

**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**

AUGUST 15, 2016

President Penicook called the meeting to order at 7:04 P.M.

PRESENT: Commissioners Penicook, Ashby, Vear, Walsh

ABSENT: Commissioners Lacey

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, Jamie Wilkey of Lauterbach & Amen,LLP

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

Communications, Presentations & Declarations

Public Comments/ Participation (Board Manual Section #152)

President Penicook stated she received a letter from Sterling Topol discussing pickle ball courts versus tennis courts at Gordon Park. He prefers tennis and would like to speak to the Board before a decision is made.

Director Bissias announced to the Board he received a letter today stating the OSLAD Grant that was awarded to the Park District to construct a fitness center will be released by the State of Illinois soon. The plans need to be finalized and then go for bid.

2015-2016 Audit Presentation by Lauterbach & Amen, LLP

Jamie Wilkey of Lauterbach & Amen, LLP reviewed the audit and thanked Superintendent of Finance Leynette Kuniej for all her work making it a clean audit. The Park District received an unmodified opinion on the financial statements for the year ending April 30, 2016. This is the best possible opinion. The Park District also received the Certificate of Achievement for fiscal year ending April 30, 2015. This is the highest award for government recording. The Park District has received this award for the past twenty

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consecutive years and the current report continues to conform to those requirements. She gave an overview of each section and answered many of the Board's questions. President Penicook suggested delaying the approval of the audit for the Board to take time to review it. She thanked Jamie and Leynette for their hard work.

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

Denning Park Drainage

Director Bissias stated there have been no decisions regarding the Denning Park drainage problem. It will be discussed under the action items as the Village would consider the manhole if we give them the land they need.

Update of La Grange Endless Summerfest

Director Bissias stated this year's La Grange Endless Summerfest was successful. There was more beer sold this year and the park was left in good condition. He would have a better idea about the numbers in a few weeks. He thanked staff for all their help.

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

Director Bissias informed the Board of the ten year anniversary party for the Park District on November 4, 2016 from 6:30 P.M. to 9:30 P.M. It is still in the planning stages. Staff is working on food, raffles, kid games, music, and children entertainment. The White Sox would participate too. He suggested \$10 bracelets for wine and beer. Staff is looking for 3 sponsors at \$1500 each. Cupcakes or small bundt cakes would be served.

Update of Other Park District Matters

None

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Staff Comments

Superintendent of Recreation Kevin Miller stated he is enjoying the first month in his new position. He thanked the Board for working the beer booth at Endless Summerfest. President Penicook responded it was a fun time.

Superintendent of BASE Leanna Hartung stated she will be meeting with St. Francis and District 102 about her space issues at the schools. She stated there are 76 children on the wait list now. She is waiting for east campus at St. Francis to be ready to add more children. President Penicook complimented her on the good report from BASE summer camps.

Superintendent of Finance Leynette Kuniej stated she has been finishing filing the audit.

Superintendent of Facilities Chris Finn stated he is busy with fall and capital projects. The Sedgwick building floor is being replaced now.

Commissioner Ashby stated Opus is using our empty lot at Gordon Park for parking. Commissioner Walsh questioned our liability. Attorney Bush stated he would look in to it with the Village. Director Bissias has notified the Village that the land must be put back to its original state if we do not sell the land.

Attorney Report

Attorney Rob Bush stated Orlando Coryell has appealed the lawsuit. Attorney Bush is filing for an expedited appeal in 90 days and hopefully there will be an appellate court decision in a few months. He also advised the Board of a transportation reimbursement policy for travelling to conferences which goes in effect January 2017. He will have the document for the Board in September.

Treasurer Report

None

Action Items

Discussion and/or Approval of 2015-2016 Audit as Presented by Lauterbach & Amen, LLP

Commissioner Vear motioned to accept and place on file the 2015-2016 Audit as presented by Lauterbach & Amen, LLP. Commissioner Walsh seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

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Discussion and/or Approval of License Agreement with IPRA (Illinois Park and Recreation Association)

Director Bissias stated the license agreement with IPRA has the same terms for the next 3 years with one change. The Park District requires background checks for all new employees. Commissioner Walsh motioned to approve the license agreement with IPRA (Illinois Parks and Recreation Association). Commissioner Vear seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

Discussion and/or Approval of 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 the information he received on Friday from La Grange Public Works has not been reviewed by our attorneys. Last month the Village requested 735 sq ft. and now they are asking for the whole finger which is about 1/4 acre of land for a turn lane. President Penicook stated she is in agreement to work with them with what they need, however not to give them all the land. Director Bissias stated the Village offered to take care of the Denning Park drainage. Commissioner Walsh motioned to table this item and direct Director Bissias to have a discussion with the Village in regards to the additional land and the Denning Park drainage. Commissioner Vear seconded the motion which passed by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

Board Business

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Committee Reports

Administration Committee

Commissioner Ashby stated there should be a meeting with proformas for the fitness center by the end of the year.

Public Relations Committee

None

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Finance & Capital Project Committee

None

User Group Committee

Commissioner Vear stated there has been a lack of submission of forms for scheduling by the user groups, however they are all paid up from last year. Commissioner Ashby suggested making visible what we are spending on the fields with their money.

Public Comments (Board Manual Section #152)

None

Board Comments

Commissioner Vear stated he appreciated the hard work that went in to Endless Summerfest. He had kudos for Superintendent of Finance Leynette Kuniej for the work on the audit.

Commissioner Ashby thanked staff for all their work on Endless Summerfest. He said it was a great event. He thanked Superintendent of Finance Leynette Kuniej for her work on the audit.

President Penicook stated she had many first timers and others compliment her on Endless Summerfest. She was very happy with the event and thought it was the party of the year.

Executive Session

At 8:17 P.M. Commissioner Walsh motioned the Board convene to Executive Session pursuant to Item 12.1 Potential Claims and/or Litigation, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)11; Item 12.3 Setting the Price of Real Property, 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(6). Commissioner Vear seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:


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

The Regular Board Meeting resumed at 8:57 P.M.


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Adjournment

Commissioner Walsh moved for adjournment at 8:57 P.M. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Vear and passed unanimously by Voice Vote.



Mary Ellen Penicook, President



Constantine Bissias, Secretary
Approved 09/12/2016