

**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**

MARCH 11, 2013

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

PRESENT: Commissioners Penicook, Walsh, Lacey, Kelpsas*,
Ashby

ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Executive Director Dean Bissias, Superintendent of
Finance Leynette Kuniej, Superintendent of Facilities
Chris Finn, Superintendent of Recreation Laura
Gallagher, Director of B.A.S.E. Leanna Hartung,
Recording Secretary Ginger Zeman

OTHERS PRESENT: Attorney Rob Bush, Dave Wilkinson, Jim Boo, Peter
Hammon, Jim Walls, Gregory Stanczyk, Olivia Birazzi,
John Brom, Peggy & Charles Gilbert, Rob Lynch, Bill
Reilly, Tim Prendergast

*Commissioner Kelpsas attended remotely by telephone

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

President Penicook removed *Item 8.3 Discussion and/ Guidance and or Approval of Storing Items Affiliate Support Equipment within PDLG Parks* for a policy to be drafted and discussed at next month's Board meeting.

President Penicook removed *Item 3.1 Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of February 11, 2013* for revision.

At 7:35 P.M., Commissioner Lacey motioned to allow Commissioner Kelpsas to attend remotely by telephone. Commissioner Walsh seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Voice Vote.

Communications, Presentations & Declarations

Public Comments\Participation (Board Manual Section #152)

Jim Walls President of Little League, 217 S. Ashland La Grange, questioned the Board about the Little League scheduled times for the softball fields at Gordon Park. President Penicook reminded him that staff does the scheduling. Superintendent of Facilities Chris Finn stated staff would know by the end of April if Tuesdays were available for Little League use. It depended on the Men's Softball League registrations. Mr. Walls was also concerned if the prep work to the fields at Gordon would be complete in time.

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Kelsas motioned to approve as amended Item 3.2 Approval of the Minutes of the Executive Session Meeting of February 11, 2013; Item 3.3 Approval of the Special Board Meeting of March 4, 2013; Item 3.4 Approval of the Financial Report dated February 28, 2013; Item 3.5 Approval of the Consolidated Vouchers for March dated March 11, 2013. Commissioner Walsh seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Penicook, Walsh, Ashby, Lacey, Kelsas
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

Item 3.1 Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of February 11, 2012 would be tabled until next month.

Staff Reports

Director's Report

Gordon Park-Staff Recommendation to Board for Additional Improvements to Softball/Baseball Fields

Director Bissias stated the tentative work schedule for Gordon Park ends in November 2013. Depending on the Village permits, he would like it shortened to September 2013.

Miscellaneous Items

Director Bissias informed the Board of the ash bore problem at Sedgwick Park. Many trees were taken down and the stumps ground.

Commissioner Walsh asked to change the order of Item 7.2 to Item 7.1.

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Staff Reports

Director of B.A.S.E. Leanna Hartung stated the B.A.S.E. program is implementing the “Keeping Kids Healthy” program sponsored by Hinsdale Adventist Hospital and Trader Joes. Reporters from The Doings and the Local Trib came to the schools in the area and interviewed the children.

Attorney Report

None

Treasurer Report

None

Action Item

Discussion and/or Approval Authorizing Staff to Proceed with Additional Improvements to Gordon Park Softball/Baseball Fields

Director Bissias stated he received quotes to improve Fields B & C by removing and replacing calcium clay, retrenching drainage, adding calcium drainage, replacing fabric on backstop and replacing benches for \$35,000. He said the work would be completed in a week and would be useable the next day.

Commissioner Kelsas motioned to authorize staff to proceed with additional improvements to Gordon Park Softball/Baseball Fields. Commissioner Walsh seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioner Walsh, Kelsas, Penicook, Lacey, Ashby
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None

First Reading of the General Operations Budget for Fiscal Year 2013-2014

Commissioner Walsh motioned to display the General Operations Budget for Fiscal Year 2013-2014. Commissioner Kelsas seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

Board Business

New Business

Discussion and/or Approval of Revised Board Manual Section #152

After Board discussion, Commissioner Kelsas motioned to revise the Board Manual Section #152 to change the first Public Comment portion of the Agenda

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limiting remarks to matters on the agenda only. The second Public Comment portion of the Agenda would be for any other matter.

