



Park District of Oak Park
Committee of the Whole
Oak Park Conservatory
615 Garfield Street
Oak Park, Illinois
Thursday, October 3, 2013

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:35pm.

I. Roll Call

Present: Commissioners Guarino, Lentz, Wick, and President Bullock. Commissioner Aeschleman was absent.

Park District Staff present: Jan Arnold, Executive Director; Maureen McCarthy, Superintendent Recreation; Bill Hamilton, Superintendent of Revenue Services; Mike Grandy, Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds; Kyle Cratty, Director of Finance; Diane Stanke, Director of Marketing & Customer Service; Helen Vogel, Cheney Mansion Supervisor; Mike Lushniak, Aquatic and Rink Manager; Jackie Sturtz, Aquatic and Rink Program Coordinator; and Karen Gruszka, Executive Assistant.

Others Present: Don McKay, Nagle Hartray and Dan Jordan, AYSO.

II. Building and Grounds/Facility Maintenance Committee

A. Cheney Mansion Greenhouse Architectural Services

Executive Director Arnold reminded the Board of the Cheney Mansion Greenhouse discussion at the September Committee of the Whole Meeting and presented the two scopes of work provided by Nagle Hartray. The Board agreed that after the Fall Park Tour that options they had been hoping for would not work and had consensus for moving forward with Option A for \$42,000. This will be put on the regular agenda at the October Regular Board Meeting.

B. Greening Advisory Committee Representative Nominations*

Executive Director Arnold informed the Board of current openings on the Greening Advisory Committee. Two residents, Adrian Fisher and McLouis Robinet, approached the GAC expressing interest in becoming part of the committee. They have attended GAC meetings and the Greening Advisory Committee feel both would be an attribute to the GAC. This will be put on the consent agenda at the October Regular Board Meeting.

III. Recreation and Facility Program Committee

A. AYSO Update

Dan Jordan, AYSO, updated the Board on the 150 teams, 9 divisions and over 2,500 players involved in AYSO. He explained the problems incurred by shortages of fields, how they also have to go out of the community to play games, the increasing numbers in adult soccer, and their new VIP program for special needs participants that had previously been unable to play. He thanked the District for all their work on the fields from seeding, new sprinkler systems and the new synthetic turf fields placed at Irving and planned at RCRC. He questioned if during the D97 contract discussions if it would be possible to get more field space and if the Park District would be able to take "ownership" of the care of D97's fields. The Board thanked him for his report, AYSO's collaboration, and stated what a wonderful opportunity they are providing with their new VIP program. No action by the Board is necessary for this item.

B. Annual Pool Report*

Bill Hamilton, Superintendent of Revenue Facilities, Mike Lushniak, Aquatic and Rink Manager; and Jackie Sturtz, Aquatic and Rink Program Coordinator presented the 2013 Pool Report. The report included discussion of: decreased revenues due in part to one pool closing and the weather, new swim lesson schedules at the high schools, Ellis audits, camps, the new concession

window, the new play feature, and the summer staff volunteer party. The Board had questions regarding plans for the 2014 season including continued swim lessons at the high schools, programs, and the RCRC pool opening. The Board thanked them for the report. No action is needed by the Board on this item.

C. Annual Program Scholarship Report*

Scott Sekulich, Customer Service Manager, briefly ran through his report as well as informing the Board of the increase in scholarship funds allocated, a total of \$20,705 had been given as of September 2013. Scott confirmed that \$8,000 of that sum was given by the Township towards the scholarships and that \$23,000 is being put into the 2014 scholarship fund budget. Scott explained how working with D97's free lunch program, their counselors, and the schools really helped market the availability of the scholarships; as well as the new change in the split to 75/25 increased participation. The Board stated how pleased they were with the increase in our scholarships, thanked Scott for his work and stated their hopes for the continued success of the program. No action is needed by the Board on this item.

D. Pleasant Home Free Day*

Executive Director Arnold informed the Board that Pleasant Home had approached the District with the request to move their current free day from Fridays to Wednesdays. The State requires a museum to provide 52 days a year free of charge. As Cheney Mansion currently has *Walk In Wednesdays*, it was felt it would be a good tie-in throughout the District. This will be put on the consent agenda at the October Regular Board Meeting.

IV. Administration and Finance Committee

A. Budget & Appropriation Ordinance Update

Executive Director Arnold informed the Board that after the second budget meeting scheduled on Thursday, October 17, the budget and appropriation ordinance would be made available to the public for 30 days prior to the Board's voting on it at the November Regular Board Meeting. No action is needed by the Board on this item.

B. Community Service Award Nominations Update

Executive Director Arnold confirmed that the nominations have been finalized and the award plaques have been ordered. The Community Service Awards will take place in the February 2014, Regular Board Meeting. No action is needed by the Board on this item.

V. New Business

None.

VI. Executive Session

None.

VII. Adjournment

At 8:16pm a voice vote was taken to adjourn the Committee of the Whole. **Motion carried in a voice vote 4:0.**


Secretary
Board of Park Commissioners

November 21, 2013

Date


President
Board of Park Commissioners

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