

**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**

DECEMBER 14, 2015

President Penicook called the meeting to order at 7:04 P.M.

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

ABSENT: None

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, Recording Secretary Ginger Zeman

OTHERS PRESENT: Attorney Rob Bush

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

Communications, Presentations & Declarations

Commissioner Bob Vear speaking as a resident, 428 8th Ave La Grange, suggested installing bocce ball courts in our parks. He passed out packets of information to the Board. He stated all ages can play and leagues could be formed. He suggested using the tennis courts at Gordon Park and Director Bissias mentioned using the old shuffle board courts at Sedgwick Park.

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Lacey motioned to approve Item 3.1 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of November 9, 2015; Item 3.2 Approval of the Financial Report dated November 30, 2015; Item 3.4 Approval of the Consolidated Vouchers for December dated December 14, 2015. Commissioner Walsh seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

Staff Reports

*Director's Report
Waiola Park*

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Director Bissias stated he received many compliments on the replacement of the pathway at Waiola Park. Residents commented how fast the project was completed and the quality of the work that was performed.

Banquet Hall Kitchen Upgrades

Director Bissias stated he has been working on the plans for the DeSitter Room kitchen remodel. The cabinets, countertops, sink, range, refrigerator and flooring will be replaced. He hopes it would be finished by January 20, 2016 with a \$20,000 budget.

ADA Improvements to the Administration/Recreation Center

Director Bissias informed the Board of using ADA money to remodel the banquet room bathrooms to be ADA compliant. The work would be done in conjunction with the kitchen remodel. If this bathroom project is not completed by January 20, then it would be finished in the summer. The demo would be done in house and contractors would be used for the drywall and plumbing. All the doors in the Rec Center are a half inch too short to be ADA compliant and must be changed if any remodeling is done to the wall they are on.

MBO's Update

Director Bissias reviewed the progress of the 2015-2016 MBO's with the Board as reported on the chart in the December board packet.

Update of other Park District Matters

Director Bissias stated he was still researching a dog park in the area. He was looking to see if it is acceptable to use the south side of Denning Park that was bought with the OSLAD Grant. President Penicook stated creating a dog park in Denning Park would have to be put in the MBO's for next year if it is feasible.

Staff Comments

Superintendent of Finance Leynette Kuniej stated she is busy with the end of the year regulations and forms for the employees.

Commissioner Ashby appreciated the graphs and report on the summer and fall program revenue she included in the board packet. He recommended a yearly report and attendance reports and more snapshots like this during the year.

President Penicook suggested bringing a friend to class and receive a free fitness class to increase exposure and more registrations for fitness classes. Superintendent of Recreation Laura Gallagher stated surveys will be handed out to participants at the end of the fall season. She also stated Learning Ladders preschool made \$1300 selling Yankee Candles this fall. They will use the money toward their wish lists.

Commissioner Lacey recommended a mother/son dance in the spring.

Superintendent of Recreation Gallagher stated a sports themed mother/son

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class was offered but it never caught on.

Attorney Report

Attorney Rob Bush stated the feasibility deadline for the purchase agreement has come and gone. Now the developer is waiting for approvals from the Village. Director Bissias stated he has attended the meetings to make sure our vision and their vision is one in the same.

Treasurer Report

None

Action Items

None

Board Business

Old Business

Discussion and/or Approval of Board Meeting Dates for 2016
The Board approved the Board meeting dates for 2016.

New Business

None

Committee Reports

Administration Committee

None

Public Relations Committee

Commissioner Lacey liked the new brochure. She stated she would like to help staff decorate the facility for the holidays in the future and celebrate together.

Finance & Capital Project Committee

Commissioner Ashby stated he met with Treasurer Rob Metzger to discuss refinancing bonds.

User Group Committee

Commissioner Vear stated there has been no payment from AYSO for use of the fields. Superintendent of Facilities Chris Finn stated he had a conversation with AYSO and the payment will be sent. Commissioner Walsh would like the user group contract to be revised to say if there is a late payment, the user group would be disqualified for next year.

Public Comments (Board Manual Section #152)

None

Board Comments

The Board's deepest sympathy goes to Commissioner Ashby in the loss of his dog Lola.

President Penicook thanked everyone for a great calendar year. She wishes everyone happy holidays and great times with family and friends.

Executive Session

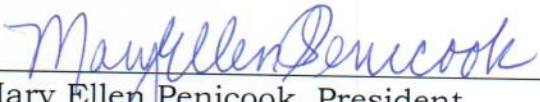
At 7:47 P.M. Commissioner Walsh motioned the Board convene to Executive Session pursuant to Item 12.4 Personnel, 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1). Commissioner Lacey seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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


The Regular Board Meeting resumed at 8:40 P.M.

Adjournment

Commissioner Walsh moved for adjournment at 8:41 P.M. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Vear and passed unanimously by Voice Vote.



Mary Ellen Penicook, President



Constantine Bissias, Secretary
Approved 1/11/2016