

**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**

**APRIL 2, 2012**

**President Penicook called the meeting to order at 6:38 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, Superintendent of B.A.S.E. Leanna Hartung, Recording Secretary Ginger Zeman, Early Childhood Supervisor Diana Faught, Recreation Supervisor Kevin Miller, Assistant Athletic Supervisor Ross Houston, Administrative Supervisor Linda Muth, Facility Rental Coordinator Katie Walsh, Finance and Personnel Assistant Terri Kuzel, Parks Foreman Claudia Galla

OTHERS PRESENT: Dave Wilkinson, Kris LaRocco, John Tuohy, Doug Witmer, Charles & Peggy Gilbert

\*Commissioner Kelpsas attended remotely by telephone

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

Commissioner Walsh motioned for Commissioner Kelpsas to attend remotely by telephone. Commissioner Ashby seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Voice Vote.

**Communications, Presentations & Declarations**

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

Kris LaRocco, 505 S. Waiola, La Grange, stated she lives across from Waiola Park and finds no problem with Little League using the Park. She likes the children enjoying the park playing ball. She likes the temporary backstop that can be taken down after the season. She stated the Little League President sent a letter

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to all the neighbors. She is all for Little League using Waiola Park until Gordon Park is done.

### **Board Business**

#### *Discussion and Possible Approval of La Grange Little League Request for Use of the Temporary Field at Waiola Park*

President of Little League Red Weller, 134 6<sup>th</sup> Ave La Grange, requested permission from the Park District for Little League to install the temporary backstop for April, May, and June 2012 in Waiola Park. He stated only the younger 5 and 6 year old T-Ballers would be using the field for 3 days a week. He noted there were no complaints last year and he would try to accommodate the neighbors again this year. Red Weller stated the Vice President of T-Ball would notify the parents regarding parking and other issues.

Commissioner Ashby asked about the agreement with Little League. Director Bissias stated this request was brought to the Board 2 years ago and he is now asking for a vote for a third year. He stated the Board could vote to make this permanent.

At 6:39 P.M. Commissioner Kelpsas joined the meeting remotely by telephone.

After Board discussion, Commissioner Walsh motioned to authorize the installation of the back stop again at Waiola Park for the season April through June 2012. It would be removed by Little League at the end of the season. The Board amended this statement by adding: Subsequent years would be decided by Director Bissias unless modified by the Board. Commissioner Kelpsas seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

#### *Discussion of MBO's for Fiscal Year 2012-2013*

Director Bissias explained the MBO (Management by Objective) handout given to the Board and Staff. The three lists included are the ongoing and completed list, the list from last year attempting to complete- Phase 2, and the proposed objectives for this year- Phase 1. President Penicook went through each item and their ranking with Board and Staff for Phase 1 and Phase 2. After discussion about rankings and monies, President Penicook proposed a revised MBO list separating objectives that cost money and those that do not. There would be three separate lists with three separate rankings with A, B, C descending points. Director Bissias stated staff would revise the report and give to the Board for review before the next meeting.

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### *Board and Staff Discussion on General Operations Budget for 2012-2013*

Director Bissias stated he met with Commissioner Ashby, Superintendent of Finance Leynette Kuniej, new Treasurer Rob Metzger, and Finance Committee resident member Brad Belcaster to review the budget. The Board discussed a few questions they had.

### **Public Comment**

Charles Gilbert, 702 Lincoln, La Grange, requested Wi-Fi, cable, and new chairs and tables for the Community Center at 200 S. Washington.

Director Bissias stated the center is wired for Wi-Fi and we must add it to our budget. New tables and chairs must be put in the capital budget as well.

David Wilkinson, 600 S. Waiola La Grange, encouraged the Park District to revisit our website and use it to publicize vital Park District issues for community support.

### **Board Comments**

Commissioner Lacey commented that this MBO meeting was a good experience.

Commissioner Ashby appreciated all the time and commitment to this MBO process. This process is designed for the Board and Staff to find what can and will get done. He noted we are spending more time on the MBO's than he would like to, however this should continue to get better.

Commissioner Kelpsas echoed everything everybody said and regretted the MBO process was not as smooth as it could have been. He agreed with Dave Wilkinson's comments about our website. He is glad to be getting Wi-Fi at the Community Center. Commissioner Kelpsas stated he would like a \$4000 AV equipment upgrade added to our MBO list. He would like to use it for recording our meetings for more public transparency.

President Penicook asked staff to be patient with the MBO process as everyone is working toward the same goal. She thought we were moving in the right direction. She praised the great job on marketing. She believes in what Dave Wilkinson said regarding our website to draw in the public. Director Bissias stated we must make this website upgrade an MBO.

Commissioner Walsh stated the power of computer storage vs. the old school dusty book storage makes sense; however, organizing the information is expensive.

Commissioner Lacey stated if people are satisfied, they are quiet. If they are not satisfied, you hear about it. Director Bissias and Staff are doing a good job.

**Adjournment**

Commissioner Walsh moved for adjournment at 9:39 P.M. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lacey and passed unanimously by Voice Vote.

  
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Mary Ellen Penicook, President

  
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Constantine Bissias, Secretary  
*Approved 04/16/2012*