

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
OF THE PARK DISTRICT OF LA GRANGE, ILLINOIS**

TUESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2018

President Vear called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

PRESENT: Commissioners Vear, Penicook, Ashby***, Lacey*,
Jacobs**

ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Executive Director Dean Bissias, Superintendent of
Facilities Chris Finn, Park & Maintenance Foreman
Claudia Galla, Superintendent of Recreation Kevin
Miller, Fitness Center Supervisor Jenny Clark,
Recording Secretary Ginger Zeman

OTHERS PRESENT: Tim O'Brien

* Commissioner Lacey met the bus at the Community Center at 5:40 P.M.

**Commissioner Jacobs met the bus at Stone Park at 6:40 P.M.

*** Commissioner Ashby met the bus at Gilbert Park at 6:50 P.M

**Board to Visit/Tour the Following Parks in the Order in Which They
are Listed.**

**There will be no discussion of any Park District business on the bus. The
tour is for the Board to get acquainted with our parks and facilities.**

Community Center

Director Bissias informed the Board that the Village of La Grange owns the Community Center and the Park District maintains it. We paid \$1 for a 99 year lease with the Village and we have 80 years left. The LeaderShop uses it on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Caring 4 Kids uses it Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Lynn Lacey uses it for her Lacey/Hill Annual Thanksgiving Dinner, and other free dinner events during the year. There are many other community rentals, resident and non-resident rentals, and program use in this building.

- Roof leaks. We are hoping to negotiate a new roof with the Village.
- Playground replacement to ADA specifications this year.
- Kitchen improvements needed.

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Rotary Park

- The back fence needs to be replaced without a double gate.
- Concrete repair or replacement.
- The shelter needs to be replaced.
- Add more picnic tables.
- Add more benches facing each other for conversation.
- Grassy area needs to be leveled.

Gordon Park

- More shade is needed around splash pad.
- Additional trees needed around the perimeter of the park.
- The butterfly garden cannot be redone until the Village fixes the drainage in the parking lot.
- The east half of the park needs to be redeveloped. The ballfields would be turned outward. There would be room for another soccer field. The walking path would be extended around the area.
- Add more work out apparatus on the north side.
- All the tennis courts are going to be removed.

Stone Park

Director Bissias stated he would like to take down the basketball shoot around. Commissioner Penicook would like feedback from the neighborhood regarding this change.

Gilbert Park

Summer camp and preschool use this facility.

- The building needs a new furnace.
- The path around the park needs to be replaced.
- The playground is 23 years old.

Elm Park

- Remove and replace the asphalt basketball shoot around.

Denning Park

- Looked at the possible dog park area.

Waiola Park

- Replace the playground in 2-3 years.

Spring Park

- Replace the playground in 3-5 years.

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Sedgwick Park

Summer camp and preschool use this facility.

- Remove and replace the parking lot by the building.
- Add a new shelter by the playground for camps, rentals and athletics.
- Looked at a possible dog park area on the corner of 47th Street and East Avenue.

Adjournment

Commissioner Penicook moved for adjournment at 8:30 P.M. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jacobs and passed unanimously by Voice Vote.



Bob Vear, President



Constantine Bissias, Secretary
Approved 09/10/2018