

**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**

APRIL 20, 2009

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

PRESENT: Commissioners Kelpsas, Penicook, Walsh, and Metzger

ABSENT: Commissioner Ashby

STAFF PRESENT: Executive Director Dean Bissias, Superintendent of Recreation Laura Gallagher, Assistant Superintendent of Recreation Chris Finn, Intern Leonel Vasquez, Facility/Recreation Reservations Secretary Katie Walsh, Recording Secretary Ginger Zeman

OTHERS PRESENT: Attorney Rob Bush, Jim Boo, Kevin Shields, Thom Rae from Everythinglagrange.com, and Kevin Kenealy from the Doings

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

Director Bissias introduced our new staff member, Katie Walsh. She will be handling all the building rentals. The Board welcomed her.

Director Bissias stated the Public Hearing for the budget is rescheduled for Thursday April 30, 2009 at 7:30 P.M., due to the newspaper's error.

Communications

Addresses from the Audience

Jim Boo, 1327 Mason La Grange, stated he was asked by his neighbors to notify the Park District of an open cistern in the rear of the building at Denning Park. Director Bissias was unaware of this hazard and stated it would be rectified immediately.

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Jim Boo also stated his ideas about transparency for the Park District. He felt the Park District would have greater support if the meetings were televised. Director Bissias stated the meetings were televised in the past by LTTV but dropped because they could not guarantee a cameraman for the meetings. The Board agreed they would look into this further.

In another issue, Jim Boo stated the Lyons Township Bond from Timber Trails development should not be issued and the monies returned to the taxpayers. He asked the Park District to be a leader and forego the bond.

Kevin Shields, a La Grange resident, asked the Board for a detailed explanation of why there were personal items stored in Park District sheds and no criminal charges were charged. If he does not receive an explanation, he would take the next step and go after the Executive Director. He stated the Park District was cheating the public and residents by denying an explanation and this should not be a personnel issue. President Kelspas thanked Kevin for his comments and stated proper procedures have been reviewed and the case is closed.

Written Correspondences

None

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Penicook made a few clarifications to the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of March 19, 2009 and the Special Meeting Minutes of March 30, 2009.

Commissioner Walsh motioned to approve as amended Item 3.1 Approval of the Minutes of Regular Board Meeting of March 19, 2009 and Special Board Meeting of March 2, 2009 and March 30, 2009; Item 3.2 Approval of the Minutes of Executive Session Meetings of March 2, 2009, March 19, 2009 and March 30, 2009; Item 3.3 Acceptance of the Treasurer Report dated March 31, 2009; Item 3.4 Approval of the Consolidated Vouchers for April dated April 20, 2009. Commissioner Metzger seconded the motion, which passed unanimously on a Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Penicook, Walsh, Kelspas, Metzger

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Ashby

Staff Reports

Director Bissias reviewed the landscape plan for the north side of the Community Center. LaVelle Topps and our maintenance foreman Claudia Galla designed this beautification project. It will be completed through funds donated by the Community Diversity Group, volunteers from the community, and our maintenance department.

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Director Bissias stated Nicor would like a temporary easement on our property on the north side of the building in the grassy area.

Director Bissias stated the revised SEASPAR Budget was ready for approval.

Director Bissias stated there would be Board discussion regarding the \$5000 fee for the OSLAD Grant.

Director Bissias stated staff is present to answer any questions regarding the new fee structure.

Laura Gallagher, Superintendent of Recreation, stated a new graphic artist was used for the summer brochure and it was printed ahead of schedule. Laura stated \$5,000 was raised so far for Family Fest. If she reaches her goal of \$10,000, then a firework display could be purchased.

Laura Gallagher reviewed the new fee structure and answered any Board questions. Chris Finn, Assistant Superintendent of Recreation, stated these new fees would be marketed and highlighted in the fall brochure.

Chris Finn stated about 100 Easter eggs was recycled at the hunt at Denning Park out of about 6000 eggs.

Director Bissias introduced Leonel Vasquez, our intern. He stated Leonel's internship has ended. Director Bissias kept Leonel on longer to redesign the website. Leonel presented the updated website under construction. The Board gave positive feedback.

