

**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**

JULY 9, 2012

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

PRESENT: Commissioners Penicook, Walsh, Lacey, Ashby,
Kelpsas *

ABSENT: None

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Attorney Rob Bush, Jim Boo

*Commissioner Kelpsas attended remotely by telephone

Commissioner Lacey motioned for Commissioner Kelpsas to attend remotely by telephone. Commissioner Walsh seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Voice Vote.

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 Walsh motioned to approve Item 3.1 Approval of Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of June 18, 2012; Item 3.2 Approval of the Executive Session Meeting dated June 18, 2012; Item 3.3 Approval of the Financial Report dated June 30, 2012; Item 3.4 Approval of the Consolidated Vouchers for July dated July 9, 2012. Commissioner Lacey seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

Staff Reports

Director's Report

Denning Park Grant Renovation Project Update

Director Bissias stated the Denning Park renovations are in the final stages. The basketball courts are open but the playground is not. We are waiting for the picnic tables to be delivered and the installation of the landing pads at the playground. The nylon netting on the dirt area is a trip hazard and must be removed. The turf must be reseeded. He hoped the playground would be opened next week.

MBO and Capital Budget Update

Director Bissias handed out an MBO progress report to the Board for review. President Penicook requested more information for the MBO's regarding the percentage of completion and if running on schedule. She asked the Board to contact Director Bissias with questions.

Miscellaneous Items

Director Bissias met with the Aldermen of Countryside to discuss an intergovernmental agreement for our use of their 22.5 acres of parkland in exchange for resident rates for their residents for our programs. He stated more fields would be available for softball, t-ball, and AYSO. A skate park and band shell are also available. This agreement would be a win, win situation for everyone. Director Bissias stated the two Boards must make the final decision.

Staff Comments

Superintendent of Recreation Laura Gallagher was hopeful for good weather and good crowds for Family Fest Friday July 20, 2012.

Superintendent of Facilities Chris Finn stated he was busy getting ready for Family Fest, and with the building and park rentals and maintenance.

Superintendent of Before and After School Program Leanna Hartung stated she was busy with summer camp and getting ready for the school year.

Director Bissias told the Board the sad news of the Elm Park playground equipment burning down last night. The La Grange police, fire and arson are investigating the incident. He stated vandalism has increased in our parks this year.

Commissioner Kelsas suggested investing \$1500 for signs in our parks and

letters distributed to the neighbors for the Eagle Eye program.

Commissioner Walsh volunteered to write a press release explaining how long it would take to replace and the cost to replace the playground equipment. He would also ask for any leads for information about this incident in the press release.

President Penicook asked Director Bissias to research cameras for Elm Park, the Community Center and maybe more.

Director Bissias congratulated Recreation Supervisor Diana Faught for delivering a healthy baby girl, Mallory Jean.

Attorney Report

Attorney Rob Bush updated the Board on the two pending cases in the Appellate Court regarding Gordon Park. He hoped there would be some conclusion by the end of the month.

Treasurer Report

None

Action Item

The candidates for each office gave a brief statement prior to voting followed by a question and answer session.

Election of Board President

Director Bissias called a Roll Call Vote for President.

Commissioner Walsh voted for Walsh.

Commissioner Lacey voted for Penicook.

Commissioner Ashby voted for Penicook.

Commissioner Penicook voted for Penicook.

Commissioner Kelpas voted for Walsh.

Commissioner Penicook was elected President by a vote of 3-2.

Director Bissias called a Roll Call Vote for Vice President.

Commissioner Walsh voted for Walsh.

Commissioner Lacey voted for Ashby.

Commissioner Ashby voted for Walsh.

Commissioner Penicook voted for Walsh.

Commissioner Kelpas voted for Walsh.

Commissioner Walsh was elected Vice President by a vote of 4-1.

Director Bissias called a Roll Call Vote for Secretary.

All Commissioners voted for Bissias.

Director Bissias was elected Board Secretary by unanimous vote.

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Director Bissias called a Roll Call Vote for Treasurer.
All Commissioners voted for Metzger.
Rob Metzger was elected Board Treasurer by unanimous vote.

Board Business

New Business

Discussion and/or Approval of Banquet Room Facility Sponsorship

The Board reviewed and discussed the agreement with De Sitter Flooring and Carpeting as it relates to the sponsorship of the banquet facility at the Recreation Center. Director Bissias stated it is an 8 year agreement worth \$28,000 for their cost of interior design, carpet, and flooring. Their name would be placed on the door and on the wall of the banquet room and other areas of the building. They would be included in marketing of our programs and facility. Commissioner Walsh motioned to approve the banquet room facility sponsorship with De Sitter Flooring and Carpeting. Commissioner Kelpsas seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioner Penicook, Lacey, Ashby, Walsh, Kelpsas

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

Old Business

None

Committee Reports

Administration Committee

None

Public Relations Committee

None

Finance Committee & Capital Projects Committee

None

Recreation Committee

None

Public Comments

Jim Boo, 1327 Mason La Grange, suggested the Board meetings be televised with no interruptions. He feels it would shorten the meetings.

Board Comments

Commissioner Walsh reiterated the importance of the Elm Park incident as it is an opportunity to educate the residents on the impact it has on everyone. He hoped neighbors in all surrounding areas would be more aware and pick up their phones with any suspicious activity.

Commissioner Ashby stated he received a few compliments on the new Denning Park basketball court.

Commissioner Kelsas echoed Commissioners Walsh and Ashby comments. He stated there was an increase in the vandalism budget. We need to increase resident calling and be more protective as a community whether it be Eagle Eye or not.

President Penicook agreed with Commissioner Kelsas and felt that the sentiment is strong and this is an opportunity to involve the community. She mentioned the camps were showcased on a television news spot about keeping camp kids cool. She also overheard moms talking about how well the Park District is doing to keep campers cool and comfortable this hot summer.

Executive Session

At 8:51 P.M. Commissioner Walsh motioned the Board convene to Executive Session pursuant to Item 12.5 Review of Closed Executive Session Minutes, 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(21). Commissioner Lacey seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

The Regular Board meeting resumed at 9:03 P.M.

Commissioner Walsh motioned to release the Executive Session Minutes of October 7, 1998, February 10, 2005, April 14, 2011 and December 12, 2011. Commissioner Ashby seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:


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

Adjournment

Commissioner Walsh moved for adjournment at 9:04 P.M. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ashby and passed unanimously by Voice Vote.



Mary Ellen Penicook, President



Constantine Bissias, Secretary
Approved 08/13/2012