

**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**

JANUARY 15, 2009

President Kelsas called the meeting to order at 7:43 P.M.

PRESENT: Commissioners Ashby, Penicook, Kelsas, Walsh

ABSENT: Commissioner Metzger*

STAFF PRESENT: Executive Director Dean Bissias, Attorney Rob Bush

OTHERS PRESENT: Brad Belcaster, Jim Boo

*Commissioner Metzger arrived at 9:46 P.M.

President Kelsas welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked for changes to the agenda. President Kelsas asked to remove the approval of the Minutes of the Executive Session Meeting of December 18, 2008 from the Consent Agenda.

Communications

Addresses from the Audience

Jim Boo, 1327 Mason Drive La Grange, questioned the election process. President Kelsas stated the File for Petition Notice was posted on the Recreation Center front window. It explains the time and place. Director Bissias stated the doors open at 8:00 A.M. The administrative offices open at 9:00 A.M. If more than one person is in attendance at 9:00 A.M., then a lottery would take place on Tuesday January 27. Paperwork and a receipt would be handed out to those who filed.

Written Correspondences

None

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Ashby motioned to approve the Consent Agenda as amended; *Item 3.1 Approval of the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of*

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Director Bissias to place this as an action item next month.

Marketing Committee

Commissioner Penicook stated upcoming marketing strategies.

Finance and Capital Projects Committee

President Kelsas stated there is an open seat on this committee.

Recreation Committee

None

Attorney Report

None

Staff Reports

Director Bissias stated he would like the board to rank each objective as an independent goal from 1 as strongest to 35 as least. He would like this information returned in two weeks as staff is planning the budget and some objectives require monies. President Kelsas stated goals are reviewed every year with staff and board who come up with actionable items for the coming year.

Board Member Comments

Commissioner Ashby asked why the ice rink was not frozen. Director Bissias stated the Village would be assisting staff with another layer of water over the top. All the snow insulated the ice and it did not freeze.

Commissioner Ashby also stated the lawsuits and legal actions regarding the land at Gordon Park has totaled \$125,000 in legal fees as of now. He stated if the residents are looking for new swings or new equipment or groomed fields, it is unfortunate the money is tied up with legal fees due to one person. Commissioner Ashby read the editorial from the Doings dated January 15, 2009 regarding Gordon Park and the lawsuit with Orlando Coryell.

President Kelsas stated the Pond Posse is in need of more volunteers to help maintain the ice rink.


President Kelsas also stated the LT Orchestra was having a fundraiser here at the Rec Center on Saturday night. He stated he is proud of this building as it attracts fundraisers for the good of the community as well as bring in people outside the community as well.

President Kelsas stated the board put the decision of Gordon Park into

Adjournment

Commissioner Metzger moved for adjournment at 11:24 P.M. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Walsh and carried.


Constantine Bissias, Secretary


Tim Kelsas, President

Approved 02/19/2009