

**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 10, 2014

President Penicook called the meeting to order at 7:06 P.M.

PRESENT: Commissioners Lynch, Lacey, Penicook,
ABSENT: Commissioner Ashby, Walsh
STAFF PRESENT: Executive Director Dean Bissias, Superintendent of
Facilities Chris Finn, Superintendent of Recreation
Laura Gallagher, Superintendent of B.A.S.E. Leanna
Hartung, Superintendent of Finance Leynette Kuniej,
Recording Secretary Ginger Zeman
OTHERS PRESENT: Attorney Rob Bush, La Grange Little League
representatives Jim Walls and Dave Kavlsa

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

Communications, Presentations & Declarations

Public Comments\Participation (Board Manual Section #152)
None

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Lacey motioned to approve Item 3.1 Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of February 10, 2014; Item 3.2 Approval of the Financial Report dated February 28, 2014; Item 3.3 Approval of the Consolidated Vouchers for March dated March 10, 2014. Commissioner Lynch seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

Staff Reports

Update on the new PARC-Grant

Director Bissias informed the Board the PARC Grant was submitted. He thanked staff for all their help and time putting this together. The cost of the fitness center project would be \$2,250,417.00. If awarded the grant, it would cover \$1,687,813. The Park District cost would be \$562,604.00.

Request from La Grange Police Department to Install Communications Antenna at Sedgwick Park

Director Bissias stated the La Grange Police Department is requesting an antenna to be installed on a light pole at the senior field at Sedgwick Park to improve communication for the police and the Park District. The Police Department would assume all the costs and Attorney Bush would examine our liability. There was Board consensus to install the communication antenna at Sedgwick Park.

Update of Other Park District Matters

Director Bissias stated AT&T moved the lines at Gordon Park. He is waiting to hear when the Gordon Park project will restart.

Staff Comments

Superintendent of Recreation Laura Gallagher was pleased to inform the Board that the Learning Ladders Preschool is growing. There would be another class added.

Superintendent of Facilities Chris Finn stated indoor and outdoor rentals are booming. A record was broken in March 2014 with over \$20,000 in rentals.

Superintendent of Finance Leynette Kuniej stated she would be attending a pre audit conference with the auditors next week. She has been inputting the budget data into the accounting software.

Superintendent of B.A.S.E. Leanna Hartung informed the Board about the new partnership with St. Francis School. She hoped the information would be sent out this week to the families.

Superintendent of Recreation Gallagher stated Recreation Supervisor Diana Faught and Park Foreman Claudia Galla were organizing a new program called Park Pride. There would be a day for families and individuals to help plant flowers, pick up trash, beautify the parks. Groups would be able to preregister.

Attorney Report

Attorney Rob Bush stated the Gordon Park litigation is over. There has been no filings in the past 30 days.

Treasurer Report

None

Action Item

First Reading of the General Operations Budget for Fiscal Years 2014-2015

Director Bissias issued the Board a draft copy of the 2014-2015 General Operations Budget. He reminded the Board there is an opportunity for changes to this document if they notify him within the next 30 days.

Commissioner Lacey motioned to display the draft of the General Operations Budget for Fiscal Years 2014-2015 for 30 days. Commissioner Lynch seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Penicook, Lynch, Lacey

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Commissioners Ashby, Walsh

Board Business

New Business

None

Old Business

Request from La Grange Little League for Temporary Use of the Field at Waiola Park for 2014

Director Bissias explained the Park District has granted the La Grange Little League permission the past few years to use a temporary field at Waiola Park. After discussing the safety procedures, the Board gave consensus for Little League to use the park. Dave Kevlan would email a copy of the safety letter he is sending to the families to Director Bissias. Jim Walls, President of Little League was hoping to begin practices the first week of April.

Open Space Master Plan

Director Bissias asked the Board to review the updated Master Plan for the Park District of La Grange. He thanked President Penicook, Superintendent of Finance Leynette Kuniej, and Administrative Supervisor Linda Muth for all their help putting it together. He asked the Board to email any comments to him.

President Penicook reviewed the 2013-2014 MBO's with the Board and staff added their comments. She stated staff is doing a good job starting and completing the MBO's.

Committee Reports

Administration Committee

None

Public Relations Committee

Commissioner Lacey stated she emails our meeting agenda to the newspapers

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to keep them informed. If there is any news of importance, she directs them to Director Bissias.

Finance Committee & Capital Projects Committee

Director Bissias stated the budget was reviewed and concerns were addressed. Some items went up but revenue increased as well.

User Group Committee

Commissioner Lynch stated he hopes to have a brainstorming session in the future with the user groups and get their feedback on our agreement.

Public Comments

None

Board Comments

Commissioner Lacey attended an event here in the DeSitter Room and was proud to hear the rave reviews of our facility from those attending.

Commissioner Lynch was excited about the Endless Summer meeting update. He stated all the staff reports are encouraging and that everyone is doing a great job.

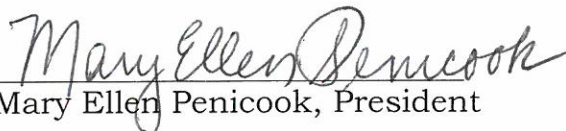
President Penicook stated she reviewed the MBO's and would like the Board to recognize how much has been accomplished and the new opportunities ahead. She wished Commissioners Ashby and Walsh were here tonight to see the process is working well.


Executive Session

None

Adjournment

Commissioner Lynch moved for adjournment at 8:02 P.M. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lacey and passed unanimously by Voice Vote.


Mary Ellen Penicook, President


Constantine Bissias, Secretary
Approved 04/21/2014