

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
OF THE PARK DISTRICT OF LA GRANGE, ILLINOIS
HELD AT DENNING PARK
4903 GILBERT AVENUE, LA GRANGE, ILLINOIS**

JUNE 6, 2011

Director Bissias called the meeting to order at 6:35 P.M.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Commissioners Penicook, Lacey

STAFF PRESENT: Executive Director Dean Bissias, Superintendent of
Facilities Chris Finn, Recording Secretary Ginger
Zeman, Park Foreman Claudia Galla

OTHERS PRESENT: Jeffrey Braun from Cody Braun & Assoc., Todd
Abrams from W-T Civil Engineering LLC, Bridget Doyle
from Chicago Tribune, Alex Keown from patch.com,
Jane Michaels from the Doings and about 17 residents

Director Bissias stated this meeting was called to hear the community ideas, concerns, and comments regarding the plans for remodeling Denning Park. The money acquired from this project is from the Lyons Township Grant. This project will be discussed in full at the Board Meeting on Monday June 13, 2011 at the Recreation Center. Director Bissias stated some trees may be cut down however the healthy trees will remain. He also explained the park entrances would be changed to coincide with Lyons Township High School entrances if ever a traffic light was installed as discussed in the village traffic study.

Jeffrey Braun from Cody Braun & Associates reviewed the current draft of the Denning Park project and answered questions from the public.

Todd Abrams from W-T Civil Engineering LLC explained the two options for the park drainage. He answered questions from the public.

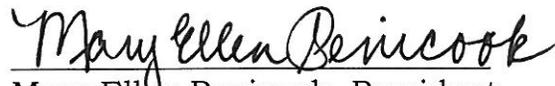
There was resident concern as to the width and depth of the drainage swale, the type of catch basin replaced in Option A and the maintenance of the plantings. The residents questioned if 51st Street would be repaired as the proposed new parking lot would cause more traffic and more drainage problems. Director Bissias stated he would talk with the Village. Jim Boo stated he would like more money used for park infrastructure instead of moving and improving the playground and shelter and adding other amenities. He also suggested adding a square basketball court and a backstop. Dave

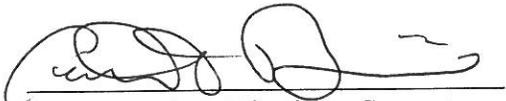
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Whelan stated the storm sewer by his property clogs and floods the north side of the park when it rains. He stated he must clear it so his basement doesn't flood. Director Bissias stated he was unaware of the flooding in that area and would look into it. Paul and Terry Lubenkov preferred the buried sewer pipe in Option B for more green space. They also suggested new benches in the park and a gazebo for entertainment.

There was no consensus as to which option was preferred.

Director Bissias stated this project would be completed before winter 2011. The meeting ended at 7:50 P.M.


Mary Ellen Penicook, President


Constantine Bissias, Secretary

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