

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD 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 12, 2010

President Kelsas called the meeting to order at 7:34 P.M.

PRESENT: Commissioners Penicook, Ashby, Kelsas, Belcaster

ABSENT: Commissioner Walsh

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Dave Olson and Dave Ridderhoff of W.B. Olson, Inc.
Alex Keown of Patch.com, Kevin Shields, Dave
Emanuelson of Public Research Group, Jeffrey Braun of
Cody Braun and Associates

President Kelsas welcomed everyone to the meeting.

He stated the election for all board positions is tonight and under new board policy, Executive Director Bissias would be appointed the Board Secretary.

President Kelsas stated reviewing closed executive minutes is done twice a year.

President Kelsas stated Family Fest on July 30, 2010 was attended by over 3000 persons and was a huge success. He stated there were many calls and letters of praise of the event.

President Kelsas stated about 700 persons attended Patriots in the Park at Waiola Park on July 4.

President Kelsas stated 2 boys are working with the Park District on their Eagle Scout projects.

Communications, Presentations & Declarations

Public Comments\ Participation

None

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Monthly FOIA Summary

President Kelsas stated a recent FOIA request was from someone doing a study on our district comprehensive plan. More information is included in the Board packet.

Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning

President Kelsas and Director Bissias attended a CMAP(Central Metropolitan Area Planning) meeting with area mayors and village presidents. He stated the purpose was to align their decisions with future recommendations for 2040. The website is goto2040.com.

Preliminary Report from Public Research Group on the PDLG Park and Recreation Master Plan

Dave Emanuelson from Public Research Group gave an update and summary of survey data received from mail, telephone, online and email. He stated according to preliminary results, there was an interest in a fitness center, access to a swimming pool, and revamping Gordon Park. Also noted was 50% of the population would be willing to pay for it. Dave stated he would be finished collecting data in September. Director Bissias recommended the Board schedule a workshop to review the document and possibly adopt the comprehensive master plan at the October meeting. The Board consensus was to schedule a workshop with staff for Thursday October 7, 2010 at 4:00 P.M.

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Penicook motioned to approve Item 3.1 Approval of the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of June 16, 2010; Item 3.2 Approval of the Minutes of the Special Executive Board Session Meeting of June 16, 2010 and June 25, 2010; Item 3.3 Approval of the Financial Report dated June 30, 2010 and July 31, 2010; Item 3.4 Approval of the Consolidated Vouchers for July/August dated July 15, 2010 and August 12, 2010. Commissioner Belcaster seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

Staff Reports

Director Bissias stated a new preschool class is being formed at the Rec Center due to the wait list numbers.

Director Bissias thanked Commissioner Belcaster for his help at Family Fest.

Superintendent of Recreation, Laura Gallagher introduced our new Recreation Supervisor Kevin Miller. Kevin gave a brief background of his education and experience. The Board welcomed him to the staff.

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Laura Gallagher stated registration has begun and gave a brief overview of the Fall 2010 brochure.

Director Bissias stated Superintendent of Finance Leynette Kuniej is working with him to draft a letter to all township committeemen regarding the delay of the 2nd installment tax bills.

Attorney Report

None

Treasurer Report

None

Action Items

Discussion and Approval of Bid for the Purchase of New 11 Ft. Rotary Mower

Commissioner Penicook motioned to approve as amended and authorize staff to approve the bid for the Toro 11 Ft. Rotary Motor not to exceed \$38,900 per specifications. Commissioner Belcaster seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES:	Commissioner Kelpsas, Penicook, Ashby, Belcaster
NAYES:	None
ABSENT:	Commissioner Walsh

Authorize Staff to Pay Additional Accounts Payables Received Between August 12 and August 20

Commissioner Belcaster motioned to authorize staff to pay additional accounts payables received between August 12 and August 20. Commissioner Ashby seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES:	Commissioner Kelpsas, Penicook, Ashby, Belcaster
NAYES:	None
ABSENT:	Commissioner Walsh

Board Business

New Business

Discussion of Gordon Park Phase 1 Construction Budget

After Board discussion with representatives from W.B. Olson Co. and with architect Jeffrey Braun, Commissioner Penicook motioned to table this item. Commissioner Belcaster seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Voice Vote.

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Discussion and Approval of Contract with Cody Braun Architects for the Design and Construction of Gordon Park Phase 1

After discussion, Commissioner Kelsas motioned to approve the contract with Cody Braun Architects for the Design and Construction of Gordon Park Phase 1 with the following amendments: On page 9, remove 5.1.2 and modify with construction costs do not include construction manager fees but does include general conditions as basis for fees; on page 10, 8.7 is omitted; on page 12 article 11.2.1 is 7.5%; on page 14, 11.5.1 time frame of 12 months from signing of contract would change to 8 months after construction begins. Commissioner Penicook seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioner Kelsas, Penicook, Ashby, Belcaster
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Commissioner Walsh

Discussion and Approval of Contract with W.B. Olson for Construction Services for Gordon Park Phase 1

After Board discussion, Commissioner Penicook motioned to approve W.B. Olson contract for Gordon Park Phase 1 as amended and contingent on Commissioner Belcaster, Director Bissias, and Attorney approval of amendments. Commissioner Ashby seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioner Kelsas, Penicook, Ashby, Belcaster
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Commissioner Walsh

Authorize the Construction Manager to Conduct Bid Process for the Remodeling of Gordon Park Phase 1

Commissioner Penicook motioned to authorize the construction manager to conduct bid process for the remodeling of Gordon Park Phase 1 subject to contract approval. Commissioner Belcaster seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioner Kelsas, Penicook, Ashby, Belcaster
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Commissioner Walsh

President Kelsas thanked W.B. Olson representatives for their patience and understanding.

