

**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**

**AUGUST 10, 2015**

**Vice President Ashby called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M.**

PRESENT: Commissioners Walsh, Vear, Ashby

ABSENT: Commissioners Penicook, Lacey

STAFF PRESENT: Executive Director Dean Bissias, Recording Secretary  
Ginger Zeman,

OTHERS PRESENT: Attorney Jim Rock, Jim Boo

Vice President Ashby 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 Drive La Grange, thanked the Park District for their donation last year for the Kelli O'Laughlin Run. Last year this event raised \$150,000 for college scholarships for area students. He asked the Park District for a donation again this year for the Run for Kelli on September 20, 2015. Director Bissias stated he would be in contact with Jim with the donation. Commissioner Ashby thanked Jim Boo for making the Park District aware of this important event.

**Consent Agenda**

Commissioner Walsh motioned to approve Item 3.1 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of July 13, 2015; Item 3.2 Minutes of the Executive Session Meeting of July 13, 2015; Item 3.3 Approval of the Financial Report dated July 13, 2015; Item 3.4 Approval of the Consolidated Vouchers for August dated August 10, 2015. Commissioner Vear seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Ashby, Walsh, Vear

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Commissioners Penicook, Lacey

**Staff Reports**

*Denning Park Traffic Light Update*

Director Bissias informed the Board the traffic light on Gilbert at Denning Park and Lyons Township High School is operable now. It stays green unless cars are exiting the park or the school. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony with local politicians, village representatives and the Park District on September 1, 2015.

*La Grange Endless Summerfest*

Director Bissias thanked all the volunteers who worked the fest. He stated the numbers were up from last year. There was about 18,000 people who attended the event. Director Bissias stated he is working on a final report and summary for the Board.

*Update of Other Park District Matters*

Director Bissias stated he is working with the Village and residents adjoining Denning Park to resolve drainage issues on their properties and our park property.

*Staff Comments*

Director Bissias stated fall registration has begun.

Commissioner Vear asked about the splash pad at Gordon Park. Director Bissias stated the splash pad would be closed all day tomorrow due to replacing and repairing some mechanical issues. He noted all the parts are under warranty.

**Attorney Report**

Attorney Jim Rock explained the Archdiocese is requiring a license agreement with us for operation of the BASE program at St. Francis School. He would be writing up the agreement for the Board to discuss and amend if necessary.

**Treasurer Report**

None

**Action Items**

None

**Board Business**

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

None

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**Committee Reports**

*Administration Committee*

None

*Public Relations Committee*

None

*Finance & Capital Project Committee*

None

*User Group Committee*

None

**Public Comments (Board Manual Section #152)**

Jim Boo, 1327 Mason Dr. La Grange, stated that every person in the township should look into the office of the Lyons Treasurer of Schools. He is not sure who the treasurer is now however the office controls 60% of our property taxes. He feels it is unethical and right vs. wrong as people are taking our money.

**Board Comments**

Commissioner Vear stated he missed Endless Summerfest because he was on vacation. He suggested adding bocce ball to Gordon Park as it would attract older adults.

Commissioner Ashby stated this was the first year he participated in the Endless Summerfest event. He had concerns about traffic and parking but he was very pleased how it was run. He noted staff worked a very long weekend.

**Executive Session**

At 7:33P.M. Commissioner Walsh motioned the Board convene to Executive Session pursuant to Item 12.3 Setting the Price of Real Property, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6). Commissioner Vear seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

The Regular Board meeting resumed at 8:05 P.M.

**Action on Items Discussed in Executive Session (If Necessary)**

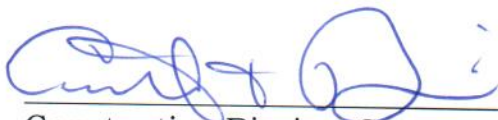
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Commissioner Walsh motioned to approve Resolution 15-01 authorizing the execution of a purchase agreement for the property commonly known as Parcel 2 and Parcel 3 in Gordon Park. Commissioner Vear seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Voice Vote.

**Adjournment**

Commissioner Walsh moved for adjournment at 8:11 P.M. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Vear and passed unanimously by Voice Vote.

  
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Mary Ellen Penicook, President

  
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Constantine Bissias, Secretary  
*Approved 09/08/2015*