

**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 8, 2019

President Vear called the meeting to order at 7:10 P.M.

PRESENT: Commissioners Vear, Penicook, Lacey, Jacobs*, Collins

ABSENT: None

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Attorney Jim Rock, Brian Opyd, Bob Sherman

*Commissioner Jacobs arrived at 7:18 P.M.

President Vear welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Communications, Presentations & Declarations

Public Comments/Participation (Board Manual Section #152)

Bob Sherman, 735 S. Brainard, La Grange, thanked Commissioner Lacey for her years of service on the Park District board. He hopes she will continue to serve the community in the future.

Brian Opyd, 109 8th Avenue, La Grange, asked when the restrooms at Gordon Park would be opened. Superintendent of Facilities Chris Finn stated they would open in early spring. They are on an electronic timer that we activate in conjunction with rentals in the parks. Starting Memorial Day weekend, they will be open from 9:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M.

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Penicook motioned to approve Item 3.1 Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of March 4, 2019; Item 3.2 Approval of the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of March 11, 2019; Item 3.3 Approval of the Financial Reports dated March 31, 2019; Item 3.4 Approval of the Consolidated Vouchers for April dated April 8, 2019. Commissioner Lacey seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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AYES: Commissioners Vear, Penicook, Lacey, Collins
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Commissioner Jacobs

Staff Reports

Director Dean Bissias

- The Pet Parade is Saturday, June 1, 2019. Director Bissias will not be there this year but he hopes the Board will be attending. Benny the Bull will be there as part of the Park District.
- Endless Summerfest will be launching a new website on Monday, April 15, 2019. It will be linked from our homepage. The website is www.lagrangefest.com.
- Superintendent of La Grange Fitness Jenny Clark got married Saturday.
- Facility Rental Coordinator Katie Walsh had her baby girl.

Staff Comments

Superintendent of Finance Leynette Kuniej

- The budget is ready to go and uploaded to our system.
- The end of the fiscal year is April 30 and we will be hearing from the auditors soon.
- The Governmental Finance Officers Association (GFOA) has awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to the Park District of La Grange for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2018.
- The Park District has earned this award for 23 years.

Superintendent of Recreation Kevin Miller

- The Tween Egg Hunt is this Friday evening.
- The Easter Egg Hunt is Saturday with pictures with the bunny starting at 9:30 A.M.
- Park Pride is Saturday, May 18, 2019. We are still soliciting help and we will select a park site the week prior.
- The La Grange Business Association (LGBA) is selling La Grange Monopoly boards – LaGrangopoly. The Park District bought the space on the board where Park Place is. Pictures of Gordon Park will be in that space.
- The Park District of La Grange is going to be the premier sponsor for the summer art project in downtown La Grange. Chess/checker board tables will be decorated, displayed around town this summer, and auctioned at the West End Art Show in September for the summer art project in La Grange. He is looking for an artist to decorate the Park District table. The project must be completed by May 3, 2019.
- Kevin is running for SSPRA President. He will know the results at the next board meeting.

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Superintendent of Facilities Chris Finn

- Indoor rentals are still busy and outdoor rentals are starting up.
- The east side of Gordon Park is closed this season to restore the fields. He is working with soccer and Little League to accommodate everyone by using Countryside parks and Ideal School.
- He is getting bids for sliding doors in the recreation center lobby.
- The lawn mowers are ordered and should be here by the first of May. They will be paid out of the current year's budget.
- TV's will be installed in the lobby and fitness center with scrolling information about our scheduling, our flyers, date, time, and weather.

Commissioner Penicook asked about the insurance companies added to the fitness center as stated in Superintendent of La Grange Fitness Jenny Clark's board report. Superintendent of Finance Leynette Kuniej stated they are similar to the Silver Sneakers program where we are reimbursed by the insurance companies for the customer visits. In one program it is a 50/50 share with the customer.

