

**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**

NOVEMBER 19, 2009

President Kelsas called the meeting to order at 7:37 P.M.

PRESENT: Commissioners Penicook, Ashby, Kelsas, Metzger**,
Walsh*

ABSENT: None

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Attorney Rob Bush, Thom Rae, Shawanna McGee,
Maurice McGee, Tom Cushing, Ann Hileman, Mike
Zahorik, Tom Riley, Dan Lombardi, James Pluta

* Commissioner Walsh arrived at 7:46 P.M.

** Commissioner Metzger arrived at 8:20 P.M.

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

President Kelsas stated the Objectors of the Gordon Park lawsuit distributed their proposal. The Park District of La Grange Board met Sunday evening, November 15, 2009, at a special meeting to discuss this proposal. Commissioner Penicook read the Park District response. A copy is attached.

Commissioner Walsh arrived at 7:46 P.M.

Communications, Presentations & Declarations

Addresses from the Audience

President Kelsas stated the Park District received a letter from Shawana McGee and the Caring Place Outreach thanking us for providing a place to promote leadership and literacy for children. Shawana McGee gave a presentation about the Caring Place and introduced the CEO Minister Maurice McGee, her son

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Nathan McGee, and Ann Hileman. She explained about 25-40 children come to the Community Center after school for a safe haven where volunteers tutor, teach music and art and help them succeed in life. She stated on December 5, 2009 there is an appreciation luncheon at 1:00 P.M. at the Community Center. She would like a representative from the Park District of La Grange to attend as they would be receiving an award.

Commissioner Penicook motioned to move 8.1 La Grange Little League Requests, 8.2 La Grange Men's Handball Request and all sub parts, after 2.1 Communications, Presentations and Declarations. Commissioner Walsh seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Voice Vote.

Thom Rae, editor of Lagrangetoday.com, 4601 Maple Avenue Brookfield, asked the board for their comments on today's court hearing. President Kelsas told him to contact our attorney.

Board Business

La Grange Little League Requests

Adding a Field at Waiola Park

Tom Cushing, President of La Grange Little League, updated the Board on current projects and future ideas for the use of Sedgwick, Gordon, and Waiola parks. He asked for a temporary field to be constructed in Waiola Park north of the basketball courts for the 8 year old teams due to the league's increasing numbers as well as the possibility of Gordon Park fields being under construction. He stated the estimate cost would be \$5-6000 and they would like to start in March or April. President Kelsas stated park usage for AYSO must be considered before putting this as an action item.

Naming Fields at Gilbert Park

Tom Cushing asked the Board to consider dedicating the two fields at Gilbert Park in memory of two men, Bob Burson and Jack Yelnick, who made substantial contributions to our community and park. President Kelsas stated as of now, the board does not have a policy for naming rights. This will be put as an action item next month.

Commissioner Metzger arrived at 8:20 P.M.

La Grange Men's Handball Request

Mike Zahorik, a member of the La Grange Men's Handball Club, thanked the Park District for permitting them to continue their Christmas Tree Sale at the Gordon Park handball courts. He stated they would like to replace the metal

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storage shed with something more permanent. He shared a diagram showing location and tentative design. Commissioner Metzger appreciated the request but felt they should maintain what they have for now until there is a decision made regarding Gordon Park.

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Metzger motioned to approve Item 3.1 Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of October 22, 2009; Item 3.2 Approval of the Minutes of the Executive Session Meeting of October 22, 2009; Item 3.3 Acceptance of the Financial Report dated October 31, 2009; Item 4.4 Approval of the Consolidated Vouchers for November dated November 19, 2009. Commissioner Penicook seconded the motion, which passed unanimously on a Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Penicook, Walsh, Kelpsas, Ashby, Metzger
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

Staff Reports

Laura Gallagher stated over 70 resumes from well qualified candidates were received so far for the Recreation Supervisor job opening. She also stated the new winter/spring program book was delivered to residents today. Katy Penacook's photographs are featured on the front cover.