Attorney Report

None

Treasurer Report

None

Action Items

Approval Resolution 09-04 Easement for Nicor at Property Located at Maple and East Avenue

Commissioner Walsh questioned the minimal \$10 fee for the easement on our property. Commissioner Metzger stated this is a friendly effort between the utility company and a public entity. He stated this is only a temporary easement. Director Bissias stated the attorneys have reviewed this resolution. Commissioner Penicook motioned to approve Resolution 09-04 Easement for Nicor at Property located at Maple and East Avenue. Commissioner Metzger seconded the motion, which passed by Roll Call

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Vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Metzger, Penicook, Kelsas
NAYES: Commissioner Walsh
ABSENT: Commissioner Ashby

SEASPAR Budget for 2009-2010

Commissioner Penicook motioned to approve the SEASPAR Budget for 2009-2010. Commissioner Metzger seconded the motion, which passed by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

Approval of OSLAD Grant Proposal from Design Perspectives

Commissioner Kelsas stated if the OSLAD Grant is awarded, the monies would go toward specific sections of Gordon Park. Commissioner Penicook motioned to approve the OSLAD Grant Proposal from Design Perspectives. Commissioner Metzger seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

Approval of New Facility Fee Structure

Commissioner Penicook clarified the new fees would take effect for rentals and open gym May 1. The neighborhood prices would take effect in the fall. Commissioner Walsh motioned to approve the new facility fee structure. Commissioner Penicook seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Voice Vote.

Approval of New Program Fees Structure

The Board discussed the new senior fees. Commissioner Walsh motioned to approve the new program fee structure. Commissioner Metzger seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Voice Vote.

Board Business

Update of Task Force Report

President Kelpsas stated the Task Force was formed for the collaboration of the Village and Park District to make a plan for the southern area of Gordon Park regardless of land boundaries. The results would find who pays for what according to who owns the land. The architect made some plans with phases for Board review. A workshop is needed.

Discussion and Approval of Transparency Policy

Commissioner Walsh discussed the transparency policy the Administration Committee is working on. He stated he would meet with Director Bissias, the intern Leonel, and the Attorney before the next meeting to discuss rules and procedures for posting documents on the website. Commissioner Walsh hopes to have a policy to vote on at the next meeting.

Discussion on Park District's Involvement in Park Pals Foundation

President Kelpsas asked for the background of the Park Patrons Around La Grange Foundation. Director Bissias stated the previous board funded and started this foundation about 6 or 7 years ago. There were five individuals on the Board and now there is only Kevin Shields, Director Bissias and another person. He stated Park Pals donated \$100 to the Rec Department of the Park District of La Grange. Commissioner Walsh stated he would like an officer of the organization to present a written, detailed report with foundation by laws, legal status, and purpose and goals for Board review at the next meeting. Commissioner Metzger stated he would like to see an annual report, fund balance and disbursements.

Committee Reports

Administration Committee

None

Marketing Committee

Commissioner Penicook stated there is a marketing meeting tomorrow where they will discuss the marketing of the new fee structures.

Finance and Capital Projects Committee

None

Recreation Committee

None

Board Member Comments

Commissioner Penicook invited the public to aid our transparency by giving us input as to what they want to see. The Board will work with LTTV.

Commissioner Metzger commended Assistant Superintendent of Rec Chris Finn for adding a youth basketball league for the summer.

Commissioner Walsh stated our new website is shaping up and will show more Park District of La Grange transparency. He thanked Jim Boo for pointing out the hole at Denning Park that will be taken care of immediately.

President Kelpsas thanked Chris Finn, Laura Gallagher, Leonel, and staff for the new fee structure. He stated it was nicely done and innovative.

Executive Session

At 9:07 P.M. Commissioner Penicook moved that the Board go into Executive Session pursuant to Item 11.3 Personnel, 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1) in accordance with the *Illinois Open Meetings Act*. Commissioner Walsh seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by a Roll Call Vote as follows:

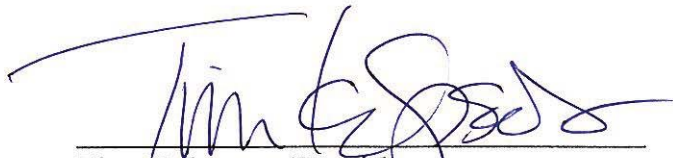
AYES:	Commissioners Walsh, Penicook, Kelpsas, Metzger
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	Commissioners Ashby

The regular meeting resumed at 9:39 P.M.

Adjournment

Commissioner Penicook moved for adjournment at 9:41 P.M. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Walsh and carried.


Constantine Bissias, Secretary


Tim Kelpsas, President

Approved 05/21/2009