

**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 18, 2010

President Kelsas called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

PRESENT: Commissioners Penicook, Ashby, Walsh, Kelsas

ABSENT: Commissioners Metzger

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Attorney Rob Bush, Jim Boo, Jeffrey Braun from Cody, Braun & Assoc., Treasurer Steve Paczolt, Paul Heffernan, Rose Naseef, Kevin Shields, Thom Rae, and few other residents

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

President Kelsas stated the La Grange Library and the Park District of La Grange would like to establish a partnership as our goals are similar. The library director will attend the next board meeting on Monday April 19, 2010.

President Kelsas stated all Board members are renewed with IAPD.

President Kelsas requested a change to the Agenda putting Item 2.2 before Item 2.1.

Communications, Presentations & Declarations

Public Comments/ Participation

President Kelsas presented Paul Heffernan a certificate of appreciation from the Park District of La Grange for all his time servicing the ice rink this winter. President Kelsas thanked him for making the ice as smooth as glass by using

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his ice brush. Paul volunteered to be in charge of the volunteers for next season.

Jim Boo, 1327 Mason La Grange, read his letter of interest for Board Commissioner as was mailed to Director Bissias. A copy of the letter is attached. He stated he believes in transparency and controlled spending. He asked the Board to look at the election numbers as this was the will of the people.

Rose Naseef, 911 S. Stone La Grange, asked the Board to initiate more recycling in the parks and the Rec Center. She recommended a waste and surface audit. She also expressed her concern about the loss of green space when parks are developed and hoped for a zero net loss. Her website is gogreenlagrange.org.

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Penicook motioned to approve Item 3.1 Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of February 18, 2010; Item 3.2 Approval of the Minutes of the Executive Session Meeting of February 18, 2010; Item 3.3 Acceptance of the Financial Report dated February 28, 2010; Item 3.4 Approval of the Consolidated Vouchers for March dated March 18, 2010. Commissioner Ashby seconded the motion, which passed unanimously on a Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

Staff Reports

Director Bissias acknowledged a misprint in Item 9 of his staff report. The report says 6 candidates and it should read only 5 candidates.

Director Bissias thanked staff for putting the budget together.

President Kelsas asked about a nutrition policy for the concession stand. Laura Gallagher stated healthier food was introduced however very little was bought.

Attorney Report

None

Treasurer Report

Treasurer Steve Paczolt reviewed the cash position of the Park District, and stated there are healthy balances in the accounts. He stated the Doings article

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was incorrect regarding the OSLAD grant. Treasurer Paczolt stated correctly the Park District must put out up to \$800,000 and then ask for up to \$400,000 back from the state.

Action Items

Approval of Section 820 Employee Position Classification and Compensation Plan

Commissioner Walsh motioned to approve Section 820 Employee Position Classification and Compensation Plan. Commissioner Ashby seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

Approval of SEASPAR IMRF Amendment to Joint Agreement

Director Bissias stated Sue Friend of SEASPAR would be at next month's meeting to discuss this agreement. Commissioner Penicook motioned to table this motion until next month. Commissioner Walsh seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

First Reading of the General Operations Budget for 2010-2011

Commissioner Penicook motioned to put the General Operations Budget for 2010-2011 on display. Commissioner Ashby seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Voice Vote.

Approval of IDNR Project Agreement (OSLAD grant for Gordon Park)

Commissioner Kelsas motioned to approve the IDNR Project Agreement as stands. Commissioner Ashby seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

Board Business

Approval of Lyons Township Agreement

President Kelsas stated the distribution to the Park District from the Lyons

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Township Bond issue was \$508,000. The agreement is under review by the attorney at this time. President Kelsas stated next month a revised plan for Denning Park that covers the specifics of the bond would be reviewed as well as the documents.

Board Discussion Item “Appointment of Commissioner for remainder of Commissioner Metzger’s term”.

President Kelsas thanked Jim Boo, Julie Workman, Brad Belcaster, James Fornaciari, and Daniel Shoemaker for expressing interest in filling the remainder of Commissioner Metzger’s term. The candidate would serve until the elected candidate from the April 5, 2011 election is inducted on May 2011.

President Kelsas asked for a 5 minute recess.

President Kelsas stated the interview process would be discussed at a later time.

Discussion of MBO’s for 2010-2011

The Board decided the MBO meeting would take place Monday March 22, 2010 at 7 P.M. at the Rec Center.

Committee Reports

Administration Committee

Commissioner Walsh distributed a letter to the board members covering the policy for transparency documents. He stated a policy statement was difficult to compose. Attorney Bush stated currently there are changes to the law.

Marketing Committee

Director Bissias stated a save the date postcard was mailed to residents reminding them of upcoming events and summer camps.

Finance and Capital Projects Committee

Budget meeting is scheduled for Monday April 12, 2010.

Recreation Committee

Commissioner Ashby stated the survey is still being developed.

Board Member Comments

Commissioner Ashby stated the Park District should work with Paul Heffernan for good ice. Commissioner Ashby stated it would be nice to be a leader in the community regarding the environment. He also stated he is looking forward to the Easter Egg Hunt at Denning Park on March 27, 2010.

President Kelsas thanked those in attendance. He stated he liked the direction of Rose Naseef and the environment. President Kelsas stated he would look at the IAPD missions regarding nutrition, obesity, mental health as it pertains to healthier people using our parks.

Executive Session

At 9:00 P.M. Commissioner Walsh motioned the Board convene to Executive Session pursuant to Item 11.1 Potential Claims and/or Litigation, 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) 11; Item 11.2 Acquisition, Lease and/or Disposition of Real Property, 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(5&6); Item 11.3 Selection of New Commissioners 5ILCS 120/2c3. Commissioner Walsh seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

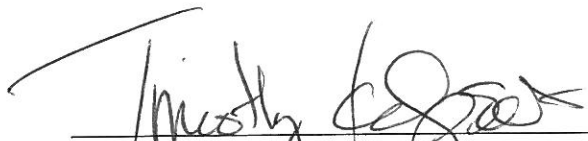
The Board Meeting resumed at 10:09 P.M.

There were no action items from Executive Session to vote on.

Adjournment

Commissioner Walsh moved for adjournment at 10:14 P.M. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ashby and carried.


Constantine Bissias, Secretary


Tim Kelsas, President

Approved 04/19/2010