



PARK DISTRICT
of OAK PARK

Park District of Oak Park
Regular Board Meeting
Hedges Administrative Center
218 Madison Street
Oak Park, IL 60302

Thursday, July 29, 2021, 7:30pm

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Lentz, Wick, Wollmuth, Worley-Hood, and President Porreca.

Park District Staff present: Jan Arnold, Executive Director; Chris Lindgren, Superintendent of Parks and Planning; Mitch Bowlin, Director of Finance; and Karen Gruszka, Executive Assistant.

Others Present: None.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made to approve the agenda. **The motion was passed by a roll call vote 4:0.**

III. VISITOR/PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Wick and seconded by Commissioner Wollmuth to approve the Consent Agenda, which includes the approval of Cash and Investment Summary and Warrants and Bills for the month of June, 2021; approval of minutes from the Committee of the Whole Meeting, June 3, 2021, the Board Retreat June 15, 2021, and the Regular Board Meeting, June 17, 2021. **The motion passed by a roll call vote 5:0.**

V. STAFF REPORTS

A. Director's Report

Jan Arnold, Executive Director, informed the Board that our pools have been very busy and we are planning for our change in the schedule beginning August 16, when the high school begins and we lose staff. The pools have had two audits with Ellis and both received Exceeds. Camps are running smoothly and will run through August 20, and there are two one-day camps for schools out. Movies in the Parks is doing well, Black Panther is the next scheduled movie on August 19, as well as the Concerts in the Park with over 300 people last weekend; the EASC members are running the zero waste booth during the concerts. We hope to hear regarding the Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation grant for \$1.5M in September. The Parks Foundation is gearing up for the September 18, kickoff event for the CRC. The fall brochure is out and registration for residents will take place on July 31, with non-resident registration taking place on August 7. The mask mandate looks to be changing for indoor spaces and will mostly affect the Administrative Center and the adult programs with Cook County strongly encouraging them. And lastly, the Board will have a six month budget update at the August 19, Regular Board Meeting.

B. Division Managers' Reports (Updates & Information) – Written Report Included in Board Packet.

C. Revenue/Expense Status Report – No questions asked.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Recreation and Facility Program Committee – None

B. Parks and Planning Committee

1. Capital Improvement Plan 2022-2026

Commissioner Worley-Hood motioned and Commissioner Wick seconded for the Park Board of Commissioners to approve the 2022-2026 Capital Improvement Plan. Executive Director Arnold reminded the Board of the discussion that took place at the Board Retreat and at the July Committee of the Whole Meeting and briefly ran through the planned projects during the 2022 period. The Board discussed if there could be additions to the plans if funds became available and Executive Director Arnold responded that the plan is was a very fluid plan but that discussion would need to take place at a Board Meeting for any changes to the plan to be approved. **The motion passed with a roll call vote of 5:0.**

C. Administration and Finance Committee – None

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. 2nd Quarter Performance Measures Review

Greg Stopka, Manager of Strategy & Innovation, reminded the Board that we started quarterly performance measures seven years ago, measuring how the District has been performing and that staff meet quarterly to review and use the information gathered. Greg then presented to the Board information on keeping the Park District financially strong and improving our infrastructure including: strategic plan goals versus budget goals, fund balances, volunteers, the Parks Report Card, and utility usage and savings from our green initiatives. **No Board approval is needed on this item.**


IX. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

- **Commissioner Worley-Hood** – Said how good it was to see all the kids back in activities in our parks.
- **Commissioner Wick** – Attended the FOPCON meeting and stated it was great to see everyone in person and they had a very successful garden walk. He appreciated all the information in the CIP and the detailed line items. He also mentioned how surprised he is as he reads social media the amount of questions people ask that are answered on our webpage. The Board briefly discussed how to further market our web page.
- **Commissioner Wollmuth** – Mentioned that AYSO is moving on with their regular season but they are having a terrible time getting volunteers and volunteer coaches and also they have noticed a decline in registration and trying to figure its reason. He also mentioned discussions he has had with a person interested in bringing green space to the area near the hospital.
- **Commissioner Lentz** – Stated that Festival Theater’s Tempest was a great play and had sold out its first weekend and wanted to thank staff for their help with the bathroom for the Tempest in August Gardens and their work in customer service.
- **President Porreca** – Stated that Covid is back and the Board discussed the preparations for the District.

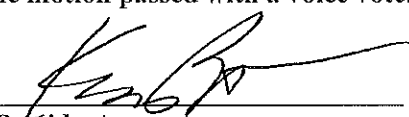
X. CLOSED SESSION - None

XI. Adjourn the Regular Board Meeting

At 8:21pm the Regular Board meeting was adjourned. **The motion passed with a voice vote.**



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