

**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**

**MARCH 19, 2009**

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

PRESENT: Commissioners Kelsas, Penicook, and Walsh

ABSENT: Commissioners Metzger, Ashby

STAFF PRESENT: Executive Director Dean Bissias, Attorney Rob Bush

OTHERS PRESENT: Jim Boo, Thom Rae from Everythinglagrange.com, and Jane Michaels from the Doings, Jeffrey Braun

President Kelsas welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked for changes to the agenda. Commissioner Walsh asked for removal of 3.1 Approval of the Minutes of Regular Board Meeting of February 19, 2009, from the Consent Agenda.

President Kelsas stated public input guidelines were passed by the board last meeting and will apply for this meeting. Commissioner Walsh recommended extending speaker time for this meeting to 6 minutes from 3 minutes due to low public attendance. President Kelsas agreed.

President Kelsas stated the Park District Easter Egg Hunt would take place on Saturday April 4, 2009 at Denning Park at 10:00 A.M. and is sponsored by the Kiwanis Club. The rain location is the Recreation Center.

**Communications**

*Addresses from the Audience*

Thom Rae, 4601 Maple Brookfield, stated he was not satisfied with answers he received from the park district attorney regarding a personal watercraft and a sports car stored in the storage shed at Gordon Park. Thom stated this unauthorized use of public property for personal use is a violation and criminal activity. President Kelsas thanked Thom for his

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concern however the board was fully aware of the situation. He stated this matter was investigated and handled appropriately. President Kelsas asked Thom Rae to speak with Director Bissias with other concerns he may have. Thom stated Director Bissias refers his concerns to the attorney for answers. President Kelsas stated our attorney is authorized to speak on the Park District's behalf. Commissioner Walsh stated this matter is internal and concerns personnel, which is appropriately taken care of in Executive Session.

### *Written Correspondences*

None

### **Consent Agenda**

Commissioner Walsh motioned to approve Item 3.2 Approval of the Minutes of Executive Session Meetings of December 18, 2008, January 15, 2009 and February 19, 2009; Item 3.3 Acceptance of the Treasurer Report dated February 28, 2009; Item 3.4 Approval of the Consolidated Vouchers for February dated March 19, 2009. Commissioner Penicook seconded the motion, which passed unanimously on a Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Penicook, Walsh, and Kelsas  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Commissioners Metzger, Ashby

Commissioner Walsh discussed his recommended changes to the minutes of the regular board meeting of February 19, 2009.

Commissioner Penicook motioned to approve as amended Item 3.1 Approval of the Minutes of Regular Board Meeting of February 19, 2009. Commissioner Walsh seconded the motion, which passed unanimously on Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Penicook, Walsh, and Kelsas  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Commissioners Metzger, Ashby

### **Action Items**

#### *First Reading of the General Operations Budget for 2009-2010*

Director Bissias stated the General Operations Budget for 2009-2010 would go on display tomorrow Friday March 20, 2009 for 30 days. On Monday April 20, 2009 at the Regular Board Meeting the budget would be voted upon. He also stated there would be a budget workshop meeting on Monday March 30, 2009 at 6:45 P.M.



*Gilbert Park Baseball Field Improvements (Little League)*

Tom Cushing, President of Little League, explained the field improvements Little League would like to pursue at Gilbert Park. Tom stated that Little League would front the cost of the project and ask the Park District to repay 50% or \$5,000 when fiscally able. Commissioner Walsh recommended budgeting the \$5,000. A formal vote could not be taken until after the budget is finalized. Commissioner Walsh motioned to remove this Item 4.2 as an Action Item and place it in Board Business. This passed unanimously by Voice Vote.

**Board Business**

*SEASPAR Budget for 2009-2010*

Director Bissias directed the Board to review the SEASPAR budget for 2009-2010 as next month they must vote on it. He requested any board comments be emailed to him. President Kelsas stated the Park District of La Grange is one of 11 agencies on the SEASPAR Board. The Park District of La Grange is the largest user of SEASPAR.

*Discussion of MBO's for 2009-2010 (Executive Director)*

Director Bissias stated the deadline for MBO's is March 27, 2009. President Kelsas stated the MBO's (management by objectives) come from Park District goals from staff and the board. The actions to support the goals affect the budget.

*Discussion of OSLAD Grant (Executive Director)*

Director Bissias stated he is unable to move forward at this time with the OSLAD Grant until a formal decision is made for Gordon Park. The OSLAD Grant is on a reimbursement basis for amenities in the park from a finalized plan.

*Update of Task Force Report and Possible Approval of Plan for the Gordon Park Parking and Recreation Opportunities*

President Kelsas explained the evolution of the master plan of Gordon Park. The original plan was formally approved in October 2008. He stated that because the Village owns some of the property we want to use for our park, a task force was created to discuss how the Village and Park District could create the best park for residents because both Village and Park District serve the same taxpayers. Jeffrey Braun of Cody, Braun & Associates, Director Bissias, and the Village engineer worked together to present a final plan. Jeffrey Braun discussed the final plan. President Kelsas stated that engineering drawings were needed for the park so the Village and Park District could decide who owns what and negotiations could begin. Commissioner Walsh motioned to approve the plan for the Gordon Park Parking and Recreation Opportunities. Commissioner Penicook seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Voice Vote.

*Gilbert Park Little League Improvements*

Commissioner Walsh expressed his appreciation for Little League's wonderful idea of taking the initiative to improve Gilbert Park. He stated this is a textbook example of public spirit that makes the Park District great. Commissioner Walsh would like to see this 50/50 plan in the budget.

**Committee Reports**

*Administration Committee*

Commissioner Walsh stated he has specifically planned improvements for our website regarding the transparency initiative. There will be more room to view documents that are of public interest. President Kelpsas asked him to call Director Bissias or himself to get this started.

*Marketing Committee*

None

*Finance and Capital Projects Committee*

None

*Recreation Committee*

None

**Attorney Report**

None

**Treasurer Report**

None

**Staff Reports**

None

**Board Member Comments**

None

**Executive Session**

At 8:55 P.M. Commissioner Walsh moved that the Board go into Executive Session, pursuant to Item 11.1 Potential Claims and/or Litigation, 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) 11; Item 11.2 Acquisition, Lease and/or Disposition of Real Property, 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (5&6); Item 11.3 Personnel, 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1) in accordance with the *Illinois Open*

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

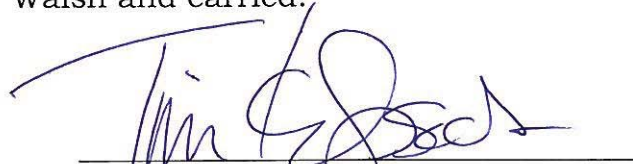
AYES: Commissioners Walsh, Penicook, and Kelsas  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Commissioners Metzger, Ashby

The regular meeting resumed at 9:07 P.M.

**Adjournment**

Commissioner Penicook moved for adjournment at 9:07 P.M. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Walsh and carried.

  
Constantine Bissias, Secretary

  
Tim Kelsas, President

*Approved 04/20/2009*