

**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**

MAY 13, 2013

President Penicook called the meeting to order at 7:32 P.M.

PRESENT: Commissioners Penicook, Walsh, Lacey, Ashby, Lynch

ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Executive Director Dean Bissias, Superintendent of Finance Leynette Kuniej, Superintendent of Facilities Chris Finn, Superintendent of Recreation Laura Gallagher, Director of B.A.S.E. Leanna Hartung, Recording Secretary Ginger Zeman

OTHERS PRESENT: Attorney Jim Rock, Harlan Hirt, LaNita Cox

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

Communications, Presentations & Declarations

Swearing In of Elected Officials Ashby, Lynch, and Walsh

Director Bissias swore in the elected Board Commissioners Ashby, Lynch and Walsh. He presented them with a certificate.

Public Comments\Participation (Board Manual Section #152)

Harlan Hirt, 421 S. Spring Ave. La Grange, asked the Board to encourage the Village to rehab the parking under the water tower at Gordon Park. Regarding the easement agreement and transfer of utility easements, Mr. Hirt felt descriptions were overlooked and the Village may be asking for easements for sewers in a few years.

Consent Agenda

President Penicook asked for removal of Item 3.3 Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of April 15, 2013 for revisions. Commissioner Lacey motioned to approve as amended Item 3.1 Approval of the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of April 8, 2013; Item 3.2 Approval of the Minutes of the Public Hearing of April 15, 2013; Item 3.4 Approval of the Financial Report dated April 30, 2013; Item 3.5 Approval of the Consolidated Vouchers for May

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dated May 13, 2013. Commissioner Lynch seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Penicook, Walsh, Ashby, Lacey, Lynch
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

Staff Reports

Director's Report

Progress Report on Gordon Park

Director Bissias stated the Village granted permission to move forward with the Gordon Park project with the site gradings and fencing. He expects the construction permit to be approved by the Village after our approvals tonight.

Update of LT Soccer Proposal Regarding Gordon Park

Director Bissias informed the Board about the Lyons Township Soccer Club's (LTSC) interest in paying for synthetic turf on the field at Gordon Park or Sedgwick Park. He would have more information at the next meeting.

Update of Other Park District Matters

Director Bissias stated he and Superintendant of Recreation Laura Gallagher met with La Grange Hospital regarding their interest in advertising banners throughout our facility. He would have more information at the next meeting.

Director Bissias suggested a ground breaking ceremony at Gordon Park Monday June 10 before the Board meeting. There was Board consensus.

Staff Comments

Superintendant of Recreation Laura Gallagher informed the Board that Recreation Supervisor Ross Houston took another position and his last day is May 24, 2013.

She also reminded the Board about joining staff at the Pet Parade Saturday June 1, 2013 at 9 A.M.

Commissioner Ashby suggested more press for the tree plantings for the Commemorative Tree Program.

Attorney Report

None

Treasurer Report

None

Action Item

Discussion and/or Approval of Ordinance 13-03 Abating the Taxes Levied to Pay Principal and Interest on General Obligation Park Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) Series 2012C

Commissioner Walsh motioned to approve Ordinance 13-03 abating the taxes levied to pay principal and interest on General Obligation Park Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) Series 2012C. Commissioner Lynch seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioner Walsh, Lynch, Penicook, Lacey, Ashby
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None

Discussion and/or Approval of Ordinance 13-04 Authorizing the Sale or Disposal of Personal Property of Old Computers and Electronic Equipment

Commissioner Lacey motioned to approve Ordinance 13-04 authorizing the sale or disposal of personal property of old computers and electronic equipment. Commissioner Ashby seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

Discussion and/or Approval of Resolution 13-02 Authorizing the Transfer of Property from the Park District of La Grange to the Village of La Grange (Lots 15,16, and 17 in Block 6 of Shawmut Avenue Addition to La Grange, commonly known as the "Pencil Tip" Parcel)

Commissioner Ashby motioned to approve Resolution 13-02 authorizing the transfer of property from the Park District of La Grange to the Village of La Grange (Lots 15,16 and 17 in Block 6 of Shawmut Avenue Addition to La Grange, commonly known as the "Pencil Tip" Parcel). Commissioner Walsh seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

Discussion and/or Approval of Ordinance 13-06 Requesting the Transfer of a Permanent Easement from the Village of La Grange to the Park District of La Grange Pursuant to the Local Government Property Transfer Act (Hazel Avenue Right-of-Way)

Commissioner Walsh motioned to approve Ordinance 13-06 requesting the

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transfer of a permanent easement from the Village of La Grange to the Park District of La Grange Pursuant to the Local Government Property Transfer Act (Hazel Avenue Right-of-Way). Commissioner Ashby seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

Discussion and/or Approval of Resolution 13-03 Approving an Easement Agreement and Authorizing the Transfer of Utility Easements from the Park District of La Grange to the Village of La Grange

Commissioner Walsh motioned to approve Resolution 13-03 approving an easement agreement and authorizing the transfer of utility easements from the Park District of La Grange to the Village of La Grange. Commissioner Lacey seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

Board Business

New Business

Discussion and/or Approval of Capital Budget For Fiscal Year 2013-2014

Director Bissias and Commissioner Ashby reviewed the Budget for fiscal year 2013-2014. After Board discussion, Commissioner Walsh motioned to approve the Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2013-2014 excluding SEG6 Replacement of New Playground, Border and Surface at Sedgwick Park. Commissioner Lacey seconded the motion, which passed by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

Discussion and/or Guidance or Approval of LT Soccer Proposal

None

Committee Reports

Administration Committee

Commissioner Walsh stated he received some feedback from the Board for Board Policy Section 728 storage of affiliate items. He made adjustments and asked for a firm deadline for changes by June 3, 2013 so it can be voted on at the next meeting.

Public Relations Committee

None

Finance Committee & Capital Projects Committee

None

Recreation Committee

Commissioner Lacey stated she met with staff and they have summer schedules ready. Many new programs, field trips, and Jr. Counselor positions have been created. She enjoys working with staff.

Public Comments

LaNita Cox, 104 Washington La Grange, stated she would like Board support for the Community Center. She volunteered her time to keep the center open for kids. She wanted athletic equipment for their use. She asked for more parties for kids as there were in the past. She requested light and fencing repair, more mulch by the swings, WIFI, volleyball and badminton nets.

Commissioner Lacey stated Lacey/Hill would be having a BBQ for the less fortunate at the Community Center on Monday May 27, 2013.

Board Comments

President Penicook relayed an email from former Commissioner Kelpsas stating he wanted everyone to know it was a great journey and he is looking forward to new action. He already misses the Board.

Commissioner Lynch thanked his fellow commissioners and staff. He stated it was an enjoyable first meeting.

Commissioner Lacey enjoyed the meeting and the progress made on the budget. She stated she tours the parks to check them out.

Commissioner Ashby welcomed Commissioner Lynch to the Board. He stated former Commissioner Kelpsas put in a great deal of time and energy on this Board. He congratulated staff and stated he was proud to be maintaining and

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upgrading the facilities for the community. He added he would be attending the Pet Parade.

President Penicook stated former Commissioner Kelsas would be attending the next meeting. She is looking forward to the Pet Parade. She stated the Capital Budget was painless and it is great to see improvements.

Executive Session

None

Adjournment

Commissioner Walsh moved for adjournment at 9:32 P.M. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ashby and passed unanimously by Voice Vote.


Mary Ellen Penicook, President


Constantine Bissias, Secretary
Approved 06/10/2013