

**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**

JANUARY 9, 2017

President Penicook called the meeting to order at 7:10 P.M. since Commissioner Lacey was delayed.

PRESENT: Commissioners Penicook, Vear, Lacey

ABSENT: Commissioners Walsh, Ashby

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 Jim Rock, residents Brian Opyd, Bob Sherman and Giedrius Sulnius, William Reilly and Drew McElligott from AYSO

Commissioner Vear motioned to grant permission for Commissioner Ashby to join the meeting via telephone if he calls in. Commissioner Lacey seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Voice Vote.

President Penicook welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked for changes to the agenda. No changes were made.

Communications, Presentations & Declarations

Bill Reilly, 240 S. Ashland La Grange, was in attendance on behalf of the AYSO Region 300 Board to present the Park District with a check for usage fees for the fall. He stated the amount is less than what was invoiced due to rain outs and dark skies last fall. He commented this is the third season AYSO has paid user fees and would like to address what the money has been used for. Superintendent of Facilities Chris Finn stated a letter was sent outlining the money spent, the staff hours, what was done this past year, and what will be done in the coming year. There was a copy of the letter in the Board packet.

Bill Reilly introduced Drew McElligott, 1521 Forest Road La Grange Park, as the new President of AYSO Region 300. Drew has been on the board for over 10 years. He is committed to the organization, which is the third largest AYSO region in the Midwest. There are over 2,700 children enrolled which credits the

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quality of the program. AYSO has been a part of our community for 35 years. Drew stated the Park District has played a huge part in its success and he appreciates our support.

Brian Opyd, 109 8th Ave. La Grange, introduced his friend Giedrius Sulnius, 812 Mason Dr. La Grange. He invited him to attend the meeting.

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Lacey motioned to approve Item 3.1 Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of December 12, 2016; Item 3.2 Approval of the Minutes of the Executive Session Board Meeting of December 12, 2016; Item 3.3 Approval of the Financial Report dated December 31, 2016; Item 3.4 Approval of the Consolidated Vouchers for January dated January 9, 2017. Commissioner Vear seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

Staff Reports

Director's Report

Update on a Possible Easement Request at Sedgwick Park for the Installation of a Dark Fiber Optic Cable

Director Bissias stated the easement agreement had slight changes when reviewed by our attorneys. The easement is a small area connecting the poles in Sedgwick Park for the installation of the dark fiber optic cable. It will connect an internet system between the Rec Center and Sedgwick Park, where we have a preschool program, and the Village facilities. It will eventually connect to School District 102 where we have our BASE program. The cost to the Park District is less than \$800 and we would be responsible for maintaining it. This opportunity prepares the Park District to eventually connect all our facilities. This connectivity is high speed and high quality.

2017-2018 Budget Timeline Calendar

Director Bissias recommended Monday, March 20, 2017 for the budget meeting and MBO workshop. He asked the Board to check their calendars.

Staff Comments

Superintendent of Recreation Kevin Miller stated classes are starting up again after the holidays. He has been busy working on the fiscal budget, the summer brochure, and Recreation Supervisor Diana Faught's classes while she is on maternity leave. President Penicook questioned why Recreation Supervisor Kyle Madeja stated in his board report that attendance is down in some athletic classes and what the plan is to increase enrollment. Kevin explained the

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contractor is revamping the classes and staff will be revising the surveys. In regards to fitness classes, both Kevin and President Penicook agreed that fitness contractor, Freya Smith, should ask her instructors for their opinions and review past class attendance figures in planning for the fitness center classes.

Superintendent of Finance Leynette Kuniej stated she has been working on the end of the year payroll taxes and W2 forms for all employees.

Superintendent of BASE Leanna Hartung stated she had some staffing changes. She has been moving cabinets and supplies in preparation for the fitness center construction. She stated the holiday BASE camp was not full, however, she had positive reviews from the parents. President Penicook asked about the other before and after school program offered at Ogden School. Leanna stated our registration is down slightly at Ogden School but we are doing well financially.

Superintendent of Facilities Chris Finn stated the playground and open gym were to capacity with wait lists over the holidays. Staff has been busy cleaning out the area for the fitness center construction.

Director Bissias asked the Board to be part of the Holiday Tree Lighting ceremony at Waiola Park next year. He gave kudos to staff for collecting many bags of clothing, hats and gloves for our giving tree this year. Director Bissias stated the items were given to the La Grange Rotary and sent to a disadvantaged school in downtown Chicago. Commissioner Lacey suggested a Christmas in July drive as there is a flood of items during the holidays and by July there is an increased need for food and clothing.

Attorney Report

Attorney Jim Rock stated that at tonight's Village of La Grange board meeting they were to vote on the ordinance to vacate their right of way on Hazel Avenue. He stated it was pulled for corrections and would be voted on in a few weeks.

