

**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 11, 2016**

**President Penicook called the meeting to order at 7:11 P.M.**

PRESENT: Commissioners Penicook, Vear, Lacey

ABSENT: Commissioners Ashby, Walsh

STAFF PRESENT: Executive Director Dean Bissias, Superintendent of Finance Leynette Kuniej, Superintendent of Recreation Laura Gallagher, Superintendent of Facilities Chris Finn, Superintendent of BASE Leanna Hartung, Administrative Supervisor Linda Muth, Recording Secretary Ginger Zeman

OTHERS PRESENT: Attorney Rob Bush, Andrew Kim from PMA Financial Services, Jackie Pudlowski, Jennifer Aguilera, Board Treasurer Rob Metzger\*

\*Board Treasurer Rob Metzger attended by phone from 7:14 P.M. to 7:41 P.M.

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

Director Bissias recommended postponing *Old Board Business Item 8.1 Discussion and/or Re-Approval of Affiliate Agreement Policy #728* until next month.

**Communications, Presentations & Declarations**

None

*Presentation by Andrew Kim/ Bond Presentation from PMA Regarding Refunding 2006 Bonds*

During his phone conference, Board Treasurer Metzger stated that he, Director Bissias, and Commissioner Ashby met with Andrew Kim from PMA Financial Services earlier in the month to discuss the Park District options for refunding outstanding 2006 alternate bonds. They were all in agreement with the potential savings, the low risk and the ability to withdraw with a minimal cost. Andrew Kim gave the Board an overview of the costs and explained the particulars of refunding the bonds. Director Bissias explained the bond monies



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would be used as a capital cushion toward capital projects in our Master Plan and for purchasing land in the future if there was an opportunity. The Board discussed the pros and cons of this financial transaction.

### **Consent Agenda**

Item 3.1 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of December 14, 2015 was removed from the Consent Agenda for revisions. Commissioner Vear motioned to approve as amended Item 3.2 Approval of the Minutes of the Executive Session Board Meeting of December 14, 2015. Item 3.3 Approval of the Financial Report dated December 31, 2015; Item 3.4 Approval of the Consolidated Vouchers for January dated January 11, 2016. Commissioner Lacey seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

### **Staff Reports**

#### *Director's Report*

Director Bissias stated the kitchen and bathroom remodeling is progressing on schedule. The SEASPAR bus we bought is waiting to be decaled. He stated the floor replacement in the Sedgwick Park building is on hold waiting for DeSitter flooring to advise the Park District on the type of flooring needed. The Denning Park flooring was completed. We are waiting on the Rotary Club's decision on a small shade shelter at Gordon Park.

Commissioner Lacey questioned what the Park District does with old computers. Director Bissias stated they are recycled at Lyons Township High School's electronic recycle day. President Pennicook suggested taking them to Best Buy.

#### *ADA Improvements to the Administration/Recreation Center*

Director Bissias stated some of the banquet room doors have been made taller to be ADA compliant during the kitchen remodel. The rest of the doors would be changed in February.

#### *MBO's Update*

Director Bissias stated all the MBO's are being worked on.

#### *Update of other Park District Matters*

Director Bissias stated there is a problem with the drainage in the swale detention area in Denning Park. There is a conflict between the Park District and the Village as to who is responsible for repairs as the problem is in the parkway connected to the Park District property.



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Director Bissias informed the Board the new fee structure for BASE was sent out to District 102 families. He spoke with the new superintendent who agrees with these fee changes. There have been about 20 complaints from Ogden School parents about this new fee structure. Administrative Supervisor Linda Muth stated Superintendent of BASE Leanna Hartung is running a quality program for half the cost of other districts. The daily fee option that is used now is difficult to staff as every day is different. Director Bissias stated the attendance numbers have grown and Superintendent of BASE Hartung has done a great job. Leanna added there were 250 children in 2008 and now in 2015 there are 673 children with 35 staff members, plus a waitlist for full time. Commissioner Vear added if there is a waiting list then we must be doing something right. President Penicook asked staff to be flexible and make it less complicated for everyone.

### *Use of Land at Gordon Park for OPUS*

Director Bissias stated OPUS, the developer of the former YMCA property, is looking to use some of our land at Gordon Park for staging their equipment for the next 6 to 7 months. After Board discussion, there was Board consensus to let them use the land with stipulations it would be available for us to use for Endless Summerfest parking and that the land would be put back to its original state. They also requested some kind of compensation from OPUS.

### *Staff Comments*

Superintendent of Recreation Laura Gallagher stated staff is busy with programs starting up and getting ready for summer camp registration. Superintendent of Facilities Chris Finn stated the building and open gym are very busy.

### **Attorney Report**

Attorney Rob Bush stated the Park District agreement with Pathways has now moved into the application phase of the process with the Village of La Grange. The Planning Commission meeting will be February 9, 2016 at 7:30 P.M. Attorney Bush suggested showing Park District support at that meeting. Attorney Bush also reminded the Board of the Park District conference in 2 weeks. He needed their RSVP for the Ancel Glink annual dinner.

### **Treasurer Report**

None

### **Action Items**

*Discussion and/or Approval of Agreement with PMA Financial Services*  
Commissioner Lacey motioned to approve the agreement with PMA Financial Services. Commissioner Vear seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:



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

*Discussion and/or Approval of Ordinance 16-01 an ordinance providing for the issue of not to exceed \$1,800,000 General Obligation Refunding Park Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2016, for the purpose of refunding certain outstanding alternate bonds of the Park District; providing for the collection and application of certain pledged revenues and the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on said bonds; authorizing and directing the execution of an escrow agreement in connection with the issue of said bonds; and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof*  
Commissioner Vear motioned to approve Ordinance 16-01 as stated above.  
Commissioner Lacey seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

*Discussion and/or Approval of a NICOR Easement Agreement for an Area Located in Gordon Park*  
Director Bissias reviewed the drawings for the easement in Gordon Park. There was Board consensus in favor of this easement if the buyers of the property are in agreement and if it is in our best interest. They all agreed a written document is required and we will ask NICOR for something monetary for the easement.

**Board Business**

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

None

**Committee Reports**

*Administration Committee*

None

*Public Relations Committee*

None

*Finance & Capital Project Committee*

None

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*User Group Committee*

Commissioner Vear stated the revisions to the Affiliate Agreement Policy #728 are pending until next month. There have been no payments from AYSO at this time. They would not be able to use the parks if we do not receive any payments according to the revised agreement. We need this in writing to uphold our policy.

**Public Comments (Board Manual Section #152)**

None

**Board Comments**

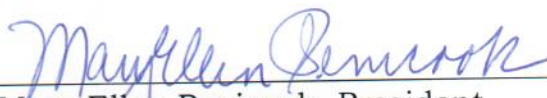
President Penicook suggested renaming Shawmut Ave after a veteran or as a memorial. Director Bissias stated he would put it in our MBO's. It is our private street.


**Executive Session**

None

**Adjournment**

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

  
Mary Ellen Penicook, President

  
Constantine Bissias, Secretary  
Approved 2/08/2016