

**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**

NOVEMBER 18, 2013

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

PRESENT: Commissioners Ashby, Walsh, Lacey, Lynch

ABSENT: Commissioner Penicook

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Attorney Jim Rock, Charles Gilbert, Boy Scout Troop 39, Veronica Bracht, Phil Bracht, Eamon Bracht, Wes Weems

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

Communications, Presentations & Declarations

Public Comments\Participation (Board Manual Section #152)

None

Presentation by Eagle Scout Eamon Bracht Regarding His Eagle Project at Gilbert Park

Eagle Scout Eamon Bracht, 101 N. Peck La Grange, presented his Eagle scout project which was the renovation of the northern area of Gilbert Park. With his design, and the help of his troop and volunteers, they removed and trimmed bushes, and cleaned up the landscaping. They put in 4 square and hop scotch sidewalk games and the U.S. map. Eamon stated this was a great experience and he was very grateful for the opportunity. Director Bissias and the Board complimented him on a job well done. Director Bissias stated he would submit his name for the IAPD Achievement Award that would be awarded at the annual conference. Director Bissias also stated he would put the presentation

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on the Park District website.

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Lynch motioned to approve Item 3.1 Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of October 21, 2013; Item 3.2 Approval of the Minutes of the Executive Session Meeting of October 21, 2013; Item 3.3 Approval of the Financial Report dated October 31, 2013; Item 3.4 Approval of the Consolidated Vouchers for November dated November 18, 2013. Commissioner Lacey seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Ashby, Walsh, Lacey, Lynch

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Penicook

Staff Reports

Director's Report

Progress Report on Gordon Park

Jeffrey Braun of Cody Braun & Associates gave an update of the Gordon Park project. He stated the project is 90% complete and state approved. He stated AT&T has not completed their part of the project as of yet. The parking lot will be completed in the spring. The fences will remain up all winter to keep people out until the park is finished.

Update of Other Park District Matters

None

Attorney Report

Attorney Jim Rock stated after the Appellate ruling, the objectors took the 1235 Case to the Illinois Supreme Court.

Treasurer Report

None

Action Item

Discussion and/or Approval of Grant Award to Purchase and Replace Playground at Sedgwick Park

Director Bissias stated the Park District of La Grange received a grant to replace the playground equipment at Sedgwick Park. We were one of 37 park districts to receive this grant. The grant is for \$39,708.00 from Game Time toward the purchase of the playground equipment only. It would cost about \$20,000.00 to install it in the spring. The total cost to replace the playground

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is \$95,188.00 Commissioner Lynch motioned to approve the grant award not to exceed \$59,627.77 to purchase and replace the playground equipment at Sedgwick Park. Commissioner Lacey seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

Discussion and/or Approval of Ordinance 13-08 Levying and Assessing Taxes of the Park District of La Grange for the 2013 Tax Levy Year

Commissioner Walsh motioned to approve Ordinance 13-08 levying and assessing taxes of the Park District of La Grange for the 2013 tax levy year. Commissioner Lacey seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

Discussion and/or Approval of Ordinance 13-09 Directing Cook County to Reduce the Park District of La Grange's Real Estate Tax Levy Year 2013

Commissioner Lacey motioned to approve Ordinance 13-09 directing Cook County to reduce the Park District of La Grange's real estate tax levy year 2013. Commissioner Lynch seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

Approval of Ordinance 13-10 Providing for the Issue of Not to Exceed \$315,000 General Obligation Refunding Park Bonds, Series 2013

Commissioner Walsh motioned to approve Ordinance 13-10 providing for the issue of not to exceed \$315,000 General Obligation Refunding Park Bonds, Series 2013. Commissioner Lacey seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

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Discussion and/or Approval of Ordinance 13-11 an Ordinance Abating the Taxes Heretofore Levied for the Year 2013 To Pay Debt Service on General Obligation Bonds(Alternate Revenue Source) Series 2006

Commissioner Lynch motioned to approve Ordinance 13-11 abating the taxes heretofore levied for the year 2013 to pay debt service on General Obligation Bonds(Alternate Revenue Source) Series 2006. Commissioner Walsh seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

Discussion and/or Approval of Ordinance 13-12 an Ordinance Abating the Taxes Heretofore Levied For The Year 2013 To Pay the Principal of and Interest on \$2,530,000 General Obligation Park Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2012C

Commissioner Walsh motioned to approve Ordinance 13-12 abating the taxes heretofore levied for the year 2013 to pay the principal of and interest on \$2,530,000 General Obligation Park Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2012C. Commissioner Lacey seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

Discussion and/or Approval of SEASPAR Tax Levy for 2013

Commissioner Lacey motioned to approve the SEASPAR tax levy for 2013. Commissioner Lynch seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

Discussion and/or Approval of an AT&T Easement Agreement

Director Bissias informed the Board of AT&T's offer of \$5,900.00 for an easement in Waiola Park to install a control unit for high speed internet. If the Board votes against this, AT&T would install the unit in the parkway. After Board discussion, Commissioner Walsh motioned to approve an AT&T easement agreement. Commissioner Lynch seconded the motion which failed by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

Board Business

Old Business

Discussion and Guidance and/or Possible Approval of Board Policy Manual Section #728 Affiliate or Service Organizations/Groups Agreement

Commissioner Lynch presented a final draft of the user group agreement to the Board. He stated he wanted feedback and input from the user groups and as an official policy it would get their attention. After Board discussion, Commissioner Lynch motioned to approve Board Policy Manual Section #728 Affiliate or Service Organizations/Groups Agreement. Commissioner Walsh seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

New Business

Discussion of Board Meeting Dates for 2014

After Board discussion, Commissioner Walsh motioned to approve the Board Meeting Dates for 2014 with the exception of changing November 10 to November 17. Commissioner Lacey seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Voice Vote.

Committee Reports

Administration Committee

None

Public Relations Committee

None

Finance Committee & Capital Projects Committee

None

User Group Committee

None

Public Comments

None

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Board Comments

Commissioner Lynch stated he enjoyed himself at the Halloween Party. He was impressed with the enormous job of covering and protecting the gym floor. He thanked staff for all their hard work.

Commissioner Lacey stated she has toured the parks and everything looks great. She was impressed with Eagle Scout Eamon Bracht's project at Gilbert Park.

Vice President Ashby stated he was sorry to miss the Halloween Party. He commended staff for a great job keeping everything financially up.

Executive Session

At 9:10 P.M. Commissioner Lacey motioned the Board convene to Executive Session pursuant to Item 12.1 Potential Claims and/or Litigation, 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)11. Commissioner Walsh seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

The Regular Board meeting resumed at 9:25 P.M.

Adjournment

Commissioner Walsh moved for adjournment at 9:25 P.M. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ashby and passed unanimously by Voice Vote.


Mary Ellen Penicook, President


Constantine Bissias, Secretary
Approved 12/09/2013