

**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**

**OCTOBER 13, 2015**

**President Penicook called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M.**

PRESENT: Commissioners Penicook, Walsh, Vear, Ashby, Lacey\*

ABSENT: None

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Attorney Rob Bush, Jeff Braun from Cody, Braun & Associates, Chris & Mason Burns

\* Commissioner Lacey arrived at 7:12 P.M.

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

**Communications, Presentations & Declarations**

*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 \$325,000 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds for the Payment of Land Condemned or Purchased for Parks, for the Existing Land and Facilities of the District and for the Payment of the Expenses Incident Thereto. (Bina Hearing)*

President Penicook opened the Public Hearing concerning the intent of the Park District to sell not to exceed \$325,000 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds. There were no letters, communications or public attending for comments, therefore President Penicook closed the BINA Hearing.

At 7:05 P.M. Commissioner Ashby motioned to close the BINA Hearing. Commissioner Vear seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Penicook, Ashby, Walsh, Vear

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Lacey



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### *Public Comments/Participation (Board Manual Section #152)*

Chris and son Mason Burns, 345 8th Avenue La Grange, were inquiring about a dog park for our village. Director Bissias explained the Park District Board would have to change our policy to allow dogs in our parks. He felt there were no feasible areas in any of our parks as of now as the larger parks are taken up by athletic groups. He stated a dog area would have to be fenced, maintained, policed and a fee would have to be charged for users. This decision would have to be up to the Board. Mason Burns suggested an area by the Lyons Township High School North Campus soccer practice fields. The land borders the railroad tracks and is not a Park District property. It was decided Chris and Mason Burns would champion the cause and the Park District would guide them and contact Lyons Township High School about the open space.

### **Consent Agenda**

Commissioner Walsh motioned to approve Item 3.1 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of September 8, 2015; Item 3.2 Approval of the Financial Report dated September 30, 2015; Item 3.3 Approval of the Consolidated Vouchers for October dated October 13, 2015. Commissioner Lacey seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

### **Staff Reports**

#### *Director's Report*

#### *Report on Bids for the Replacement of the Parking Lot at the Recreation Center (536 East Avenue)*

Jeff Braun of Cody Braun & Associates stated the Recreation Center parking lot project went out for bid to 11 contractors and 3 of them returned the bid packet. The lowest bid was Accu Paving for a cost of \$73,250. In our Capital Budget for this year \$100,000 was allocated for this project. If problem areas are found under the current surface, there would be sufficient funds to rectify the problem. The project would be done in 3 days without closing the building.

#### *Report on Bids for the Replacement of Waiola Park Pathway*

Jeff Braun of Cody Braun & Associates stated the lowest bid for the Waiola Park pathway was from Crowley Sheppard for a cost of \$58,500. With Board approval, this project would begin Monday October 19, 2015. Director Bissias stated flyers would be distributed to the neighborhood informing them of the project.

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

Superintendent of Recreation Laura Gallagher informed the Board of the annual Halloween Party on Friday October 23, 2015. Volunteers are still



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needed. Please contact Laura Gallagher or Diana Faught to volunteer.

President Penicook asked if there was a response to Sterling Topol's letter in the board packet regarding the condition of the Sedgwick and Gordon Park tennis courts. Director Bissias stated he would respond to Sterling Topol now as he did not attend this meeting.

Superintendent of Recreation Gallagher discussed the decrease in enrollment for the fitness classes. She is researching and may need to look at a change with what the Park District is doing. President Penicook hoped to review this again next month.

Superintendent of Finance Leynette Kuniej stated there are more students registered this year than the capacity for the BASE program. Most families want the shortened school day on Wednesdays, however BASE needs to accommodate the children for the full week and not just the Wednesday drop ins.

Commissioner Ashby was happy about the positive revenue for Endless Summer. Director Bissias explained once a \$60,000 profit has been reached, the excess profit would be split 50/50 between the contributors and there would be guaranteed reserve money for the following year without taking it out of our funds.

Commissioner Vear questioned if drones are allowed in our parks. Director Bissias explained our policy does not allow any radio controlled planes in our parks. Drones come under that category. Policy can always be changed by the Board if discussed.

### **Attorney Report**

Attorney Rob Bush updated the Board regarding the Denning Park drainage. Easement agreements for drainage are being looked at by the Village, the property owner and the Park District. Attorney Bush stated he would give the Board answers at a later date.

### **Treasurer Report**

None

### **Action Items**

*Discussion and/or Approval of Bids for the Replacement/ Resurfacing of the Parking Lots at 536 East Avenue (Recreation Center)*

Commissioner Ashby motioned to approve the bid from Accu Paving for the replacement of the parking lots at 536 East Avenue (Recreation Center) with a not to exceed price of \$73,250. Commissioner Vear seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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NAYES: None  
ABSENT: None

*Discussion and/or Approval of bids for the Replacement of the Walking/Jogging Pathway at Waiola Park*

Commissioner Walsh motioned to approve the bid from Crowley Sheppard for the replacement of the walking/jogging pathway at Waiola Park for a cost not to exceed \$58,500. Commissioner Walsh seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

**Board Business**

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

None

**Committee Reports**

*Administration Committee*

None

*Public Relations Committee*

None

*Finance & Capital Project Committee*

None

*User Group Committee*

None

**Public Comments (Board Manual Section #152)**

None

**Board Comments**

Commissioner Vear stated he received positive feedback from different user groups regarding the field conditions.

Commissioner Walsh commented it is desirable to live up to legal obligations. He is eagerly awaiting the final numbers from the CURE weekend. Superintendent of Facilities Chris Finn stated they are waiting longer to



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compile the data. President Penicook stated the CURE Network would most likely not be returning here next year. She added that they appreciated our facility but may look for a permanent facility to use.

Commissioner Ashby agreed with President Penicook as to researching why the enrollment for the fitness programs is decreasing.

President Penicook was glad to hear the BASE program has been so popular. She informed the Board the Meadowbrook Manor renovation is progressing quickly. She reminded the Board that Meadowbrook agreed to give land to the Park District for a small tot lot. She wanted the Board to think about this for the Capital Budget for next year.

**Executive Session**

At 8:01 P.M. Commissioner Vear motioned the Board convene to Executive Session pursuant to Item 12.5 Review of Closed Executive Session Minutes, 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(21). Commissioner Walsh seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

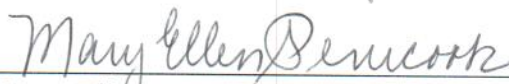
AYES:	Commissioners Penicook, Ashby, Walsh, Vear, Lacey
NAYES:	None
ABSENT:	None


The Regular Board Meeting resumed at 8:02 P.M.

Commissioner Walsh motioned to release no further Executive Minutes. Commissioner Lacey seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Voice Vote.

**Adjournment**

Commissioner Walsh moved for adjournment at 8:02 P.M. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ashby and passed unanimously by Voice Vote.

  
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Mary Ellen Penicook, President

  
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Constantine Bissias, Secretary  
Approved 11/09/2015