

**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**

**AUGUST 27, 2009**

**President Kelsas called the meeting to order at 7:35 P.M.**

PRESENT: Commissioners Kelsas, Penicook, Walsh, Ashby

ABSENT: Commissioners Metzger

STAFF PRESENT: Executive Director Dean Bissias, Superintendent of Recreation Laura Gallagher, Assistant Superintendent of Recreation Chris Finn, Recording Secretary Ginger Zeman

OTHERS PRESENT: Attorney , Jim Boo, Thom Rae, Kevin Shields

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

Director Bissias asked for the removal of Item 3.1 from the Agenda.

President Kelsas congratulated everyone for making downtown La Grange the best according to Chicago Magazine.

President Kelsas thanked Mike Zahoric for his donation to the Park District on behalf of the La Grange Handball Tournament. It was the second largest outdoor tournament in the U.S. The number one handball player of the world attended this event here in La Grange.

President Kelsas reread a letter from last meeting regarding the sexual assault investigation from the La Grange Police Department. The case is closed with no conclusive evidence against the Park District or its employees.

President Kelsas stated our Family Fest was a huge success. We had fireworks for the first time at this event as we celebrated our 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

**Communications**

*Addresses from the Audience*

Don Robertson, 70 S. 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue La Grange, as a representative of AYSO Region 300 Soccer, thanked the Park District of La Grange for the use of our fields and presented a donation for \$2,100. He recommended the money be spent on repairing fields and for recycle containers. Director Bissias stated recycling is in our MBO's and in our capital budget.

*Written Correspondences*

None

**Consent Agenda**

Commissioner Penicook motioned to approve as amended Item 3.2 Approval of the Minutes of Executive Session Meeting of July 21, 2009; Item 3.3 Acceptance of the Treasurer Report dated July 31, 2009; Item 3.4 Approval of the Consolidated Vouchers for July dated August 27, 2009. Commissioner Ashby seconded the motion, which passed unanimously on a Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Penicook, Walsh, Kelpsas, Ashby

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Commissioners Metzger,

**Staff Reports**

Director Bissias presented the Board with the first draft of the Capital Budget for their review. He will be meeting with Commissioner Ashby soon.

**Attorney Report**

None

**Action Items**

*Approval of Ordinance 09-07 Amending the PDLG Board Policy #524 Prohibition Against Possession, Consumption, or Selling Intoxicating Beverages*

Commissioner Penicook reviewed the request to serve alcohol for the Community Nurse Association fundraiser "Rocktoberfest" at Gordon Park. Commissioner Walsh stated a date should be given in the ordinance for this event.

Commissioner Walsh motioned as amended to approve Ordinance 09-07 Amending the PDLG Board Policy #524 Prohibition Against Possession, Consumption, or Selling Intoxicating Beverages for September 2009.

Commissioner Penicook seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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AYES: Commissioners Kelpsas, Ashby, Penicook, Walsh  
NAYES: None  
ABSENT: Commissioner Metzger

*Resolution 09-05 Park District of La Grange and Park Pals*

Commissioner Walsh summarized last meeting's brief discussion of Park Pals. The Board decided at that time, if there were no response from Park Pals, they would sever ties at this next meeting. Commissioner Walsh motioned to pass Resolution 09-05 Park District of La Grange and Park Pals. Commissioner Penicook seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Kelpsas, Penicook, Ashby, Walsh  
NAYES: None  
ABSENT: Commissioner Metzger

*Discussion and Approval of Transparency Policy Section 728 "District Publications"*

Commissioner Walsh stated this policy is not ready for approval. He asked the Board to review his memo of July 21 as new information would be inserted into this policy. Commissioner Penicook motioned to table this item until next month.

**Board Business**

None

**Committee Reports**

President Kelpsas appointed committee chairs as follows:

Administration Committee – Commissioner Walsh

Marketing Committee- Commissioner Penicook

Finance Committee – Commissioners Ashby & Metzger

Recreation Committee- Commissioners Kelpsas & Ashby

*Administration Committee*

Commissioner Walsh stated the language of his memo would be inserted into the transparency policy.

