

**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**

OCTOBER 22, 2009

President Kelsas called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

PRESENT: Commissioners Penicook, Walsh, Ashby, Kelsas

ABSENT: Commissioner Metzger

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Attorney Jim Rock, Kevin Shields, Thom Rae, Jim Boo, and about 10 residents

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

Director Bissias stated Item 9.1 La Grange Little League Requests, would be moved to next month's meeting.

Public Hearing Regarding the Intent of the Board of Park Commissioners to Sell \$288,000 Non-Referendum General Obligation Limited Tax Bonds (Bina Hearing)

President Kelsas explained these bonds are sold every year to raise monies to retire debt obligations with no increase in taxes. He asked for any comments or questions from the audience.

Jim Boo, 1327 Mason Drive La Grange, objected to selling these bonds. He stated these bonds were not sold in 1999. He was not clear about payments for a few bills in accounts payable. He commented this country is in a recession with many unemployed people. He stated the Park District needed to cut back spending to keep tax rates low.

Alice Hanna, 109 N. Ashland Ave. La Grange, agreed with Jim Boo.

President Kelsas concluded the Public Hearing at 7:35 P.M.

Communications

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Addresses from the Audience

None

Presentation of Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Audit by Knutte & Associates

Sara Hezlep from Knutte and Associates reviewed the audit. She stated the GFOA Certification is a prestigious national award and requires more data to receive it. She stated all major funds were under budget except for handicap recreation. She added this fund was not above the legal limit guideline. Sara stated the Park District of La Grange's records are in good order and there is nothing to be disclosed. She commended the staff for being cooperative and knowledgeable.

Commissioner Walsh stated this report would be put on the website once it is approved in Item 8.1.

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Penicook motioned to approve Item 4.1 Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of September 17, 2009; Item 4.2 Approval of the Minutes of the Executive Session Meeting of September 17, 2009; Item 4.3 Acceptance of the Financial Report dated September 30, 2009; Item 4.4 Approval of the Consolidated Vouchers for October dated October 22, 2009. Commissioner Walsh seconded the motion, which passed unanimously on a Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Penicook, Walsh, Kelpsas, Ashby
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Commissioner Metzger

Staff Reports

Director Bissias stated next Thursday October 29, 2009 at 7:30 P.M. at the Village Hall is the annual TIF meeting.

Laura Gallagher stated the Halloween Party is next Friday October 30, 2009. She stated it is a free event with activities, food, and entertainers. She stated two bikes, donated by the La Grange Firefighters, would be raffled off. Laura stated the Patron Appreciation Night is Friday November 20, 2009. The White Sox Academy would take an active part in this event with pitching and batting, former White Sox players attending plus the World Series Trophy. She stated this event showcases us, while having fun with families.

Attorney Report

None

Treasurer Report

None

Action Items

Approval of the Audit for Fiscal Year 2008-2009

Commissioner Walsh motioned to approve the audit for fiscal year 2008-2009. Commissioner Penicook seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Voice Vote.

First Draft of Proposed Tax Levy

Commissioner Penicook motioned to approve the first draft of the proposed tax levy. Commissioner Ashby seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Voice Vote.

Approval of Specific Items in Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2009-2010

Commissioner Penicook motioned to approve specific items in the capital budget. Commissioner Kelpsas seconded the motion. Director Bissias discussed the expenditures needing immediate attention in the capital budget. Commissioner Penicook withdrew her motion. Commissioner Walsh motioned to approve expenditures for the following: \$22,000 for HVAC, \$22,000 for truck replacement, \$2,000 for financial upgrades, \$4,000 for PDRMA mandated signage with total not to exceed \$50,000. Commissioner Ashby seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYE: Commissioners Kelpsas, Penicook, Walsh, Ashby

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Metzger

Acceptance of Bid for 2010 Pick Up Truck

Director Bissias presented the bids for the 2010 Ford Pick Up Truck. Anderson Rock River Ford was the lowest bidder of \$15,781. Commissioner Penicook motioned to accept the bid for the 2010 pick up truck. Commissioner Walsh seconded the motion, which passed by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Kelpsas, Penicook, Walsh

NAYES: Commissioner Ashby

ABSENT: Commissioner Metzger

Board Business

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Director Bissias recommended a board member attend the IAPD meeting on Saturday January 30, 2010 at 3:30 P.M. Commissioner Penicook stated she would attend.

Committee Reports

Administration Committee

Commissioner Walsh stated he would not have time to work on the personnel manual and policy until mid to late December.

Marketing Committee

Laura Gallagher stated there would be a marketing meeting next week, October 27 at 11:00 A.M.

Finance and Capital Projects Committee

Commissioner Ashby stated there would be a more comprehensive budget later after meeting with Director Bissias.

Recreation Committee

Commissioner Ashby stated he would like to review the processes of putting in new programs and evaluating programs by next meeting.

Board Member Comments

Commissioner Walsh stated that he finds the argument of being in a recession not convincing and far from thoughtful.

Commissioner Ashby stated the Park District serves a great role in these hard times by providing recreation at a reasonable cost and providing a valuable service to the community.

Commissioner Penicook commended the recreation staff for their work. She spoke with Lonnie the fitness instructor who stated there were 70 new participants this season, which is the largest ever.

Commissioner Ashby stated Sara and staff did a nice job on the audit report. He stated there is transparency now for the Park District.

Commissioner Walsh stated the feedback on potential changes and methods used for an audit request would be put on the website and we would respond.

President Kelsas stated the sidewalk at 47th Street to Sedgwick Park is a fantastic addition for easement for ADA and strollers. He stated the Park District received a letter from the La Grange Fire Department praising our staff for participating in their open house on October 3. President Kelsas also stated he received a letter from Russ Hartigan, the Lyons Township Supervisor, thanking the Park District for the presentation for the bond proposal. He reminded the

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Board the next board meeting is Thursday November 19.

Executive Session

At 8:34 P.M. Commissioner Penicook motioned the Board convene to Executive Session pursuant to Item 12.1 Potential Claims and/or Litigation, 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) 11; Item 12.2 Acquisition, Lease and/or Disposition of Real Property, 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(5&6); Item 12.3 Personnel, 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1). Commissioner Walsh seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

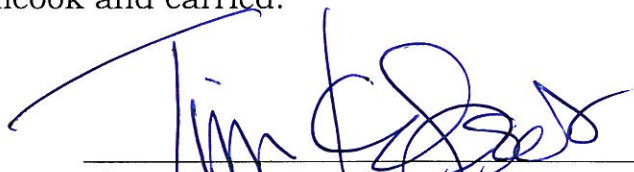
AYES:	Commissioners Ashby, Kelpsas, Penicook, Walsh, Metzger
NAYES:	None
ABSENT:	None

The Board Meeting resumed at 9:52 P.M.

Adjournment

Commissioner Walsh moved for adjournment at 9:55 P.M. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Penicook and carried.


Constantine Bissias, Secretary


Tim Kelpsas, President

Approved 11/19/2009