Treasurer Report

None

Action Items

Discussion and/or Possible Vote on Approving an Easement Agreement with WOW Business for the Installation of Dark Fiber Cable on Park District Property Connecting Sedgwick Park and the Recreation Center at 536 East Avenue
Director Bissias added the fiber cable is dedicated only for the Park District. It is private and not for public use. President Penicook stated that it will be a good value connecting our buildings and schools. Commissioner Vear motioned to approve an easement agreement with WOW Business for the installation of dark fiber cable on Park District property connecting Sedgwick

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Park and the Recreation Center at 536 East Avenue. Commissioner Lacey seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

Discussion and/or Possible Vote on Resolution 17-01 a Resolution Approving and Ratifying the Execution of Certain Amendments to the Purchase Agreement for the Property Commonly Known as Lot 2 and Lot 3 in Shawmut Avenue Addition No. 2

Commissioner Vear motioned to approve Resolution 17-01 ratifying the execution of certain amendments to the purchase agreement for the property commonly known as Lot 2 and Lot 3 in Shawmut Avenue addition No. 2. Commissioner Lacey seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

Board Business Old Business

None

New Business

Director Bissias stated Pathways contacted him today asking for permission to bore a hole near the tennis courts at Gordon Park to test the soil for clay levels for use for their project.

Committee Reports

Administration Committee

President Penicook asked Director Bissias and Commissioner Walsh to complete the review of the board policies before the election since Commissioner Walsh is not running for commissioner again in the upcoming election.

Public Relations Committee

None

Finance & Capital Project Committee

None

User Group Committee

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Commissioner Vear thanked Superintendent of Facilities Chris Finn for sending the informational letter to the users in a timely fashion and hopes it will become a regular practice. Chris stated the plan is to rest one field every year based on the field conditions and which field needs the most work. Last year the Sedgwick Park soccer field rested and this year the Gordon Park soccer field will rest.

Public Comments (Board Manual Section #152)

Brian Opyd, 109 8th Ave. La Grange, stated he has worked in IT for 18 years and wanted to warn the Board they are not getting internet access with the WOW agreement. There is no guarantee in the contract. Director Bissias stated he was aware of no guarantee.

Brian wanted more details on the Meadowbrook park. Director Bissias stated Meadowbrook will own the land and lease it to us for 50 years. The Park District must maintain it. Director Bissias has a floor plan of the equipment. Brian suggested that the Park District should change things if there is no attendance for meetings or classes. Commissioner Lacey stated she stays in contact with the local newspapers to inform the public. She feels there is customer relations every time a customer walks through the door.

Commissioner Lacey feels staff is doing a good job. Director Bissias stated some programming revenue would be lost if we changed the dates of the board meeting because we would have to move or cancel scheduled classes that meet in the DeSitter Room. It would be better to wait until the fitness center is open when we can consider moving classes.

Board Comments

Commissioner Lacey liked resident Brian Opyd's shirt that says "The Public". She commends staff for all they do and warns everyone "you never know who is watching them including her."

Director Bissias informed the Board that he wrote a letter to the IDNR a few weeks ago asking for the \$400,000 they cut from our grant to give to other districts. He discovered three or four communities have rescinded their grants. The grant money may only be used under the grant terms as they are single purpose bonds. Additional grant requests are not being accepted by the IDNR, however, since they have this extra money Director Bissias would like to ask for the original grant amount of \$1.3 million. At the time, Governor Quinn asked the Park District of La Grange to accept \$900,000 instead of the full amount.

Executive Session

At 8:16 P.M. Commissioner Lacey motioned the Board convene to Executive Session pursuant to Item 12.4 Personnel, 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1); Item 12.5 Review of Closed Executive Session Minutes, 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(21). Commissioner Vear seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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NAYES: None
ABSENT: Commissioner Ashby, Walsh

The Regular Board Meeting resumed at 8:28 P.M.

Commissioner Lacey motioned to approve Director Bissias' contract. Commissioner Vear seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:


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

Commissioner Vear motioned to keep the executive session minutes confidential. Commissioner Lacey seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

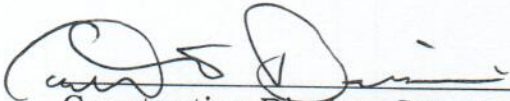
AYES: Commissioners Penicook, Vear, Lacey
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Commissioners Ashby, Walsh

Adjournment

Commissioner Lacey moved for adjournment at 8:28 P.M. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Vear and passed unanimously by Voice Vote.



Mary Ellen Penicook, President



Constantine Bissias, Secretary
Approved 02/13/2017