

**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**

**MAY 8, 2017**

**Commissioner Walsh called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.**

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

ABSENT: Commissioner Penicook

STAFF PRESENT: Executive Director Dean Bissias, Superintendent of Facilities Chris Finn, Superintendent of Finance Leynette Kuniej, Superintendent of BASE Leanna Hartung, Superintendent of Recreation Kevin Miller, Recording Secretary Ginger Zeman

OTHERS PRESENT: Attorney Rob Bush, Karel Jacobs

\*Commissioner Ashby attended the meeting telephonically.

Commissioner Walsh welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked for changes to the agenda.

Commissioner Vear motioned to allow Commissioner Ashby to attend the meeting telephonically. Commissioner Lacey seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Voice Vote. Commissioner Ashby is out of town on business.

**Communications, Presentations & Declarations**

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

None

*Swearing in of Elected Officials/ Commissioners*

*Robert Ashby, Robert Vear, and Karel Jacobs*

Director Bissias administered the oath of office to Robert Ashby, Robert Vear and Karel Jacobs. He congratulated the new and returning commissioners.

*Thank You Presentation to Chris Walsh for His 12 Years of Dedicated Service to the Park District*

Director Bissias thanked Chris Walsh for his 12 years of service to the Park District. He presented him with a park district long sleeve shirt with his years of service embroidered on it and a recognition award. Director Bissias stated

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Chris did a great job guiding the Park District and it was a pleasure to work with him.

Director Bissias welcomed Commissioner Jacobs and stated Commissioner Vear would be running the meeting tonight.

### **Consent Agenda**

Commissioner Lacey motioned to approve Item 3.1 Approval of the Public Hearing Meeting of April 10, 2017; Item 3.2 Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of April 10, 2017; Item 3.3 Approval of the Financial Report dated April 30, 2017; Item 3.4 Approval of the Consolidated Vouchers for May dated May 8, 2017. Commissioner Vear seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Vear, Ashby, Lacey, Jacobs  
NAYES: None  
ABSENT: Commissioner Penicook

### **Staff Reports**

#### *Director's Report*

##### *Update on the Construction of the PDLG Fitness Center*

Director Bissias stated he hoped the rain would cease so the roof could be completed. The contractors are working on the tile and carpeting. Originally the project was to be completed by Memorial weekend but now it will be the middle of June.

##### *Update on Fitness Center Naming*

Director Bissias hoped a name for the fitness center would be decided next month. Commissioner Jacobs suggested "The Village Fitness Center". Commissioner Lacey suggested the "Fritz Ploegman Fitness Center".

##### *PARC Grant Extension*

Director Bissias stated he was granted the extension for the PARC Grant. He was instructed by the grant officials to ask for any extra grant money when the project is finished.

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

The La Grange Pet Parade is Saturday June 3, 2017. Volunteers are needed and Benny the Bull will be there to join the Park District.

##### *Staff Comments*

Superintendent of BASE Leanna Hartung stated the butter braid fundraiser raised \$2,280 for summer camp scholarships. She stated there is only 21.5 days of school left.

Superintendent of Recreation Kevin Miller stated the Rec Dept. is busy



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wrapping up the winter/spring season. He stated a fitness center survey would be emailed tomorrow morning. It will help him finalize our offerings. There will be seven questions regarding the fitness center.

Superintendent of Finance Leynette Kuniej stated the auditors will be coming tomorrow morning to audit the grant project. The audit is required to be submitted with our requests for payment. We will be submitting 50% of the grant amount by the end of the month.

Superintendent of Facilities Chris Finn stated there have been a lot of soccer and baseball rainouts and he is moving dates around. It is getting slower in the building in the summer months. The recreation center begins shortened hours Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend, including the front desk.

Commissioner Vear asked about the new field. Superintendent of Facilities Finn stated new material was used for the infield and it does not flood. Commissioner Jacobs asked who makes the decisions about using the fields. Chris stated he decides if fields are useable and if it should be cut. He goes out a few times a day to check on them.

Commissioner Vear was surprised Jujitsu had the most participants. Superintendent of Recreation Miller stated there are 80-95 participants.

