities Chris Finn stated the Rec Center's busy season is in progress with Nazareth returning for fall and winter rentals plus a new renter for gym time. The floors in the gym and program rooms have been redone. He stated the Park District is applying for a grant to change the lighting from T12 to T8 throughout the Rec Center which would save money.

Superintendent of Recreation Laura Gallagher stated fall registration has begun. Activity fees were up this summer and so far this fall.

Director Bissias stated maintenance does not need to fertilize this fall which results in a savings of \$7,000.

President Penicook stated there is progress with ComEd removing the wires in Denning Park. Director Bissias found a supervisor who knew about the lines. President Penicook stated residents should write emails and letters to ComEd stressing the safety issue.

President Penicook thanked Recreation Supervisor Kevin Miller for thinking outside the box and creating a new Friday softball league.

Attorney Report

Attorney Bush stated he was still waiting on the rulings of the Appellate Court for the 1235 Appeal or the dismissal of the Coryell Appeal.

Treasurer Report

None

Action Items

Discussion and Approval of Bids Regarding Denning Park Lyons Township Grant Project

Commissioner Walsh motioned to approve the bid from FBG Corp. of Elmhurst including alternate Items 4 and 5 for \$681,000 subject to due diligence review by staff. If revealed not responsible, their bid would be removed and the next bidder Continental Construction for \$682,000 would be approved. Commissioner Ashby seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

Board Business

New Business

None

Old Business

None

Committee Reports

Administration Committee

None

Public Relations Committee

David Wilkinson stated he met with Commissioner Kelpsas to discuss several approaches for the Park District's public relations. They looked at benefits and function but no conclusion was reached at this time.

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Finance Committee & Capital Projects Committee
None

Recreation Committee

Commissioner Lacey stated she met with the Rec Department last month. They discussed a few ideas that need to be researched if financially feasible. They planned future meetings.

Public Comment

None

Board Member Comments

President Penicook stated she registered for the Drums Alive class and thought it was fun and great exercise and clever. She was disappointed to sign up for 3 classes and 2 were cancelled.

Executive Session

At 8:38 P.M. Commissioner Walsh motioned the Board convene to Executive Session pursuant to Item 12.2 Acquisition of Real Property, 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(5); Commissioner Ashby seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

The Regular Board Meeting resumed at 8:52 P.M.

Adjournment

Commissioner Lacey moved for adjournment at 8:52 P.M. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Walsh and passed unanimously by Voice Vote.



Mary Ellen Penicook, President



Constantine Bissias, Secretary

Approved 10/10/2011