

**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 11, 2016

President Penicook called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M.

PRESENT: Commissioners Penicook, Ashby, Vear

ABSENT: Commissioners Walsh, Lacey

STAFF PRESENT: Executive Director Dean Bissias, Superintendent of Facilities Chris Finn, Superintendent of Finance Leynette Kuniej, Superintendent of BASE Leanna Hartung, Superintendent of Recreation Kevin Miller, Recording Secretary Ginger Zeman

OTHERS PRESENT: Attorney Rob Bush, Jim Boo

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

Communications, Presentations & Declarations

Public Comments/Participation (Board Manual Section #152)

Jim Boo, 1327 Mason Dr. La Grange, thanked the Park District for supporting the Run for Kelli fundraiser on September 18, 2016. Over \$100,000 of college scholarships are given to area students.

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Vear motioned to approve Item 3.1 Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of April 11, 2016; Item 3.2 Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of May 16, 2016; Item 3.3 Approval of the Executive Session Board Meeting of May 16, 2016; Item 3.4 Approval of the Financial Reports dated April 30, 2016; May 31, 2016; and June 30, 2016; Item 3.5 Approval of the Consolidated Vouchers for June dated June 13, 2016 and for July dated July 11, 2016. Commissioner Ashby seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Penicook, Ashby, Vear

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Lacey, Walsh

Staff Reports

Director's Report

Announcement of New Superintendent of Recreation

Director Bissias proudly introduced Kevin Miller as the new Superintendent of Recreation. He stated Kevin had a vision of where the department should go and he knows Kevin will do a good job. There were 71 individuals who applied for the job. Director Bissias and Superintendent of Facilities Chris Finn interviewed ten persons. There was a panel of one person from each department for the three second-interviews. Diana Faught would fill the open position of Assistant Superintendent of Recreation.

There now is an opening for a Recreation Supervisor. Director Bissias would like to revamp the job duties looking at the future and not the present when hiring a new Rec Supervisor.

Update on Capital Budget for 2016-2017

Director Bissias reviewed the summary chart of the Capital Budget and stated many items are in progress. He stated the Rotary Club decided not to fund the shelter at the splash pad as it did not fall in their focus for this year. The Board mentioned the Meadowbrook project is progressing and the Park District should be thinking about the playground. Director Bissias stated the Meadowbrook playground project is not funded until next year.

Denning Park Drainage

Director Bissias explained that the best solution for the major drainage problem at the north end of Denning Park is to install another manhole and slope the land. The Village is looking for additional land along Ogden Avenue for a right turn lane. President Penicook suggested exchanging our unusable land for the right hand turn lane at Gordon Park for the installation of a \$20,000 manhole to fix our Denning drainage problem.

Update of Other Park District Matters

President Penicook stated she received a letter from Sterling D. Topol outlining short and long term work for the Park District tennis courts. Superintendent of Facilities Chris Finn updated the ongoing repairs to the courts. The lights were fixed using a special machine that does not ruin the courts. New nets were ordered. Gilbert courts would be resurfaced this year, Sedgwick Park next year, and Spring Park the following year.

Director Bissias stated work is in progress designing the new Gordon Park entrance. It is still undecided if there would be room for one tennis court or two pickle ball courts in that area.

Superintendent of Facilities Chris Finn stated the Rec Center is busy with rentals. He is working with the soccer affiliates for their fall rentals.

Superintendent of Finance Leynette Kuniej stated she has been working on the

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audit report. It should be ready for next month's approval.

Superintendent of BASE Leanna Hartung stated she would be attending a school meeting tomorrow to discuss how the space issues for the BASE program and the new enrichment program will work at the schools. She added the BASE program has full enrollment with waiting lists except for Cossitt School.

Superintendent of Recreation Kevin Miller explained to the Board that the preschool registration numbers are lower at this time due to the fact we graduated the highest number of children in May and now the numbers are lower to rebuild the program.

