

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF THE PARK DISTRICT OF LA GRANGE, ILLINOIS
536 EAST AVENUE, LA GRANGE, ILLINOIS**

MAY 13, 2024

President Opyd called the meeting to order at 6:02 P.M.

PRESENT: Commissioners Vear, Posey, Chvatal, Opyd

ABSENT: Commissioner Lacey

STAFF PRESENT: Executive Director Jenny Bechtold
Director of Finance Jamie Hollock
Director of Recreation Kevin Miller
Director of Parks Maintenance Eric Krueger

OTHERS PRESENT: Attorney Derke Price

President Opyd welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked for any announcements or changes to the agenda. Executive Director Bechtold informed him there were no changes and welcomed Jamie Hollock, our new Director of Finance.

Communications, Presentations & Declarations

Public Comments (Board Manual Section #152)

None

Consent Agenda

President Opyd asked for a motion to approve Item 3.1 Approval of the Minutes of the Public Hearing of April 15, 2024; Item 3.2 Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of April 15, 2024; Item 3.3 Approval of the Minutes of the Executive Session Meeting of April 15, 2024; 3.4 Approval of the Financial Reports dated April 30, 2024; Item 3.5 Approval of Consolidated Vouchers for May dated May 13, 2024.

The motion was so moved by Commissioner Posey, seconded by Commissioner Vear and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

AYES: Commissioners Posey, Vear, Opyd

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Lacey

Staff Reports

Executive Director Jenny Bechtold

- Director Bechtold highlighted the positive comments we have been receiving on our athletic fields and other areas.
- Director Bechtold also gave an update on the 2024 Park Plan Proposal.
- Director Bechtold reminded the Board that the La Grange Little League Naming Rights Resolution. ?

Director of Finance, Jamie Hollock

- Director Hollock updated the Board on the audit process.
- Director Hollock also announced we have successfully uploaded the 2024/2025 budget and the new fiscal year began May 1 ,2024.

Director of Recreation Kevin Miller

- Director Miller informed the Board that an offer has been made to a new Athletic Supervisor with an anticipated start date of May 20, 2024.
- Director Miller reviewed the registration and end of season numbers presented in his board report.
- Director Miller gave an update on the upcoming process of hiring in-house dance instructors.

Director of Parks Maintenance Eric Krueger

- Director Krueger discussed his updates as outlined in his staff report.
- Director Krueger addressed Commissioner inquiries about the cicadas that are expected.

Attorney Report

Attorney Price reported that Commissioners should write to their Cook County Commissioners about the Paid Leave Act. Director Bechtold mentioned that we have a meeting with the Human Rights Committee next week and she will keep them updated.

Treasurer Report

Director Bechtold said that there were no updates.

Action Items

Discussion and/or Approval of Appointing Jamie Hollock, Director of Finance, PDLG Treasurer.

President Opyd asked for a motion to approve Appointing Jamie Hollock, Director of Finance, PDLG Treasurer. It was so moved by Commissioner Posey and seconded by Commissioner Vear and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

AYES: Commissioners Posey, Vear, Opyd
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Commissioner Lacey

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Discussion and/or Approval of Appointing a Park District of La Grange Board Commissioner to Replace Michael Chvatal.

President Opyd stated that interviews were conducted for a new Commissioner and a decision has been made.

Commissioner Vear made a motion to appoint Chris Weber as the new PDLG Commissioner to replace Michael Chvatal. The motion seconded by Commissioner Posey and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

AYES: Commissioners Vear, Posey, Opyd
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Commissioner Lacey

Discussion and/or Approval of Noventech Security Camera Proposal for the Recreation Center and Gordon Park.

Director Bechtold explained the process of receiving three quotes. Noventech came in with the lowest proposals, with the two others coming in over \$100K. Director Bechtold explained this fell under the data management exception and would not require a bid.

Discussion took place to ensure we were not missing any features since the other proposals came in so high, as well as that cameras are for security and safety measures.

Commissioner Posey made a motion to approve the Noventech Security Camera Proposal for the Recreation Center and Gordon Park which was seconded by Commissioner Vear and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

AYES: Commissioners Posey, Vear, Opyd
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Commissioner Lacey

Discussion and/or Approval of Resolution R24-01, Directing a Different Policy for Non-Residents that are Residents of Countryside

Director Bechtold reminded the Board of the discussion that took place at the last board meeting and directed them to review Schedule A in the Resolution and asked the Board to approve the Resolution.

