

**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, 2016

President Penicook called the meeting to order at 7:07 P.M.

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

ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Executive Director Dean Bissias, Superintendent of Facilities Chris Finn, Superintendent of Finance Leynette Kuniej, Superintendent of BASE Leanna Hartung, Superintendent of Recreation Kevin Miller**, Recording Secretary Ginger Zeman

OTHERS PRESENT: Attorney Rob Bush, Jeffrey Braun of Cody, Braun & Assoc., Steve Palmer and Phil Fornaro from LGBA

*Commissioner Lacey arrived at 7:33 P.M.

**Superintendent of Recreation Kevin Miller arrived at 8:00 P.M.

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

Communications, Presentations & Declarations

Public Comments/Participation (Board Manual Section #152)

None

La Grange Business Association (LGBA) Endless Summerfest

Steve Palmer of the LGBA, 1010 41st, La Grange, and Phil Fornaro President of the LGBA, 308 S. Park, La Grange, presented the Park District with a large framed photograph of the village with the Endless Summerfest fireworks in the background on behalf of the La Grange Business Association(LGBA). They thanked the Park District for their relationship with the business community, the beautiful event, and the great comments from the community. Phil stated there were over 300 volunteers. There were over 600 persons in attendance for the amazing church service on Sunday. All this would not have happened without the Park District. The Board thanked Steve Palmer and Phil Fornaro. President Penicook stated the wave of the future is collaboration and sharing of resources. The Park District and the LGBA are ahead of the game in their collaboration for the good of everyone in the community.

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Walsh motioned to approve Item 3.1 Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of July 11, 2016; Item 3.2 Approval of the Minutes of the Executive Session Board Meeting of July 11, 2016; Item 3.3 Approval of the Financial Reports dated July 31, 2016; Item 3.4 Approval of the Consolidated Vouchers for August dated August 15, 2016. Commissioner Ashby seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

Staff Reports

Director's Report

Update of La Grange Endless Summerfest

Director Bissias stated this year's La Grange Endless Summerfest brought in enough money to cover the \$60,000 carryover plus around \$24,000 to split with the LGBA. These are close to final numbers with some invoices still outstanding. There were many volunteers helping out from LGBA.

Update on the November 4, 2016 Event Celebrating the 10 year Anniversary of the Recreation Center

Director Bissias stated the Milleniums, a local band, will play at the Recreation Center on Friday November 4, 2016 for the Park District 10 year anniversary party. Staff is planning for a magician, face painters, balloon makers, roving characters, 2 fun jumps for the kids, raffles, and easy food with the help of Steve Palmer. One sponsorship for \$500 has been sold already. Director Bissias asked the Board their opinion on selling beer and wine. There was consensus to charge \$3.00 each and serve a higher quality beer. Leftover wine from Endless Summerfest would be used. The gym floors will be completely tarped and food and drinks would be served in the pie-shaped area on the west side of the gym. President Penicook suggested personally inviting Village officials and families, LGBA, and former Park District board members.

Update of Other Park District Matters

None

Staff Comments

President Penicook stated the graphs in Facility Rental Coordinator Katie Walsh's board report were difficult to decipher in black and white. They should either be copied in color or distinguishing black and white graphs should be used. Commissioner Ashby suggested the graphs might be easier and more useful if they were quarterly and year-to-date.

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When questioned why the rentals in the month of August were lower, Superintendent of Facilities Chris Finn stated there were only two weekends in August for rentals due to Endless Summerfest and resurfacing the floors in the building. This is the first year the floors in the entire building were completed in one weekend using a new contractor.

Superintendent of Recreation Kevin Miller stated he dropped the girls travel basketball leagues due to lack of interest, however, the Youth Developmental League is co-ed.

Commissioner Ashby questioned where the dog park would be located that Director Bissias spoke of in his board report. Director Bissias stated the park is proposed to be a fenced area at the far south end of Denning Park.

Commissioner Lacey arrived at 7:33 P.M.

