# MINUTES OF THE RESCHEDULED 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

#### **OCTOBER 6, 2014**

#### President Penicook called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

Commissioners Penicook, Lacey, Walsh, Ashby

ABSENT:

Commissioner Lynch

STAFF PRESENT:

Executive Director Dean Bissias, Superintendent of Facilities Chris Finn, Superintendent of Recreation Laura Gallagher, Superintendent of B.A.S.E. Leanna

Hartung, Recording Secretary Ginger Zeman

OTHERS PRESENT:

Attorney Jim Rock, Residents Charles & Peggy Gilbert

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

## Public Hearing Concerning the Intent of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Park District of La Grange, Cook County, Illinois to Sell Not to Exceed \$320,000 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds (BINA Hearing)

President Penicook stated the General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds are also called roll-over bonds, which are used for the purpose of covering part of the original construction costs to renovate the Recreation Center, construction costs for Phase 1 of Gordon Park and the balance applied to capital budget projects.

There were no letters, communications or public attending for comments, therefore President Penicook closed the BINA Hearing.

#### Communications, Presentations & Declarations

Public Comments\Participation (Board Manual Section #152)
None

#### Consent Agenda

Commissioner Ashby motioned to approve Item 3.1 Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of September 8, 2014; Item 3.2 Approval of the Executive Session Meeting of September 8, 2014; Item 3.3 Approval of the

Financial Report dated September 30, 2014; Item 3.3 Approval of the Consolidated Vouchers for October dated October 6, 2014. Commissioner Walsh seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES:

Commissioners Lacey, Penicook, Walsh, Ashby

NAYS:

None

ABSENT:

Commissioner Lynch

#### **Staff Reports**

Update on Gordon Park Project

Director Bissias stated the parking along Tilden Avenue is complete. He is waiting for the final numbers and he believes it will be under budget.

#### *Update of other Park District Matters*

Director Bissias stated Lemont Park District was asking to join SEASPAR. The SEASPAR Board will make the decision.

Director Bissias stated District 105 would like to use Sedgwick Park Little League A & B fields for a makeup tournament this Thursday October 9, 2014. There was Board consensus to allow them to use it.

Director Bissias reminded the Board he would be in Charlotte, NC next week attending the National Park and Recreation Conference.

#### Staff Comments

Superintendent of B.A.S.E. Leanna Hartung stated attendance has increased in every school for the B.A.S.E. program.

Superintendent of Recreation Laura Gallagher invited the Board to our annual Halloween Party on Friday October 24, 2014 from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. There are 5 sponsors at this time.

Superintendent of Facilities Chris Finn stated the building is busy with the fall programs. He stated the Cure Network was here last month and serviced over 550 persons for health benefits. President Penicook added they were impressed with the space and would love to rent the building again next year. They were also very complimentary of Superintendent of Facilities Finn and Facility Rental Coordinator Katie Walsh. This event had a great impact on the community and fulfilled part of the Park District mission.

Director Bissias informed the Board that Recreation Supervisor Kevin Miller released our tennis contractor. Our attorney got involved when they were still trying to use our tennis courts. We are in the process of hiring a new

contractor. Commissioner Ashby recommended offering previous lesson holders a discount to come back to our classes when they begin again.

#### **Attorney Report**

None

#### **Treasurer Report**

None

#### **Action Item**

Discussion and/or Approval of Second Amendment to Commercial Lease Agreement Between Park District of La Grange and Community Extension Project, Inc.(now doing business as CEP Youth LeaderShop, Inc.)

After Board discussion, Commissioner Walsh motioned to approve the second amendment to the commercial lease agreement between Park District of La Grange and Community Extension Project, Inc. (now doing business as CEP Youth LeaderShop, Inc.). Commissioner Lacey seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Voice Vote.

Discussion and/or Approval of PDRMA Ergonomic Policy and Training Guide Commissioner Walsh stated this document is confusing and if necessary the Board should approve this document now and edit it later. There was Board consensus to do this. Commissioner Walsh motioned to approve the PDRMA Ergonomic Policy and Training Guide. Commissioner Ashby seconded the motion, which passed by Voice Vote.

Discussion and/or Approval of PDRMA Land Acquisition Environmental Review Program

After Board discussion, Commissioner Lacey motioned to approve the PDRMA Land Acquisition Environmental Review Program. Commissioner Walsh seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Voice Vote.

Use of Little League A & B fields at Sedgwick Park by St. Francis
Director Bissias stated he was approached by resident Jim Farnan to use the
Sedgwick Park Little League lighted outfields for St. Francis football practice for
the next 3 weeks. Director Bissias stated he would review the minutes to look
for any clauses with the Little League agreement. President Penicook requested
the lights off at 7:30 P.M. Commissioner Ashby wanted the neighbors notified.
If these parameters are met, the Board would give consensus for St. Francis to
use the Little League fields.

Board Business Old Business

None

#### **New Business**

None

#### Committee Reports

Administration Committee
None

Public Relations Committee

Commissioner Lacey stated there is a new reporter for the La Grange area Chicago Tribune Trib Local. Her name is Stephanie Baer.

Finance Committee & Capital Projects Committee None

*User Group Committee*None

#### **Public Comments**

Director Bissias asked the residents attending tonight, Charles and Peggy Gilbert, to report to the police anyone dumping garbage at the Community Center as there has been a problem at that location.

#### **Board Comments**

Commissioner Lacey stated the Cure Network event had so many positives for the Park District and for them. Everyone she spoke with even enjoyed themselves standing in line. She added she would love the Park District to someday earn an award from IPRA as we have a wonderful staff.

Commissioner Walsh was very happy to hear about the success of the Cure Network event and hoped we would accommodate them again next year. He commented those with provider healthcare may underestimate those who have not. This event was no cost to us but a significant benefit for those who needed it.

Commissioner Ashby agreed with Commissioner Walsh's comments about the Cure Network event. He stated the Community Nurse Rocktoberfest was a success at Gordon Park. He stated the landscapers hired for the Denning Park and Gordon Park projects were disappointing. He thanked staff for all their hard work.

President Penicook volunteered at the Cure event and stated the doctors and volunteers were well taken care of at the rest station and at the gathering afterwards. The staff was pleasant to work with as they helped others.

#### **Executive Session**

At 7:40 P.M. Commissioner Walsh motioned the Board convene to Executive Session pursuant to Item 12.5 Selection of a Person to Fill a Vacancy of a Public Officer 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(3). Commissioner Lacey seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES:

Commissioners Walsh, Lacey, Penicook, Ashby

NAYES:

None

ABSENT:

Commissioner Lynch

The Regular Board meeting resumed at 8:03 P.M.

Board Secretary Dean Bissias announced the resignation of Commissioner Rob Lynch.

#### Adjournment

Commissioner Lacey moved for adjournment at 8:03 P.M. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Walsh and passed unanimously by Voice Vote.

Mary Ellen Penicook, President

Constantine Bissias, Secretary

Approved 11/17/2014