*Marketing Committee*

Commissioner Penicook stated staff did a great job promoting Family Fest 2009

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with over 3500 persons attending. The committee is working again with Bill Allen of LTTV to videotape cable TV programs. Commissioner Penicook asked for Board member and resident ideas for these programs. She is pleased staff is doing a majority of the work on this committee.

### *Finance and Capital Projects Committee*

Commissioner Ashby stated he would be meeting with Director Bissias in the next month to revise and streamline the budget.

### *Recreation Committee*

Commissioner Ashby stated he met with the Rec Department today. They went over a few ideas for rec programs and hope to meet more regularly.

## **Board Member Comments**

Commissioner Walsh stated Family Fest was a successful event. Everything was well done, everyone had a blast and it exceeded his expectations.

Commissioner Penicook stated Family Fest was well run and people had fun. She added this is our mission to promote fun, relaxation and fitness. She stated staff did a great job.

Commissioner Ashby stated he did not attend the event however his neighbors and friends gave him a lot of positive feedback.

Commissioner Kelpsas agreed with everything the other Commissioners stated. He thanked the press for all their coverage of the Park District through July. He appreciated the level of detail in all the staff reports and to keep up the good work.

## **Executive Session**

At 8:22 P.M. Commissioner Penicook motioned the Board to convene to Executive Session pursuant to Item 10.2 Review of Closed Session Minutes; Item 10.4 Personnel, 5ILCS 120/2 (c)(1). Commissioner Walsh seconded the motion, which passed by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES:	Commissioners Kelpsas, Penicook, Ashby, Walsh
NAYES:	None
ABSENT:	Commissioner Metzger

The Special Meeting resumed at 8:54 P.M.

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**Action Items Discussed in Executive Session**

*Release of Executive Session Minutes*

Commissioner Walsh motioned to release no further Executive Session Minutes at this time. Commissioner Ashby seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES:	Commissioners Kelpsas, Ashby, Penicook, Walsh
NAYES:	None
ABSENT:	Commissioner Metzger

**Adjournment**

Commissioner Penicook moved for adjournment at 8:58 P.M. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ashby and carried.

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Tim Kelpsas, President

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Constantine Bissias, Secretary

*Approved 09/17/2009*

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**President Kelsas called the meeting to order at 8:31 P.M.**

PRESENT: Commissioners Penicook, Kelsas, Walsh, Ashby

ABSENT: Commissioner Metzger

STAFF PRESENT: Executive Director Dean Bissias, Recording Secretary  
Ginger Zeman

OTHERS PRESENT: None

*Review Closed Session Minutes*

Commissioner Walsh stated he did not recommend releasing Executive Session Minutes. He stated when the transparency policy is finalized, the Board should go back and look at each one with the exception of Personnel.

President Kelsas stated the minutes go back a long time and talk about people and circumstances that the Board may not want to disclose. President Kelsas stated the Board consensus was not to release any Executive Minutes at this time.


*Personnel*

Commissioner Penicook suggested using one law firm to handle our litigation. The Board discussed the working relationship of both law firms working on our current litigation. The Board consensus was to use Ancel Glink for municipal law and Freeborn Peters would continue with the litigation. President Kelsas directed Commissioner Penicook and Director Bissias to contact Attorney Bush and Freeborn Peters with this decision.

**Adjournment**

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At 8:54 P.M. Commissioner Walsh moved that the Board exit Executive Session, pursuant to Sections (a)(c) (5 & 6), (a) (c) 11 and (B)(1) subject matters as allowed by the *Illinois Open Meetings Act*, 5 ILCS, Par.120/2 (C)(1)-22(E). Commissioner Penicook seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Voice Vote.

  
Tim Kelsas, President  
Dean Bissias, Secretary

*Approved 9/17/2009*