

**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 8, 2011

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

PRESENT: Commissioners Penicook, Kelpsas, Ashby, Lacey

ABSENT: Commissioner Walsh

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Attorney Jim Rock, Jeffrey Braun from Cody Braun & Assoc., John McGovern, Jim Boo, Terry Lubenkov, Dave Schwartz, Terry Newsome, Kevin Shields

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

Communications, Presentations & Declarations

Public Comments/ Participation

Dave Schwartz, 433 S. Madison La Grange, stated he is the neighbor of the girl that was struck by a car on 47th Street on July 3. He read the attached letter from the parents of the girl regarding the accident. They hoped public safety would be a top priority for the Village and the Park District. President Penicook noted a crosswalk is a village matter but residents should advocate for it.

Recreation Accessibility Consultants to Present ADA Audit Results

John McGovern gave a short review of the accessibility audit from late fall 2010. He stated not everything needs to be accessible but the government would like to see the Park District working on accessibility in good faith if funds are not available. He recommended working in 3 phases; doing simple work with old regulations, sports fields and playgrounds, and those areas not regulated yet. He stated another obligation for the Park District is a public hearing with SEASPAR regarding the plan.

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Kelsas motioned to approve as amended Item 3.1 Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of July 11, 2011; Item 3.2 Approval of the Minutes of the Executive Board Session of July 11, 2011; Item 3.3 Approval of the Financial Report dated July 31, 2011; Item 3.4 Approval of the Consolidated Vouchers for August dated August 8, 2011. Commissioner Lacey seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

Staff Reports

Discussion of Denning Park Grant Renovation Project Plans

Jeffrey Braun of Cody Braun & Associates reviewed the revised plan for Denning Park renovation. He recommended removing the parking area on the south end of the park at this time until the Village makes a decision about the street. He explained the bids would go out Friday or Monday. The alternate bids would be the basketball court, the rock formation in the playground area, a second manufacturer bid for playground equipment, removal of septic and well, and the south parking area.

Director Bissias discussed the progress of burying the ComEd wires. President Penicook encouraged the neighbors to write letters to ComEd. She directed staff to write a petition for ComEd to bury wires using the safety aspect. Terry Lubenkov volunteered to go door to door for signatures. Terry Lubenkov also suggested publishing a letter in the local papers.

Staff Comments

Superintendent of Facilities Chris Finn stated Family Fest was a success this year with 3500 participants attending. There was a band, DJ, food, fireworks, and games. He thanked everyone and gave a special thanks to our sponsors.

Capital Funding Fiscal Year 2011-2012

Director Bissias stated the evaluation process for the capital budget was very labor intensive. This report is only for this year. He stated he is still working on the 5 year master plan budget. He reviewed the attached capital budget with the Board. Commissioner Ashby thanked Director Bissias, Superintendent of Facilities Chris Finn, and Park Foreman Claudia Galla for working through the process of moving the Park District in the right direction.

Discussion on Board Policy Section #537 Soccer Goals

Director Bissias and Attorney Jim Rock reviewed the moveable soccer goal safety act signed by the Governor and the policy drafted in result of that legislation. Commissioner Kelsas requested organizations be accountable for their own

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soccer goals and safety warnings put on them. Director Bissias stated a signed receipt would be required from organizations when sending them our policy.

Attorney Report

None

Treasurer Report

Discussion of New Board Policy Section #320 Fund Balances

Superintendent of Finance Leynette Kuniej noted the new fund policy included in her Board report and requested it be adopted. She stated we have almost reached the new fund balance required of four months worth of operating expenses.

Action Items

Authorization for Staff to Go Out for Bids for the Denning Park Renovation Project

Commissioner Kelsas motioned to authorize staff to go out for bid for the Denning Park renovation project as per the drawings that are 95% complete. Commissioner Lacey seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Penicook, Lacey, Kelsas, Ashby
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Commissioner Walsh

Discussion and Approval of Board Policy Section #537 "Moveable Soccer Goal Safety Policy"

Commissioner Kelsas motioned to approve Board Policy Section #537 "Moveable Soccer Goal Safety Policy" as written and submitted to the Board tonight. Commissioner Ashby seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Penicook, Ashby, Lacey, Kelsas
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Commissioner Walsh

Discussion and Approval of Board Policy #320 "Fund Balance/Net Assets Policy"

Commissioner Kelsas motioned to approve Board Policy #320 "Fund Balance/Net Assets Policy". Commissioner Ashby seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Penicook, Ashby, Lacey, Kelsas
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Commissioner Walsh

Board Business

New Business

Discussion and Approval of Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2011-2012

Commissioner Ashby motioned to approve the Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2011-2012 as presented to the Board earlier this evening. Commissioner Lacey seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

Discussion and Approval of ADA Transition Plan

Commissioner Lacey motioned to approve the ADA Transition Plan. Commissioner Kelpsas seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

Old Business

None

Committee Reports

Administration Committee

Commissioner Walsh will continue to chair the Administration Committee.

