

**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**

APRIL 16, 2012

President Penicook called the meeting to order at 7:45 P.M.

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

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 Jim Rock, Dave Wilkinson

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

Communications, Presentations & Declarations

Public Comments\Participation (Board Manual Section #152)

None

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Kelpsas motioned to approve Item 3.1 Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of March 12, 2012; Item 3.2 Approval of the Special Board Meeting of April 2, 2012; Item 3.3 Approval of the Financial Report dated March 31, 2012; Item 3.4 Approval of the Consolidated Vouchers for April dated April 16, 2012. Commissioner Lacey seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Staff Reports

Director's Report – Denning Park

Director Bissias told of good news regarding the electrical poles at Denning Park. J.U.L.I.E. came out and discovered there is evidence for ComEd to reopen the ticket and move the poles.

The playground surface would be poured when the nights are warmer in the 50's.

Staff Comments

Superintendent of Recreation Laura Gallagher stated the Easter Egg Hunt went well at Sedgwick Park this year. She received many positive comments.

Commissioner Kelpsas noticed the use of the auxiliary police at the Easter Egg Hunt and asked Director Bissias to request their services for Patriots at the Park this year.

Superintendent of Facilities Chris Finn stated staff is busy with rentals. March was the busiest month so far. He stated there were many soccer rental requests from other organizations than the usual ones. He stated the banquet hall renovations are continuing and he is finishing up on capital budget projects for 2011-2012.

Director of B.A.S.E. Leanna Hartung stated only 2 more students were needed for the summer program to run.

Commissioner Kelpsas thanked staff for putting up with the Board.

Attorney Report

None

Treasurer Report

None

Action Item

Approval Ordinance 12-01 the Combined Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Park District of La Grange Fiscal Year 2012-2013

Director Bissias explained the 2012-2013 Budget was discussed at the Special Meeting on April 2, 2012. There were new entry changes for the internet in the Community Center and a possible promotion of a part time staffer to full time. Commissioner Ashby stated this operational Budget has been discussed with the Financial Committee, Treasurer Rob Metzger, Superintendent of Finance Leynette Kuniej, and Director Bissias. It has been on display for 30 days for public comment. He feels comfortable with this balanced budget. After Board discussion, Commissioner Ashby motioned to approve, as revised from the

posted tentative ordinance, Ordinance 12-01 the Combined Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Park District of La Grange Fiscal Year 2012-2013. Commissioner Lacey seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

Board Business

New Business

Discussion and/or Approval of Updated MBO Process

After discussion, Director Bissias asked the Board to make their changes to the MBO process and he would be put it on the agenda next month for a vote.

Discussion and/or Approval of MBO's for Fiscal Year 2012-2013

After Board discussion, Commissioner Walsh motioned to approve the MBO's for Fiscal Year 2012-2013 prioritizing #8 to #3 under Safety. Commissioner Kelsas seconded the motion which passed by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

Old Business

None

Committee Reports

Administration Committee

None

Public Relations Committee

None

Finance Committee & Capital Projects Committee

Commissioner Ashby stated the Capital Budget would be brought to the Board for review at the next meeting.

Recreation Committee

Commissioner Lacey stated there would be a Recreation Committee meeting next week.

Public Comments

Dave Wilkinson, 600 S. Waiola La Grange, referred to the Suburban Life article about the Denning Park renovation. The amount of \$700,000 was used instead of the usual number of \$500,000. He stated for clarification, the \$700,000 should be referenced as the total cost with \$500,000 coming from the grant money. Director Bissias stated both numbers were given to the reporter. Other articles discussed the grant money and not the total cost. President Penicook stated the article could have been explained better.

Board Comments

Commissioner Lacey asked if Denning Park would be having a grand opening. Director Bissias stated a grand opening is being planned.

Commissioner Ashby thanked staff for working on the MBO's. He appreciated their patience through this process.

President Penicook asked the Board to review all documents they receive immediately and contact staff without delay with comments or disagreements so discussions at Board meetings would be streamlined. She supports the MBO process and knows staff has spent a lot of time working on it. She hoped the Board would start an improvement plan of not arguing as much and work together for the same goal.

Executive Session

None

Adjournment

Commissioner Kelsas moved for adjournment at 9:46 P.M. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Walsh and passed unanimously by Voice Vote.



Mary Ellen Penicook, President



Constantine Bissias, Secretary
Approved 05/14/2012