

**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**

JULY 14, 2014

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

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

ABSENT: None

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Attorney Jim Rock, Tommy Penicook

* Commissioner Lynch attended remotely by telephone.

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

Commissioner Lacey motioned to allow Commissioner Lynch to attend remotely by telephone. Commissioner Walsh seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Voice Vote.

Communications, Presentations & Declarations

Public Comments\Participation (Board Manual Section #152)
None

Presentation of Community Service Award to Boy Scout Tommy Penicook
Director Bissias presented Eagle Scout Tommy Penicook with the IAPD and IPRA Community Service Award for his clean up and beautification of the Nadine Troy Memorial at Elm Park. Tommy thanked the Board.

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Walsh motioned to approve Item 3.1 Approval of the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of June 16, 2014; Item 3.2 Approval of the Minutes of the Executive Session Board Meeting of June 16, 2014; Item 3.3 Approval of the Financial Report dated June 30, 2014; Item 3.5 Approval of the

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Consolidated Vouchers for July dated July 14, 2014. Commissioner Lacey seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Lacey, Penicook, Lynch, Walsh, Ashby
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

Staff Reports

Update on Gordon Park Project

Director Bissias stated the Gordon Park project punch list is getting smaller. The bare spots are being seeded. The three dead memorial trees are being replaced. The splash pad was sandblasted because of complaints of being slippery and now it seems fine. Staff cleaned the north fence line of debris. The park is draining well.

Update on PDLG/LGBA Endless Summerfest

Director Bissias stated the committee is looking for volunteers to help with Endless Summerfest.

Update of other Park District Matters

Director Bissias stated he contacted the realtor, Gallagher and Henry, of the property for sale on Bluff and Maple. They are not selling the land at this time and will wait for the economy to change.

Director Bissias stated Denning Park was hydroseeded. It looks better but waiting for the rains to subside.

Director Bissias stated there was one FOIA request from Open Books requesting all paid bills from 2008 to present. That information was given to them electronically.

Director Bissias informed the Board that the request for charcoal grilling in the parks is up to the Director's discretion per PDRMA. He would allow it only for special events because it would be controlled.

Director Bissias updated the Board on the location of the ATT transformer in Waiola Park. They need land that is permanently obligated for this therefore AT&T is looking for another location in the park.

Staff Comments

Superintendent of Recreation Laura Gallagher stated our PDRMA safety review is now in its second phase. This is done every 3 years. They interviewed a few camp staff and were very impressed. The parks will be reviewed in September.

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Superintendent of Finance Leynette Kuniej stated the auditors have finished their fieldwork for the current year. She received the first draft of the report for proofing and would also be completing the Management Discussion and Analysis and statistical sections of the report.

Attorney Report

None

Treasurer Report

None

Action Item

Election of Board President, Board Secretary & Board Treasurer

The non contested Board positions of Mary Ellen Penicook for President, Dean Bissias for Secretary, and Rob Metzger for Treasurer were elected.

Election of Board Vice President

The candidates for Vice President, Bob Ashby and Chris Walsh, gave a brief statement prior to voting.

Director Bissias counted the ballots for Vice President.

Commissioner Walsh voted for Walsh.

Commissioner Lacey voted for Ashby.

Commissioner Ashby voted for Walsh.

Commissioner Penicook voted for Ashby.

Commissioner Lynch voted for Ashby.

Commissioner Ashby was elected Vice President by a vote of 3-2.

Board Business

Old Business

None

New Business

Appointment of Committee Chairs

The Board agreed to keep the current Committee Chairs as is.

Committee Reports

Administration Committee

None

Public Relations Committee

Commissioner Lacey stated she has been corresponding with the papers with information about Endless Summerfest.

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Finance Committee & Capital Projects Committee

None

User Group Committee

Commissioner Lynch stated he had another proactive scheduling meeting with soccer about a month ago. Their communication and flexibility were welcoming. Commissioner Walsh came across a news article about AYSO giving a sizeable donation to the Glenview Park District. Commissioner Lynch communicated to all the soccer user groups that we would be consistent with other park districts charging fees. We will not stand alone.

Public Comments

None

Board Comments

Commissioner Lacey was very proud of Tommy Penicook receiving the Community Service Award and for proud mom Mary Ellen Penicook.

Commissioner Ashby congratulated Tommy Penicook and Mary Ellen Penicook. He apologized to the community and to staff for being out of town and not being able to attend the Endless Summer event. He hoped the community remembers how the parks flooded in the past and now they are improved.

Commissioner Lynch stated he was sad to be on the phone and not able to see all the smiling faces in person.

President Penicook stated she sponsored a funeral luncheon here in the banquet room. She was proud of staff for helping and for a quick set up. She was also proud of our banquet facility. She reminded the Board and Staff to find friends to volunteer for the Endless Summer event. It will be a fun weekend.

Executive Session


None

Adjournment

Commissioner Walsh moved for adjournment at 7:35 P.M. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ashby and passed unanimously by Voice Vote.



Constantine Bissias, Secretary
Approved 08/11/2014



Mary Ellen Penicook, President