

**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 8, 2013

President Penicook called the meeting to order at 7:33 P.M.

PRESENT: Commissioners Penicook, Walsh, Lacey, Ashby, Lynch

ABSENT: None

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Attorney Rob Bush, Wes Venteicher from Chicago Tribune, Jeffrey Braun of Cody Braun and Assoc., Charles Gilbert, Tim Kelpsas

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

Communications, Presentations & Declarations

Public Comments\Participation (Board Manual Section #152)

Charles Gilbert, 702 Lincoln La Grange, questioned the lock on the new doors at the Community Center. Superintendent of Facilities Chris Finn stated the primary renters of the Community Center have their own keys. He is still working on the locks.

Recognizing Former Commissioner Tim Kelpsas

This item would be deferred until later in the meeting.

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Walsh motioned to approve Item 3.1 Approval of the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of June 17, 2013; Item 3.2 Approval of the Minutes of the Executive Session Meeting of June 17, 2013; Item 3.3 Approval of the Financial Report dated June 30, 2013; Item 3.4 Approval of the Consolidated Vouchers for July dated July 8, 2013. Commissioner Lacey seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

Staff Reports

Director's Report

Progress Report on Gordon Park

Jeffrey Braun of Cody Braun and Associates gave a brief update of the Gordon Park project. The storm sewage sewers are in on one side of the park. The water line is tapped to the building and the sanitary line will be installed today. The schedule for the project will be updated in the next few weeks. Director Bissias stated a mid September completion date for the Community Nurse Fundraiser concert is hopeful. The contract completion date is November but they are hoping to finish earlier.

Family Fest Update

Director Bissias wanted to state on record that Family Fest is cancelled this year due to the Gordon Park reconstruction. It will return next year bigger and better.

Director Bissias stated we will participate in fireworks with Countryside after a concert in the park on August 1, 2013. The rain date is August 8, 2013. Commissioner Walsh would like staff to work on additional publicity for this event.

Commissioner Lacey suggested selling glow necklaces for the firework event.

Update of Other Park District Matters

Director Bissias stated the Community Gardens at Denning Park would be starting up soon. He also stated the fence at the Community Center would be removed and replaced only by the basketball court.

Commissioner Lacey stated there were about 800 persons at Waiola Park for the Patriots in the Park. She thanked everyone for coming out. Director Bissias stated the La Grange police patrolled and put up pedestrian signs in the street for crossing.

Staff Comments

Superintendent of Recreation Laura Gallagher informed the Board of the new marketing person starting this week. Her name is Teresa Kurzinski. She graduated with a Parks & Recreation degree and has worked at the Addison Park District in marketing.

Attorney Report

Attorney Bush informed the Board there was no change in status of the Gordon Park litigation.

Treasurer Report

None

Action Item

Discussion and/or Approval to Renew an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Countryside Regarding the Sharing of Recreation Opportunities

After Board discussion, Commissioner Lynch motioned to approve the renewal of the Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Countryside regarding the sharing of recreation opportunities. Commissioner Lacey seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

Election of Board President and Board Secretary

Commissioner Walsh motioned to elect the non contested Board positions of Mary Ellen Penicook for President and Dean Bissias for Secretary.

Commissioner Lynch seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Penicook, Walsh, Ashby, Lacey, Lynch

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

Election of Board Vice President

The candidates for Vice President gave a brief statement prior to voting.

Director Bissias counted the ballots for Vice President.

Commissioner Walsh voted for Ashby.

Commissioner Lacey voted for Ashby.

Commissioner Ashby voted for Ashby.

Commissioner Penicook voted for Walsh.

Commissioner Lynch voted for Ashby.

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

Election of Treasurer

Commissioner Walsh motioned to appoint Rob Metzger for Board Treasurer being that Bob Ashby withdrew his nomination due to being elected Vice

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President .Commissioner Lynch seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

Board Business

Appointment of Committee Chairs

After Board discussion about changes to the committees, the following committee chairmen were decided:

User Group Committee - Commissioner Lynch
Finance Committee - Commissioner Ashby
Administration Committee - Commissioner Walsh
Public Relations Committee - Commissioner Lacey

Committee Reports

Administration Committee

Commissioner Walsh urged all Commissioners to send him ideas and changes to the affiliate policy. Commissioner Lynch and Superintendent of Facilities Finn will meet with the affiliates.

Public Relations Committee

None

Finance Committee & Capital Projects Committee

None

Recreation Committee

None

Public Comments

None

Recognizing Former Commissioner Tim Kelpsas

President Penicook thanked former Commissioner Tim Kelpsas for all his hard work. She stated it was fun and challenging working with him. He was instrumental in the Park District progress with some crazy ideas, some on point and some to shake up. She added she looks forward to what he will accomplish on the Library Board. President Penicook awarded Tim with plaques and a Distinctive Service Award from the Illinois Association of Park

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Districts. She read parts of their resolution. Tim Kelsas thanked the Board very much.

Board Comments

Commissioner Lynch congratulated Tim Kelsas and stated he raised the bar for the new guy.

Commissioner Lacey thanked Tim for the good and the bad. She added she learned a lot from him. She stated she read an IAPD publication and would like the Park District to be nominated and recognized in the near future.

Commissioner Ashby thanked President Penicook for leading the Board for another year. He thanked Tim Kelsas for his hard work over the years. He enjoyed serving with Tim. Commissioner Ashby thanked himself for his crushing victory over Chris Walsh for Vice President.

Commissioner Walsh congratulated Commissioner Ashby for his crushing victory for Vice President. He stated Tim Kelsas was part of the leading edge of changing the park board that the ripple effect can be seen today. Tim's enthusiasm was infectious. He had an empathy and vision of not what the Board could do but see what the people would want and knew how to make things evolve. Commissioner Walsh appreciated all Tim did while he was here.

President Penicook stated even after former Commissioner Kelsas finished his term, he volunteered to help with Patriots in the Park. She also thanked Commissioner Lacey for volunteering for the event as well. President Penicook wanted everyone to enjoy the summer and be safe.


Executive Session

None

Adjournment

Commissioner Walsh moved for adjournment at 8:58 P.M. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ashby and passed unanimously by Voice Vote.


Mary Ellen Penicook, President


Constantine Bissias, Secretary
Approved 08/12/2013