Attorney Report

None

Treasurer Report

None

Action Items

Approval of SEASPAR Levy Request

Commissioner Walsh motioned to approve the SEASPAR Levy Request. Commissioner Penicook seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

Approval of Ordinance 09-08, Ordinance Levying and Assessing Taxes of the Park District of La Grange (Tax Levy Ordinance for 2009 Tax Levy Year)

Commissioner Metzger motioned to approve Ordinance 09-08, Ordinance

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Levying and Assessing Taxes for 2009 for the Park District of La Grange. Commissioner Penicook seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

Approval of Ordinance 09-09, Ordinance Directing the Cook County Clerk to Reduce the Park District of La Grange Real Estate Tax, Levy Year 2009 (Recreation Fund)

Commissioner Walsh motioned to approve Ordinance 09-09 directing the Cook County Clerk to reduce the Park District of La Grange Real Estate Tax, Levy Year 2009 (Recreation Fund). Commissioner Penicook seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

Approval of Ordinance 09-10, Abatement of Taxes for Levied Year 2009 to Pay Debt Service on General Obligation Park Bonds (Alternative Revenue Source)

Commissioner Metzger motioned to approve Ordinance 09-10, abatement of taxes for levied year 2009 to pay debt service on General Obligation Park Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source). Commissioner Ashby seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

Approval of Ordinance 09-11, Sale of General Obligation Bonds for \$280,000 Non-Referendum General Obligation Limited Tax Bonds

Commissioner Walsh motioned to approve Ordinance 09-11, sale of General Obligation Bonds for \$280,000 non-referendum General Obligation limited tax bonds. Commissioner Penicook seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

Approval of New Changes to Superintendant of Recreation Job Description

Commissioner Penicook motioned to approve the new changes to the Superintendant of Recreation job description. Commissioner Ashby seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Voice Vote.

Approval of New Changes to Assistant Superintendent of Recreation Job Description

Commissioner Metzger motioned to approve new changes to Assistant Superintendent of Recreation job description. Commissioner Penicook seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Voice Vote.

Approval of New Changes to Early Childhood Supervisor Job Description

Commissioner Metzger motioned to approve new changes to the Early Childhood Supervisor job description. Commissioner Walsh seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Voice Vote.

Approval of New Changes to Recreation Supervisor Job Description

Commissioner Metzger motioned to approve new changes to Recreation Supervisor job description. Commissioner Penicook seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Voice Vote.

Approval of Specific Items in Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2009-2010

After discussion over specific items in the Capital Budget, President Kelsas requested Item 10 Banquet Facility Renovation be moved to Board Business 8.5 to discuss further. Commissioner Walsh motioned to give Director Bissias spending authority for; Line item #1 Master Planning/Legal for \$250,000; Line item #2 Balance for Replacement of HVAC for \$8,000; Line item #4 Balance for Financial Software Upgrades for \$1,210; Line item #6 Reserve for Unforeseen Expenses for \$10,000; Line item #9 Computers Unforeseen for \$5,000. Commissioner Ashby seconded the motion, which passed by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

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Board Business

Review of 2010 Monthly Board Meeting Dates

After review of the meeting dates, Commissioner Penicook motioned to accept the 2010 Monthly Board Meeting Dates. Commissioner Walsh seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Voice Vote.

Review of updated Suspense Calendar

Director Bissias explained the changes in the suspense calendar were to compensate for items the Board has added. There was a positive Board consensus on the updated calendar.

Banquet Room Renovations

Commissioner Penicook stated the expenditures for renovating the banquet room would produce more revenues. She stated a portable dance floor, dark walls with sconces for pleasing light, possibly can lighting, dark carpeting with pattern to hide stains would be requested for the renovations. The Board discussed the ideas and decided many questions needed to be answered for next month.

Committee Reports

Administration Committee

None

Marketing Committee

None

Finance and Capital Projects Committee

None

Recreation Committee

None

Board Member Comments

None

Commissioner Walsh motioned to extend the meeting past 10:00 P.M. Commissioner Penicook seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Voice Vote.

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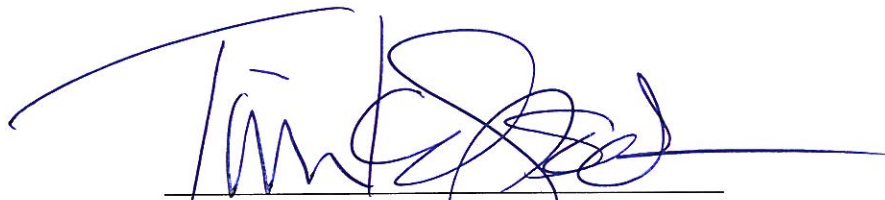
Executive Session

At 10:01 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 Personnel, 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1). Commissioner Metzger seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Voice Vote.

The Board Meeting resumed at 11:10 P.M.

Adjournment

Commissioner Walsh moved for adjournment at 11:11 P.M. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Penicook and carried.



Tim Kelsas, President



Dean Bissias, Secretary

Approved 12/17/2009