Superintendent of Recreation Kevin Miller was honored and humbled that he was selected for the position of Superintendent of Recreation. He thanked the Board for their support and stated moving the District forward was a challenge he sought after.

He added that there was a need for more volunteers for Endless Summerfest. Director Bissias stated he hoped they would hear about more volunteers at the LGBA meeting this week.

Attorney Report

After reviewing the timeline of the Coryell case, Attorney Rob Bush announced that on June 23, 2016, the judge dismissed the case with prejudice. Coryell's attorneys quickly filed to reconsider on July 1, 2016 and were denied. Attorney Bush stated they have until August 1, 2016 to file an appeal and we would file for an expedited decision to move it along as soon as possible. Attorney Bush stated negotiations for Pathway financing for this sale is continuing. There was Board consensus to give Pathways an extension to August 19, 2016.

Treasurer Report

None

Action Items

Discussion and/or Approval of Call One ISDN-PRI Contract for Three Years

Director Bissias recommended the 3 year contract for \$280 per month with Call One. This is a lower price than AT&T can offer. Commissioner Ashby motioned to approve the Call One ISDN-PRI Contract for three years. Commissioner Vear seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Penicook, Ashby, Vear

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Commissioners Walsh, Lacey

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Discussion and/or Approval of an Agreement with Lauterbach & Amen, LLP for Audit Services for 2017, 2018 and 2019

Superintendent of Finance Leynette Kuniej recommended keeping the auditing firm of Lauterbach & Amen, LLP. We have been using them the past few years. Commissioner Ashby motioned to approve the agreement with Lauterbach & Amen, LLP for audit services for 2017, 2018 and 2019. Commissioner Vear seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Penicook, Ashby, Vear
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Commissioners Walsh, Lacey

Transfer of Funds for Capital Projects Fiscal Year 2016-2017

After Board discussion, Commissioner Vear motioned to transfer \$250,000 for capital projects for fiscal year 2016-2017. Commissioner Ashby seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Penicook, Ashby, Vear
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Commissioners Walsh, Lacey

Board Business

Old Business

None

New Business

Conveyance of Additional Land at Gordon Park for the Purpose of a Right Hand Turning Lane Needed at the Newly Proposed Traffic Light

Director Bissias stated there would be no vote on this tonight. President Penicook voiced her concern of giving away too much land and not being able to have a nice entrance and sign.

Committee Reports

Administration Committee

None

Public Relations Committee

None

Finance & Capital Project Committee

None

User Group Committee

None

Public Comments (Board Manual Section #152)

None

Board Comments

Commissioner Vear commented on the Citizens Counsel of La Grange survey. Parks and Rec was rated 4th out of 10 for quality of life overall. The satisfaction of the parks and amenities were the lowest. The parks were second for improved services. Director Bissias was disappointed that only 816 persons answered the survey out of 15,000.

Commissioner Ashby stated he was looking forward to what ideas and innovations Superintendent of Recreation Miller might have and reminded him to let the Board know if he needed any help. Commissioner Ashby suggested spending more time looking at the Citizen Council survey as the Park District could get something out of it. President Penicook stated more summer help was added to help clean up the parks. Commissioner Vear added we need to be responsive to the critique and not condemn it.

President Penicook encouraged family and friends to volunteer for Endless Summerfest. She stated Thursday is Commissioner Ashby's birthday and she wished him well.

Executive Session


At 8:16 P.M. Commissioner Vear motioned the Board convene to Executive Session pursuant to Item 12.4 Personnel, 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1). Commissioner Ashby seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:


AYES:	Commissioners Penicook, Vear, Ashby
NAYES:	None
ABSENT:	Commissioners Walsh, Lacey

The Regular Board Meeting resumed at 8:30 P.M.

Adjournment

Commissioner Vear moved for adjournment at 8:31 P.M. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ashby and passed unanimously by Voice Vote.


Mary Ellen Penicook, President


Constantine Bissias, Secretary
Approved 8/15/2016