Director Bissias stated he would schedule a meeting with Commissioner Belcaster and Dave Olson on Monday.

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Discussion of Easement with the Village of La Grange for Area on South Side of Gordon Park

Director Bissias discussed the easement diagram and stated it is only the beginning of discussions with the village. He asked the Board for their consensus regarding the easement agreement. The Board gave Director Bissias direction to pursue an easement agreement with the Village.

Discussion of Gathering Proposals for As Built Drawings for the Second Floor of the Administration-Recreation Center

Commissioner Belcaster stated that the committee looking into this project had several meetings with architects and contractors to work on preliminary budgets and schemes. In order to move towards specifying the options and costs associated with the project, it would be necessary to spend about \$8,000 to verify field measurements, but Commissioner Belcaster is trying to figure out how to accomplish the same things without spending the money. He stated he would like to come back to the Board with a presentation showing plans and possible material selections for up to three options, with pricing for each, and will report back on this later.

He also commented that while revenue from rentals has steadily increased over the past three years, there was only anecdotal information available as to whether or not a renovation would increase revenue. Based upon the current state of the room, it was arguable that upgrades would prevent losses from current revenue levels but may not increase them.

Old Business

Board Elections

President Kelsas stated this item would be tabled until the Special Meeting on August 26, 2010 at 6:30 P.M., when all board members would be present.

Commissioner Penicook motioned to extend the meeting past 10:00 P.M. Commissioner Belcaster seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Voice Vote.

Discussion and Approval of Capital Budget for 2010-2011

After Board discussion, President Kelsas stated the capital budget must be reprioritized. This item would be tabled for now.

Committee Reports

Administrative Committee

None

Marketing Committee

Commissioner Penicook stated staff is taking over the duties of this committee. She stated the brochure is beautiful, ads are working, and many sponsorships were found for Family Fest.

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Finance Committee

None

Capital Projects Committee

None

Recreation Committee

None

Park & Facility Committee

President Kelsas stated this committee is responsible for redoing forms to inform committees of priorities. Director Bissias stated the forms would be completed by the special meeting on August 26, 2010.

Board Comments

Commissioner Belcaster stated he had a great time working at Family Fest. He complimented staff on job well done. He also stated he would look into other opportunities to cut costs for office and janitorial supplies and consolidating services to eliminate duplication.

Commissioner Penicook noted that the survey conducted by Public Research Group shows a strong continued interest in a community pool. Since we have been down that road before with the referendum around 2000 or 2001, maybe we should contact local pools such as the Field Club, Lyons Township High School, and the Village Field Club to see if we can cooperate with them to offer residents the opportunity to swim on a daily basis when their pools are less crowded. This way it will give residents access to a pool and provide additional funding for the pools.

Commissioner Ashby thanked everyone for going to Family Fest and for Staff putting it on. He stated his frustration with the objectors who stymied the sale of the land at Gordon Park. He stated because of them, the Board cannot do what we want to do with the loss of many millions we would have received.

President Kelsas stated the objectors' lack of respect of tax dollars is inconceivable. He stated his frustration with the objectors delaying the settlement causing the Board hardship trying to squeeze out money to upgrade half of Gordon Park.

President Kelsas thanked staff for Family Fest. He also thanked Illinois State Senator Louis Viverito for his letter of recognition of the Park District for its service to the community.

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Executive Session

At 10:50P.M. Commissioner Penicook motioned the Board convene to Executive Session pursuant to Item 11.1 Potential Claims and/or Litigation, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)11; Item 11.2 Acquisition, Lease and/or Disposition of Real Property, 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(5&6); Item 11.3 Personnel, 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1); Item 11.4 Review of Closed Executive Session Minutes. Commissioner Ashby seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

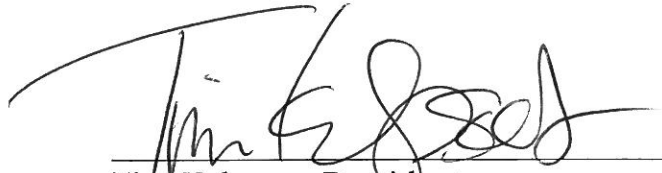
AYES: Commissioners Belcaster, Penicook, Kelsas, Ashby
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Commissioner Walsh

The Board Meeting resumed at 11:45 P.M.

Commissioner Belcaster motioned not to release the closed Executive Session Minutes. Commissioner Penicook seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Voice Vote.

Adjournment

Commissioner Belcaster moved for adjournment at 11:48 P.M.. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kelsas and carried.


Tim Kelsas, President
Constantine Bissias, Secretary

Approved 09/16/2010