Commissioner Vear made a motion to approve Resolution R24-01, Directing a Different Policy for Non-Residents that are Residents of Countryside It was seconded by Commissioner Posey and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

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AYES: Commissioners Vear, Posey, Opyd
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Commissioner Lacey

Discussion and/or Approval of Section Policy 626, Financial Assistance

Director Bechtold informed the Board that the only change is to remove Countryside Residents since we terminated the IGA with Countryside.

Director Bechtold asked for a motion to approve Section Policy 626 as presented. It was so moved by Commissioner Posey, seconded by Commissioner Vear and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

AYES: Commissioners Posey, Vear, Opyd
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Commissioner Lacey

Discussion and/or Approval of Temporary Construction License for the Handball Courts

Director Bechtold explained the recent request from Mike Zahorik to repair the concrete at the handball courts and referenced the proposal within the Temporary Construction License.

Commissioner Vear made a motion to Approve the Temporary Construction License for the Handball Courts. It was seconded by Commissioner Posey and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

AYES: Commissioners Vear, Posey, Opyd
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Commissioner Lacey

Board Business

Old Business

Discussion and/or Approval of Gilbert Park OSLAD Grant Proposal

Director Bechtold gave an update on the OSLAD process and questions the Board had from the last board meeting. The first question entailed pulling out of the OSLAD application process early instead of pulling out after submission which would result in being blacklisted for two years. IDNR did state anytime you withdraw an application you are blacklisted for two years. Staff recommended strongly against pulling out of the OSLAD Grant Application or any grant process at any time.

Director Bechtold informed the Board that we did inquire with residents at our community input meeting whether they thought the district should pursue the OSLAD Grant per the Board's request. Director Bechtold shared that most

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participants felt we should apply for the OSLAD Grant. She also shared that Governor Pritzker is recommending sweeping OSLAD funds next year (2025) which would reduce the amount available, reducing our odds next year. Director Bechtold also said with the \$250K commitment from Senator Porfirio we would not have to push back as many projects as we discussed last month. Director Bechtold stressed that if we do not go for a referendum or receive the referendum, we would need the added funding even more.

Commissioner Posey made a motion to approve the Gilbert OSLAD Grant Application Proposal from Wight & Company. It was seconded by Commissioner Vear and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

AYES: Commissioners Posey, Vear, Opyd
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Commissioner Lacey

Discussion and/or Approval of Stone Park Plan Proposals

Director Bechtold informed the Board of the survey results for the Stone Park Plan proposal presented in the board packet. The winning proposal was Burkes Park plan. Director Bechtold informed the Board that there are five ADA components within the proposal. Bechtold explained this was a Sourcewell Agreement and would not require a bid.

Discussion took place about using different vendors for all our parks in the future. There was also discussion about whether the capital funds pledged by Senator Porfirio need to be used for Stone. Staff informed the Board that it is our understanding the \$250K can be used on capital improvement projects of the district's choice.

Director Bechtold asked for a motion to approve the Sourcewell Awarded Contract, Play Illinois through Burke for \$168,897.57 with the added \$6,102.43 in the budget as contingency. It was so moved by Commissioner Posey, seconded by Commissioner Vear and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

AYES: Commissioners Posey, Vear, Opyd
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Commissioner Lacey

Committee Reports

Administration Committee

No report currently.

Parks and Facilities Committee

No report currently.

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Recreation & Cultural Programming Committee/Arts & Cultural Affairs Committee

No report currently.

Director Bechtold reminded the Board that June is our annual meeting, and we will vote for new board seats, as well as committees.

Public Comments (Board Manual Section #152)

None

Board Comments


Commissioner Posey thanked the staff for preparing the Board to make all the series of financial decisions that must be made.

Commissioner Vear agreed with Commissioner Posey and is happy to see the positive comments coming in and is thrilled with the funding from Senator Porfirio.

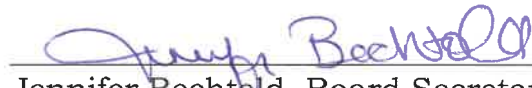
President Opyd thanked the staff for their hard work to secure the capital funding from Senator Porfirio. He also welcomed Jamie and thanked the staff for the goals and objectives in the board packet.

Adjournment

Commissioner Vear moved for an adjournment at 6:40pm. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Posey, which passed unanimously by Voice Vote.



Brian Opyd, President



Jennifer Bechtold, Board Secretary
Approved June 10, 2024