

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF THE PARK DISTRICT OF LA GRANGE, ILLINOIS
536 EAST AVE, LA GRANGE, ILLINOIS**

OCTOBER 14, 2024

President Opyd called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Commissioners Posey, Weber, Opyd
Commissioner Lacey arrived at 6:02 P.M.

ABSENT: Commissioner Vear

STAFF PRESENT: Executive Director Jenny Bechtold
Director of Finance Jamie Hollock
Director of Recreation Kevin Miller

OTHERS PRESENT: Attorney Derke Price
Rose Naseef
Mark Thoms
Brad Carter

President Opyd welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked for any announcements or changes to the agenda and there were none.

Communications, Presentations & Declarations

Public Comments (Board Manual Section #152)

None

2023-2024 Audit Presentation by Lauterbach & Amen, LLP

Jamie Wilkey from Lauterbach & Amen stated she was in attendance to present the comprehensive financial report for April 30, 2024. She provided a brief overview of the audit process and reported that this year once again resulted in a clean audit opinion, reflecting tremendous and outstanding work.

Consent Agenda

President Opyd asked for a motion to approve Item 3.1 Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of September 9, 2024; Item 3.2 Approval of the Financial Reports dated September 30, 2024; Item 3.3 Approval of the Consolidated Vouchers for October dated October 31, 2024.

The motion was so moved by Commissioner Posey, seconded by Commissioner Weber, and passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote.

AYES: Commissioners Posey, Weber, Lacey, Opyd

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NAYES: None
ABSENT: Commissioner Vear

Staff Reports

Executive Director Jenny Bechtold

- Director Bechtold presented her report to the Board, providing an update on the LeaderShop and sharing the unfortunate news that they will be suspending their services and have requested an early termination of their lease. Staff will work with the LeaderShop and provide an update to the Board next month.

Director of Finance, Jamie Hollock

- Director Hollock presented her report.

Director of Recreation Kevin Miller

- Director Miller presented his report.

Attorney Report

No Report

Treasurer Report

No Report

Action Items

Discussion and/or Possible Vote on an Ordinance Providing for the Issue of Not To Exceed \$410,000 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds, Series 2024, of the Park District of La Grange, Cook County, Illinois, for the Payment of Land Condemned or Purchased for Parks, for the Building, Maintaining, Improving and Protecting of the Same and the Existing Land and Facilities of the Park District, to Provide the Revenue Source for the Payment of Certain Outstanding Bonds of said Park District, and for the Payment of the Expenses Incident Thereto, Providing for The Levy of a Direct Annual Tax to Pay the Principal and Interest on said Bonds, and Authorizing the Sale of said Bonds to the Purchaser Thereof

AYES: Commissioners Weber, Posey, Lacey, Opyd
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Commissioner Vear

Board Business

Old Business

None

New Business

Discussion and/or Approval of FY23/24 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report

AYES: Commissioners Posey, Weber, Lacey, Opyd
NAYES: None

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ABSENT: Commissioner Vear

Committee Reports

Administration Committee

No report currently.

Parks and Facilities Committee

No report currently.

Recreation & Cultural Programming Committee/ Arts & Cultural Affairs Committee

Commissioner Posey stated that she has a couple of ideas, and she will be connecting with Director Bechtold.

Public Comments (Board Manual Section #152)

None

Board Comments

Commissioner Posey thanked Jamie Hollock, Director of Finance and her staff for jumping in and completing the audit.

Commissioner Lacey thanked the public for coming out and the staff for their hard work.

President Opyd thanked Jamie Hollock for participating in the audit. He thanked the Recreation Department for the upcoming events and know it is a busy time of year.

Commissioners Weber had no comments.

Executive Session

President Opyd stated that there would be an executive session to discuss 12.4 Personnel, 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1)

The motion was so moved by Commissioner Weber at 6:29 P.M. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lacey and passed by Roll Call as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Weber, Lacey, Posey, Opyd

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Vear

The Board resumed the regular meeting at 6:59 P.M.

Adjournment

Commissioner Weber moved for an adjournment at 6:59 P.M. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lacey, which passed unanimously by Voice Vote.

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Brian Opyd, President

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Jennifer Bechtold, Board Secretary

Approved November 11, 2024