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

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

Discussion and/or Approval Authorizing Staff to Include Electrical Conduit for Soccer Fields Lights at Gordon Park

Director Bissias stated the cost for putting in electrical conduit at the Gordon Park soccer fields would be \$10,000. He recommended doing this now so not to disturb anything if lights were decided in the future. Commissioner Kelpsas motioned to approve authorizing staff to include electrical conduit for soccer field lights at Gordon Park not to exceed \$12,000. Commissioner Lacey seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

Discussion and/ Guidance and or Approval of Storing Items Affiliate Support Equipment within PDLG Parks

This item tabled until next month.

Committee Reports

Administration Committee

None

Public Relations Committee

None

Finance Committee & Capital Projects Committee

Commissioner Ashby stated the budget is posted and questions would be answered at the Board Meeting on April 8, 2013.

Recreation Committee

Commissioner Lacey stated she attended a Rec staff meeting today. Staff is working on summer camps, senior citizen outings, and the Easter egg hunt. She stated staff is moving in the right direction covering every age group and doing a great job. She reminded the Board that Friday is Family Fun Night

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here at the Rec Center. The summer brochure will be out soon.

Public Comments

David Wilkinson, 600 S. Waiola La Grange, commented about the modification of Board policy for public comment. Commissioner Walsh stated he would solicit comments from the public and review them with Staff and the Board before instituting into policy.

Charles Gilbert, 702 Lincoln La Grange, asked about installing internet at the Community Center and buying new chairs. Superintendent of Facilities Chris Finn stated he was working on a package price for the internet by adding another facility. Director Bissias stated new chairs for the Community Center would be discussed under the Capital Budget that would be approved in May.

Board Comments

Commissioner Kelsas thanked Leanna for her staff comment and staff for all their Board reports. These reports inform the Board as to what is going on at the Park District. He stated he was sad the vote was not unanimous for revising the Board Manual Section #152. He stated the Board should work together and not be shy voicing their opinions. He felt they should all work out their differences together and make it work.

Commissioner Lacey stated she was sad how Commissioner Kelsas spoke to resident Dave Wilkinson. She was happy to see over 15 people attending the meeting tonight. It showed there was public interest. She stated the Board can vote any way they want. She reminded them she is here to serve the people and not the Board members. The Board does not know her by having a meeting once a month.

Commissioner Ashby commented he has been on the Board for 7 years and the Board has always had open dialogue with individual thoughts. He thanked Director Bissias and Superintendent of Finance Leynette Kuniej for their work on the budget. He was looking forward to the upcoming MBO meeting and budget discussion.

Commissioner Walsh stated he tries to be precise and accurate when writing laws. He questioned if the policy revision needed a review period as it was adding layers of policy instead of common sense. He felt the Board has a good working relationship and we really want to do what the public wants us to do. He added the Board's vigorous conversation tonight was in a spirit of progress.

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President Penicook agreed with Commissioner Walsh. She stated the policy change tonight made it more flexible for the public to talk and for the meeting to be organized and run more efficiently. She reminded the audience the Board welcomes their comments. She appreciated the public attending tonight as their comments show they are paying attention to what we are doing. She added the Board jokes more than the Village meetings as this is a fun destination. We do business in an efficient way. We respect each other and get the job done.

Executive Session

At 8:42 P.M. Commissioner Ashby motioned the Board convene to Executive Session pursuant to Item 12.2 Acquisition of Real Property, 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(5) and Item 12.3 Setting the Price of Real Property, 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(6). Commissioner Lacey seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

The Regular Board meeting resumed at 8:59 P.M.

Adjournment

Commissioner Walsh 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 04/15/2013