Commissioner Ashby questioned the orange fencing on the 47th Street soccer field. Director Bissias explained that each year a field is closed to rest to allow the turf to recover, grow and thicken. This field is resting and all the soccer groups are aware of it. Commissioner Ashby also questioned the weed control in the parks. Park Foreman Claudia Galla uses weed control at her discretion.

Superintendent of Facilities Chris Finn stated he received quotes for minor renovations of the Gilbert Park tennis court. They were all under \$25,000 so no formal bid is required.

Attorney Report

None

Treasurer Report

None

Action Items

Discussion and/or Possible Vote on Bids for the Replacement of the Pathway at Gilbert Park

Bids were opened today for the replacement of the pathways at Gilbert Park. Director Bissias was surprised at the high bid numbers and the scarcity of bids. The bids ranged from \$89,900 from Accu Paving to the highest of \$125,000. Last year's bids for Waiola Park were significantly lower with more work involved. Director Bissias stated the Park District has 60 days to accept or reject the bids. He mentioned the Sedgwick Park parking lots need work next year and suggested that the bids could be packaged together. After Board discussion, Commissioner Walsh motioned to reject all bids and table this item. Commissioner Ashby seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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NAYES: None
ABSENT: None

Discussion and/or Possible Vote on an Updated Agreement with St. Francis Church for Use of Their Facility for our BASE Program

Director Bissias stated he has not received the final document from the Archdiocese of Chicago for BASE's use of the facility at St. Francis for the new school year. He asked the Board to approve the agreement that was negotiated by the attorneys that can be viewed in the board report. If they change the terms, then the Board would come back and vote on the changes.

Commissioner Ashby motioned to authorize Director Bissias to complete negotiations with St. Francis on the terms that have been put in front of the Board for the use of their facility. Commissioner Vear seconded the motion which passed by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

Superintendent of Recreation Kevin Miller arrived at 8:00 P.M.

Discussion and/or Possible Vote on Resolution 16-02 a Conveyance of Additional Land at Gordon Park for the Purpose of a Right Hand Turning Lane Needed at the Newly Proposed Traffic Light

Director Bissias stated that the Village of La Grange needs 735 sq. ft. of land from us in order to install a turn lane into Gordon Park. Director Bissias recommends that we offer to transfer that 735 sq. ft. in exchange for the Village fixing the drainage at Denning and transferring full title to the Park District of the land at Tilden Ave. where we currently have a parking lot and a 99-year lease. This would be a win-win since the Park District would then own outright more land and the Village would have the land needed for the turn lane for the benefit of the entire community. Commissioner Walsh motioned to authorize Director Bissias' signature of the ordinance contingent upon the resolution of one or more issues of the drainage and potential conversion of the land lease to Park District ownership. Commissioner Lacey seconded the motion which passed by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

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Board President to Announce an October 17, 2016 Public Hearing Regarding the Sale of 2016 General Obligation Bonds (Annual Roll Over Bonds)

President Penicook announced there would be a Public Hearing on October 17, 2016 regarding the sale of 2016 General Obligation Bonds.

Board Business

Old Business

Commissioner Walsh asked for an update about Opus parking on Park District land. Director Bissias stated it is all resolved. They are not parking on our property and all damages will be repaired when the project is complete.

New Business

None

Committee Reports

Administration Committee

None

Public Relations Committee

None

Finance & Capital Project Committee

None

User Group Committee

Commissioner Vear stated Superintendent of Facilities Chris Finn has permits now from the soccer affiliates. He commented that they must work out a better system.

Public Comments (Board Manual Section #152)

None

Board Comments

None

Executive Session

At 8:20 P.M. Commissioner Lacey motioned the Board convene to Executive Session pursuant to Item 12.1 Potential Claims and/or Litigation, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)11; 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, Vear, Ashby, Walsh, Lacey
NAYES:	None

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ABSENT: None

The Regular Board Meeting resumed at 8:49 P.M.

Adjournment

Commissioner Walsh moved for adjournment at 8:49 P.M. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ashby and passed unanimously by Voice Vote.

Mary Ellen Penicook, President

Constantine Bissias, Secretary

Approved 10/17/2016