

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL 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 20, 2012

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

PRESENT: Commissioners Penicook, Walsh, Ashby, Kelpsas

ABSENT: Commissioner Lacey

STAFF PRESENT: Executive Director Dean Bissias, Superintendent of Finance Leynette Kuniej, Recording Secretary Ginger Zeman

OTHERS PRESENT: Board Treasurer Rob Metzger, Jeffrey Braun from Cody, Braun & Assoc., Jim Boo, James Workman, Anthony Paszyna

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

Communications, Presentations & Declarations

Public Comments\Participation (Board Manual Section #152)

Jamie Workman, 233 Park Rd La Grange, stated he was very impressed with the quick rebuilding of Elm Park. He commended Director Bissias for his efforts. He voiced his concern for the poured surface at Denning and now Elm Park. The surface becomes very hot in the sun and suggested a shade or canopy structure for the children's protection.

Action Item

Discussion and/or Authorization for Staff to Request Bids on a Poured N Play Playground Surface for Elm Park

Director Bissias suggested putting in a Pour N Play surface at Elm Park. It has a 25 year life and would cost approximately \$85,000 that would be recouped with the wood chips and labor. He stated the Board could decide not to go ahead with the project once we received the bids. Commissioner Walsh motioned to request bids for a Poured N Play surface at Elm Park.

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Commissioner Ashby seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

Board Business

New Business

Presentation by Treasurer Metzger on Refunding and Reissuing Non-Referendum Bonds for Capital Projects

Treasurer Metzger discussed the Park District financial opportunities to support future projects. His power point presentation is attached. After Board discussion, they gave consensus to begin the documents for refinancing the Park District bonds with flexibility for both bonds.

Old Business

Discussion and/or Authorization to Proceed with Gordon Park Phase 1

After Board discussion, Commissioner Walsh motioned to authorize an expenditure of amount not to exceed \$30,000 for Cody, Braun & Associates to proceed with work necessary to proceed with Gordon Park Phase 1 project as discussed in this meeting as well as all alternates discussed. Commissioner Kelpsas seconded the motion.

Commissioner Ashby motioned to table this motion to discuss financing. Commissioner Walsh seconded the motion.

After Board discussion about financing, Commissioner Walsh motioned to untable the motion. Commissioner Ashby seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Voice Vote.

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

Public Comments

Jim Boo, 1327 Mason Dr. La Grange, stated the property 1430 W. 50th Street adjacent to Denning Park is for sale. He recommended telling the owner to knock the house down and the Park District buy the land to add to Denning Park. He felt as an engineer, the taxpayers did not receive everything they wanted and needed for the reconstruction of Denning Park. He offered to walk the park with someone to show them what he means. Jim felt the Board should say no to the Gordon Park renovations and if there is a surplus of tax money, it should be given back to others or back to the taxpayer.

Anthony Paszyna, 237 8th Ave. La Grange, stated he was here on behalf of the Citizen's Council. He felt this meeting was very informative. He stated parks are useable if accessible by walking which Gordon Park is not. He would not drive there. He questioned the amount on the pay back debt schedule. As a construction manager, he questioned the difference of doing just phase 1 rather than the whole project.

Board Comments

None

Executive Session

None

Adjournment

Commissioner Kelsas moved for adjournment at 9:00 P.M. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ashby and passed unanimously by Voice Vote.


Mary Ellen Penicook, President


Constantine Bissias, Secretary
Approved 10/08/2012