Public Relations Committee

Commissioner Kelpsas will continue to chair the Public Relations Committee.

Finance Committee & Capital Projects Committee

Commissioner Ashby will continue to chair the Finance Committee.

Recreation Committee

Commissioner Lacey will chair the Recreation Committee.

President Penicook asked the Board to invite at least one member of the public to join their committees.

Public Comment

Terry Newsome, 1032 S. Spring La Grange, gave the Board information about his facility in Downers Grove called Game Pazzo. He hoped the Park District would use his facility for field trips.

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Terry Lubenkov, 713 Mason Dr. La Grange, stated she was pleased the Denning Park project is moving forward. She reminded the Board of the email she sent regarding her ideas for the park. She was glad to hear staff was working on burying the electric lines at Denning Park as it is a safety issue. She volunteered to pass a petition to send to ComEd.

Kevin Shields, 45 N. Drexel La Grange, stated he read an article in the La Grange Patch regarding a couple who got married in Gordon Park where they signed their names on bricks at the maintenance building 35 years ago. He asked the Board to give the couple the brick they signed and tear down the abandoned building to enjoy the open space.

President Penicook, Director Bissias and Superintendent of Finance Kuniej all stated it was not in our capital budget to tear down the building this year. President Penicook stated Director Bissias would notify Mr. Shields when it would be torn down.

Board Member Comments

Commissioner Ashby stated he hopes to change his vacation and attend Family Fest one of these years because his neighbors told him how much they enjoyed it.

Commissioner Lacey stated the LaGrange Patch does an outstanding job making the Park District look good. She sent kudos to the staff for a successful Family Fest.

President Penicook thanked staff for a great party. She stated the fireworks were amazing and all the kids had a fabulous time.

Executive Session

At 9:33 P.M. Commissioner Kelsas motioned the Board convene to Executive Session pursuant to Item 12.2 Acquisition of Real Property, 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(5); Item 12.3 Setting the Price of Real Property, 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(6). Commissioner Ashby seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Penicook, Lacey, Kelsas, Ashby
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Commissioner Walsh

The Regular Board Meeting resumed at 10:14 P.M.

Director Bissias stated a wall would be constructed on the second floor for

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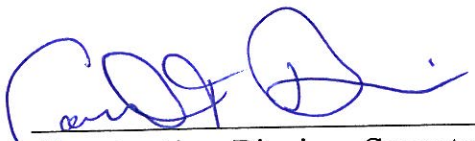
security of the offices. Commissioner Kelsas stated the Park District would be spotlighted with IPRA renting office space here as they have 7000 members.

Adjournment

Commissioner Kelsas moved for adjournment at 10:22 P.M. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lacey and passed unanimously by Voice Vote.



Mary Ellen Penicook, President



Constantine Bissias, Secretary

Approved 09/12/2011

Dear Ms. Penicook,

On July 3, my family and I planned to attend the fireworks event the La Grange Park District hosted in Waiola Park. I drove two of my sons, and my husband and in-laws walked there with my other son and daughter. While crossing south at the east side of Waiola and 47th, my daughter was struck by an SUV.

Although she is doing well now, she suffered a concussion and developed a small brain hematoma from the accident. We're grateful for her continued improvement and, just as importantly, that she was not injured more seriously.

I was surprised, once the shock of her being hit had passed and we were home with her recovering, that the Park District had not arranged for a police presence that night. I understand budget constraints—both yours and the police department's—yet I believe, particularly in retrospect, that an event drawing 600-plus people should have had at least one squad car there to help with the foot traffic, coming and going.

Independent of the event, there should be a crosswalk at that corner. I know many families north of 47th have been urging for this for quite some time. The police chief told me in an email after the accident that "plans are being finalized." I also read since then, however, that the project has been delayed pending further study. The article didn't give a reason for a delay—or at least not a cogent one—and I'm curious about what the motivation for the delay is given that schools and parks by their very nature simply ought to have crosswalks.

I appreciate your willingness to hear the public's views on the issue and hope you also feel public safety in La Grange is a top priority and are therefore willing to move from intent to action.

Sincerely,

Bobbie Goettler
427 S. Madison Ave.