### **Attorney Report**

Attorney Rob Bush stated the pending litigation has gone from the Appellate Court to the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court is out of session until next week. They then will decide if they will hear the case. If they choose not to hear it, the case will be over and we could accurately report to the developer there is no pending litigation.

### **Treasurer Report**

None

### **Action Items**

#### *Discussion and/or Possible Vote on a New Park District Phone System Agreement*

Director Bissias presented the phone agreement with a few slight changes from last month. There is a final list of the components included in the agreement. It is a 5-year lease with an option to buy the system for \$1 at the end of the lease. There is a warranty for the first year and a service agreement begins after that for a fee. IPRA would pay their share of the bill. Superintendent of Finance Leynette Kuniej stated there are many new features and it will include phones for the fitness center. The funds will come from the operational budget instead of the capital budget. Commissioner Vear motioned to accept the new Park District phone system agreement from Blue Wire. Commissioner Jacobs

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seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Vear, Ashby, Lacey, Jacobs

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Penicook

### *Discussion and/or Possible Vote on Individual Line Item Adjustments for the 2016-2017 General Operation Budget*

Superintendent of Finance Leynette Kuniej explained to the Board that she needed permission to adjust a few line items over budget to those items under budget to make it a clean audit. Commissioner Lacey motioned to approve line item adjustments for the 2016-2017 General Operations Budget.

Commissioner Jacobs seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Vear, Ashby, Lacey, Jacobs

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Penicook

## **Board Business**

### **Old Business**

None

### **New Business** (Preparation for June)

*Nomination of Board President*

*Nomination of Board Vice President*

*Nomination of Board Secretary*

*Nomination of Treasurer*

Director Bissias stated he put the nomination information on the agenda in preparation for the June meeting. The Board needs to make nominations in June and vote in July. Commissioner Ashby added that historically Director Bissias remains as the Board Secretary and former Commissioner Robert Metzger remains as the Board Treasurer.

## **Committee Reports**

*Administration Committee*

None

*Public Relations Committee*

Director Bissias informed Commissioner Lacey that Katie Palermo may contact her regarding information about the fitness center for the LT newspaper.

*Finance & Capital Project Committee*

None



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*User Group Committee*

None

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

None

**Board Comments**

Commissioner Jacobs stated she is pleased to be part of the Board and serving in any capacity. She praised the Board for the phenomenal job they do. She loves La Grange and she hopes to make things better.

Commissioner Lacey suggested there should be a 2nd vice president in cases like today when Commissioner Ashby is not here.

Commissioner Ashby liked Commissioner Lacey's suggestion. He welcomed Commissioner Jacobs to the Board and apologized for not being there tonight. He thanked Commissioner Walsh for serving on the board the past 12 years. It was a pleasure to work with him.

Commissioner Vear welcomed Commissioner Jacobs and looks forward to the future. He stated he has not worked with Commissioner Walsh for all of the 12 years, however, he will miss his twisted humor. Commissioner Vear stated it looks like Freya Smith will be instrumental with the fitness center offerings and asked if the Board could meet her. Superintendent of Recreation Kevin Miller will invite her to meet the Board. He stated that the face of the fitness center will be the fitness supervisor once hired. Freya is running her business under the Park District.

Commissioner Lacey passed out information for the food giveaway this Saturday.

Commissioner Vear advised the Board of a picture being distributed among La Grange residents of homeless people drinking beer by the splash pad. Director Bissias stated if you see something like that in our parks, call the police.

Commissioner Jacobs asked if the information for the fitness center is on the website. Superintendent of Recreation Kevin Miller stated that before the next meeting there will be additional information on the website about the fitness center.

Commissioner Vear asked when we would start promoting the fitness center. Director Bissias stated we will not promote the fitness center until it is completed. There will be giveaways for the Pet Parade saying the fitness center is coming this fall.

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Commissioner Vear asked for an update on purchasing the ComEd property next door. Attorney Bush will ask Attorney Jim Rock for an update.

**Executive Session**

None

**Adjournment**

Commissioner Lacey moved for adjournment 7:51 P.M. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ashby and passed unanimously by Voice Vote.



Constantine Bissias, Secretary

*Approved 06/12/2017*



Mary Ellen Penicook, President