Attorney Report

Attorney Jim Rock stated a new Illinois statute was passed that will affect the Park District. It states that those who host festivals must post a notice on human trafficking.

Treasurer Report

None

Action Items

Discussion and/or Approval of 2019-2020 MBO's

After Board discussion, Commissioner Collins motioned to approve the 2019-2020 MBO's as presented. Commissioner Jacobs seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Voice Vote.

Discussion and/or Approval of Ordinance 19-02 the Combined Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Park District of La Grange Fiscal Year 2019-2020

After Board discussion, Commissioner Penicook motioned to approve Ordinance 19-02 the Combined Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Park District of La Grange fiscal year 2019-2020. Commissioner Jacobs seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES:	Commissioners Vear, Penicook, Lacey, Jacobs, Collins
NAYES:	None
ABSENT:	None

Board Business

Old Business

None

New Business

Discussion and/or Approval of 2019-2020 Capital Budget

Director Bissias stated all the MBO's requested add up to over \$1.6 million dollars. We will be funding all the safety and legal MBO's for \$985,756. After Board discussion, Commissioner Penicook motioned to approve the capital budget with one adjustment as discussed. Commissioner Lacey seconded the motion which passed by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Vear, Penicook, Lacey, Collins
NAYES: Commissioner Jacobs
ABSENT: None

Committee Reports

Administration Committee

None

Public Relations Committee

None

Finance & Capital Project Committee

Commissioner Penicook stated the Capital and Operating Budgets are complete.

User Group Committee

President Vear stated there was a conflict at Ideal School with the user groups. Superintendent of Facilities Chris Finn will be meeting with Little League and the soccer groups tomorrow to rectify the situation.

Marketing Committee

None

Public Comments (Board Manual Section #152)

None

Board Comments

Commissioner Jacobs congratulated Brian Opyd and Tim O'Brien on the election. She suggested doing something to honor Commissioner Penicook and Commissioner Lacey at their last meeting next month. She stated someone from the village environmental office contacted her. They are planning a bike path through the village and wanted ideas for using green space. She might want to change committees.

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Commissioner Lacey stated it was a real joy being a commissioner. She met a lot of people and learned a lot of things. She thanked all her supporters for the past 12 years. Her advice to the new commissioners is to work as a team and to check with Director Bissias before giving out the wrong information. She stated staff is wonderful and she will especially miss Linda who would answer all her questions. She stated La Grange lost when she lost, but she is doing great and will move on.

Commissioner Penicook agreed that when Commissioner Lacey lost, La Grange lost, however, she hopes Commissioner Lacey will continue to give back to the community as she plans to do as well. They also must continue to give their feedback to the Park District. She stated it is important to have term limits and move forward and still be involved with historical context. The Board will be in good hands. She thanked Lynn for her friendship, collaboration and the fun over the past 12 years. Commissioner Penicook has served on the Board for 14 years.

President Vear thanked both Commissioner Penicook and Commissioner Lacey for their years of service. They will be missed. He added it is scary to think he is the senior member now. It is a changing of the guard per se. He stated that Director Bissias has a manual for the new board members. President Vear explained that if a vote is not unanimous, we are still a unified Board and we represent the district. He stated that we are a good Board as a whole, and not individually. We must understand the Board's responsibilities and not intervene with the director and staff responsibilities.

Executive Session

At 8:32 P.M. Commissioner Penicook motioned the Board convene to Executive Session pursuant to Item 12.2 Acquisition of Real Property, 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(5) and Item 12.4 Personnel, 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1). Commissioner Lacey seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Voice Vote.

At 9:18 P.M. the Board resumed the regular meeting.

Commissioner Lacey motioned to accept Director Bissias' contract. Commissioner Jacobs seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Vear, Penicook, Lacey, Jacobs, Collins
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None


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Adjournment

Commissioner Jacobs moved for adjournment at 9:19 P.M. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins and passed unanimously by Voice Vote.



Constantine Bissias, Secretary
Approved 05/13/2019



Robert Vear, President