

**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**

AUGUST 13, 2012

President Penicook called the meeting to order at 7:32 P.M.

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

ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Executive Director Dean Bissias, Superintendent of
Facilities Chris Finn, Superintendent of Finance
Leynette Kuniej, Superintendent of Recreation Laura
Gallagher, Director of B.A.S.E. Leanna Hartung,
Recording Secretary Ginger Zeman

OTHERS PRESENT: Attorney Rob Bush, Jamie Wilkin Lauterbach of
Lauterbach & Amen LLP, Ken Novak, Jim Boo

*Commissioner Kelpsas attended remotely by telephone at 7:50 P.M. He could hear us but we could not hear him.

** Commissioner Ashby arrived at 7:34 P.M.

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

Ken Novak (South Suburban Risk Management Group SSMRG)

Ken Novak, our Risk Manager for SSMRG, gave a brief report on our safety concerns. He gave special recognition to staff for their work with safety in the workplace as we scored a 99.29 in our 2011 formal review. The next formal review would be in 2014.

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2011-2012 Audit Presentation by Lauterbach & Amen, LLP

Jamie Wilkey Lauterbach of Lauterbach & Amen, LLP, reviewed the audit document with the Board. She thanked Superintendent of Finance Leynette Kuniej for all her work which made their audit easier. Jamie stated the Park District of La Grange received the Excellence in Achievement award.

Director Bissias stated a copy of the audit would go on the website once it was approved.

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Ashby motioned to approve Item 3.1 Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of July 9, 2012; Item 3.2 Approval of the Minutes of the Executive Session Meeting dated July 9, 2012; Item 3.3 Approval of the Financial Report dated July 31, 2012; Item 3.4 Approval of the Consolidated Vouchers for August dated August 13, 2012. Commissioner Walsh seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Penicook, Walsh, Lacey, Ashby
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Commissioner Kelpas

Commissioner Walsh motioned for Commissioner Kelpas to attend remotely by telephone. Commissioner Ashby seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Voice Vote.

Staff Reports

Director's Report

Denning Park Grant Renovation Project Update

Director Bissias stated Denning Park is open however the landing areas at the playground still need to be changed and the picnic tables delivered. The turf areas would be reseeded in areas. Money is being held until completion.

Director Bissias stated Elm Park should be completed in about two weeks. The total cost was \$105,000 with \$85,000 for playground replacement. These costs would be covered by PDRMA less our deductible.

Staff Comments

Superintendent of Finance Leynette Kuniej stated tax money has been received.

Superintendent of Facilities Chris Finn stated he is working on capital projects. The floor work would begin next week in the Rec Center for cleaning, waxing and the gym resurfacing.

Attorney Report

Attorney Rob Bush updated the Board on the 1235 case in the Appellate Court regarding Gordon Park. He stated all documents would be presented to the Appellate Court in 35 days.

Treasurer Report

None

Action Item

Discussion and/or Approval of 2011-2012 Audit

Commissioner Walsh motioned to approve the 2011-2012 Audit.

Commissioner Lacey seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioner Penicook, Lacey, Ashby, Walsh,

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Kelpsas

Board Business

New Business

Discussion and/or Approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Countryside Regarding Sharing of Recreation Opportunities

Director Bissias stated the intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Countryside would let the Park District of La Grange use their 22 acres of land for our recreational programming. In return, the City of Countryside residents would receive resident rates. Director Bissias stated there would be future opportunities for a possible water park, fitness center and day care.

Commissioner Lacey motioned to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Countryside regarding sharing of recreation opportunities.

Commissioner Walsh seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioner Penicook, Lacey, Ashby, Walsh

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Kelpsas

Discussion and/or Authorization to Proceed with Gordon Park Phase 1

Jeffrey Braun of Cody, Braun and Associates reviewed the current plan of Gordon Park Phase 1 with the Board. He stated the total budget for Phase 1 would be about \$1.6 million. The alternates discussed would bring the total up to \$2.2 million. Jeffrey stated the timeline for the work would begin by putting the work out to bid by November 1, 2012. He would need to apply for the

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Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) permits immediately and begin construction by March 1, 2013. He hoped the project would be completed in 4 months.

Director Bissias stated Family Fest would be moved to August if we go ahead with Phase 1. He must also ask for an extension for the grant by mid October. Director Bissias stated he has ideas how to pay for this project. This would be explained at the Special Meeting on Monday August 20, 2012.

Old Business

None

Committee Reports

Administration Committee

None

Public Relations Committee

None

Finance Committee & Capital Projects Committee

Commissioner Ashby stated his committee had a preliminary meeting about refinancing bonds for flexibility for our projects. He was impressed with the highlights of the audit and felt the Board and Staff should be proud.

Recreation Committee

None

Public Comments

Jim Boo, 1327 Mason La Grange, felt the Board should say no to the Gordon Park grant and renovation. He felt this should go to the public for approval.

Schedule Special Meeting

After Board discussion, the Special Meeting would take place on Monday August 20, 2012 at 7:00 P.M.

Board Comments

Commissioner Walsh stated he was pleased with the audit report and would like to see suggestions from the last report followed up on. He felt the audit showed the Park District is taking care of tax payer money.

Commissioner Lacey raved about our Family Fest and expressed kudos to staff for a job well done. She asked about internet service at the Community Center. Director Bissias responded that staff was working on it.

Executive Session

None

Adjournment

Commissioner Walsh moved for adjournment at 9:04 P.M. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lacey and passed unanimously by Voice Vote.


Mary Ellen Penicook, President


Constantine Bissias, Secretary
Approved 09/10/2012