

**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**

FEBRUARY 14, 2011

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

PRESENT: Commissioners Penicook, Belcaster, Kelpsas, Ashby

ABSENT: Commissioner Walsh

STAFF PRESENT: Executive Director Dean Bissias, Superintendent of Finance Leynette Kuniej, Superintendent of Recreation Laura Gallagher, Superintendent of Facilities Chris Finn, Recording Secretary Ginger Zeman

OTHERS PRESENT: Attorney Rob Bush, Jim Boo

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

Communications, Presentations & Declarations

Public Comments/ Participation

Jim Boo, 1327 Mason La Grange, stated he is not in favor of splash pads in parks and requested a decent basketball court in Denning Park. He passed out a picture of the current basketball hoop at Denning Park. He asked not to spend more money but use the Lyons Township Grant for this. He asked what the status of the grant is.

Director Bissias stated he just signed the contract with the Township this week. The grant was delayed due to a change of leadership in the Township. The project planning is delayed due to the village traffic study by Lyons Township High School that would affect the park entrance. He stated bills for the work at Denning Park must be submitted by December 2012. Director Bissias stated the plans would be modified and there would be a time for-+ public input. He stated he would put a separate page for Denning Park on the Park District of La Grange website for updates.

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Kelsas motioned to approve Item 3.1 Approval of the Regular Board Meeting of January 20, 2011; Item 3.2 Approval of the Minutes of Executive Board Sessions of December 16, 2010 and January 20, 2011; Item 3.3 Approval of the Financial Report dated January 31, 2011; Item 3.4 Approval of the Consolidated Vouchers for February dated February 14, 2011. Commissioner Ashby seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Penicook, Belcaster, Kelsas, Ashby
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Commissioner Walsh

Staff Reports

Director Bissias praised staff for their snow removal efforts. He stated with only 3 maintenance staff, the buildings were open for business Thursday morning. Director Bissias stated he would be meeting with District 102 next month regarding the B.A.S.E. program.

Superintendent of Finance Leynette Kuniej stated her Board report gives an update for 9 months of the budget and compares it to last year.

Superintendent of Recreation Laura Gallagher thanked Recreation Supervisor Kevin Miller for running a successful Girls Basketball Tournament last Saturday with the help of Superintendent of Facilities Chris Finn. She stated staff is busy working on the summer brochure, current classes, and the budget.

Assistant Superintendent Chris Finn stated around 500 persons attended the basketball tournament this past weekend. He stated rentals are booming through March. He added that the Segwick building was being painted by Park Foreman Claudia Galla and the maintenance staff in preparation for summer camp.

Attorney Report

Attorney Bush explained that due to the litigation on the Coryell matter, the resolution stated under Action Item 7.1 Approval of Resolution #11-01 abandons the referendum process from November 2008 to simplify the legal process.

He stated in the 1235 Case, Judge Gillis gave the Park District approval to sell the parcels of land at Gordon Park. Today the Friends of the Park motioned a stay until a decision has been reached by the Appellate Court. Attorney Bush expected a decision on the stay in the next week or two.

Treasurer Report

None

Action Items

Discussion and Approval of Resolution #11-01

Attorney Bush explained Resolution #08-14 is not needed any longer.

Commissioner Belcaster motioned to approve Resolution #11-01. Commissioner Kelpsas seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES:	Commissioners Penicook, Belcaster, Kelpsas, Ashby
NAYES:	None
ABSENT:	Commissioner Walsh

Discussion and Approval of Board Policy #543(EPAMD) Electronic Personal Assistive Mobility Device

Director Bissias stated according to the Department of Justice under ADA, this item is required to be passed as Board Policy by March 15, 2011. After Board discussion, Commissioner Belcaster motioned to approve Board Policy #543 (EPAMD) Electronic Personal Assistive Mobility Device with changes under 4A in accordance with PDLG policies and under 4B speeds not to exceed 4mph. Commissioner Ashby seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES:	Commissioners Penicook, Belcaster, Kelpsas, Ashby
NAYES:	None
ABSENT:	Commissioner Walsh

Board Business

New Business

Discussion of MBO's for Fiscal Year 2011-2012

After Board and Staff discussion, a meeting was set for Monday March 14, 2011 at 6:00 P.M. to discuss the list of MBO's. President Penicook suggested reviewing all MBO's prior to the meeting. The lists should be revised as to costs, time, and relevance and noted whose job it would be and how long it would take to complete.

Scheduling Date to Review 2011-2012 Fiscal Year Budget

The general operating budget meeting will be Monday April 4, 2011 at 7:00 P.M.

Old Business

President Penicook stated the Park District was still working on the comprehensive master plan. She stated it is a 10 year plan but will be reviewed every 5 years.

Committee Reports

Administration Committee

None

Public Relations Committee

Commissioner Kelsas stated there would be guidelines for this committee next month. He asked for emails from the Board with ideas.

Finance Committee & Capital Projects Committee

Commissioner Ashby stated there would be a budget meeting with Director Bissias and Superintendent of Finance Leynette Kuniej within the next two weeks with Board review in the next month.

Recreation Committee

Director Bissias stated he would contact Dave Emanuelson to send Commissioner Ashby the feedback from the surveys regarding programming.

Park and Facility Committee

None

Board Member Comments

Commissioner Ashby thanked Superintendent of Finance Leynette Kuniej for the positive financial report. He was pleased to hear the Park District is running under budget and positive from last year.

Commissioner Kelsas appreciated the level of candor.

Commissioner Belcaster suggested maintenance only set up 10 to 15 chairs for Board Meetings instead of spending the time to set up more.

President Penicook thanked staff for their snow removal efforts and opening the building the second day after the storm. She stated the community appreciates their efforts and the village efforts for timely snow removal.

Executive Session

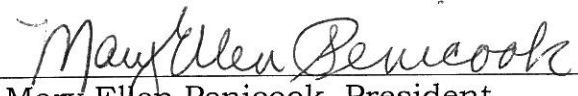
At 9:18 P.M. Commissioner Belcaster motioned the Board convene to Executive Session pursuant to Item 11.2 Acquisition, Lease and/or Disposition of Real Property, 5 ILCS120/2 (c)(5&6). Commissioner Kelpsas seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Penicook, Belcaster, Kelpsas, Ashby
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Commissioner Walsh

The Regular Board Meeting resumed at 10:02 P.M.

Adjournment

Commissioner Belcaster moved for adjournment at 10:02 P.M. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kelpsas and carried.


Mary Ellen Penicook, President


Constantine Bissias, Secretary

Approved 03/14/2011