

**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**

JANUARY 13, 2014

Vice President Ashby called the meeting to order at 7:27 P.M.

PRESENT: Commissioners Walsh, Lacey, Lynch, Ashby

ABSENT: Commissioner Penicook

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Attorney Rob Bush, Steve Jasinski, Peter Hammon, David Wilkinson, Steve Palmer, Paul Guagenti

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)

Dave Wilkinson, 600 S. Waiola La Grange, was unable to attend last month's meeting and questioned the desirability, necessity and function of forming the tax exempt foundation for the Park District of La Grange. Vice President Ashby stated the partnership would add value to the Park District. Director Bissias explained the Park District had a foundation in the past. The Board approved funding the creation of the new foundation but not to use Park District monies for additional funding. There would be more details later as the Foundation is in its beginning stages at this time.

Pete Hammond, 430 N. Ashland La Grange, thanked Director Bissias and Superintendent of Facilities Chris Finn for pulling together with Little League and making it a great year for the girls' softball and boys' baseball season.

Steve Palmer, 1010 41st St La Grange, introduced himself with Steve Jasinski and Paul Guagenti. They are here from the LGBA to discuss the possibility of a

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joint community festival with the Park District and would be happy to answer any questions the Board may have later.

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Walsh motioned to approve Item 3.1 Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of December 9, 2013; Item 3.2 Approval of the Minutes of the Executive Session Meeting of December 9, 2013; Item 3.3 Approval of the Financial Report dated December 31, 2013; Item 3.4 Approval of the Consolidated Vouchers for January dated January 13, 2013. Commissioner Lynch 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

Director Bissias stated he hoped the work would restart at Gordon Park in early March. The AT&T lines have not been moved yet. He looks forward to a park completion date before the union contracts are due on May 31, 2014.

Update of Other Park District Matters

None

Staff Comments

Superintendent of Recreation Laura Gallagher praised Recreation Supervisor Kevin Miller on the success of the Youth Developmental Basketball League. She also noted we are hosting the Boys Travel Basketball Tournament here this Saturday.

Superintendent of Facilities Chris Finn informed the Board the open gym and playground are very busy these days. He stated last Tuesday after opening at 1 P.M. due to the severe weather, the open gym was full to capacity within one hour.

Attorney Report

None

Treasurer Report

None

Action Item

Discussion and/or Approval of Agreement with the La Grange Business Association for the Purpose of a Joint Venture in Conducting a Summer Festival in 2014

Director Bissias discussed the agreement between the Park District of La Grange and the La Grange Business Association(LGBA) changing our Family Fest to a four day event this summer. This event would include live music, carnival, fireworks plus free entertainment for families. Vice President Ashby was concerned about signing a legal agreement without a budget. Attorney Bush recommended adding to the agreement an effective date of 10 months to Section 13. In Section 14 he suggested, per Board recommendation, a budget not to exceed \$30,000. Commissioner Lynch motioned to approve as amended the agreement with the La Grange Business Association for the purpose of a joint venture in conducting a summer festival in 2014. Commissioner Lacey seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

Board Business

Old Business

None

New Business

2014-2015 Budget Timeline

Director Bissias reviewed the 2014-2015 Budget Timeline and noted an MBO meeting should be scheduled on March 24, 2014 or April 7, 2014. The Board would notify Director Bissias of their preferences.

Committee Reports

Administration Committee

None

Public Relations Committee

Commissioner Lacey stated she would send information about the summer festival to the newspapers.

Finance Committee & Capital Projects Committee

Commissioner Ashby stated he is working with staff on next year's budget. It will be presented in March and voted on in April.

User Group Committee

Commissioner Lynch stated he would be setting up a February meeting for all

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the athletic groups to come together to discuss their scheduling of games and practices in our parks.

Public Comments

David Wilkinson, 600 S. Waiola La Grange, asked the Board for a specific dollar amount they would spend on this new summer festival. Vice President Ashby stated the amount is \$30,000. He added Family Fest has usually cost the Park District about \$20,000 in past years.

Board Comments

Commissioner Lacey thanked the LGBA for coming to the meeting and looking forward to the new summer festival.

Commissioner Lynch wished everyone a belated happy new year.

Commissioner Walsh apologized for being late for the meeting. He was excited about the potential of this new event at our improved park, the expanded budget, and more attractions being offered.

Vice President Ashby appreciated everyone's time with drafting the agreement. He stated this will be a signature event and will show off La Grange and our new park. He thanked staff for all their reports and the positive news about the popularity of our classes.


Executive Session

None

Adjournment

Commissioner Walsh moved for adjournment at 8:55 P.M. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lynch and passed unanimously by Voice Vote.


Mary Ellen Penicook, President


Constantine Bissias, Secretary
Approved 02/10/2014