



**Park District of Oak Park
Regular Board Meeting
Hedges Administrative Center
218 Madison Street, Oak Park, Illinois
Thursday, July 17, 2014 at 7:30pm**

Minutes

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

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Guarino, Lentz, Wick, and President Bullock. Commissioner Aeschleman arrived at 7:33pm.

Park District Staff Present: Jan Arnold, Executive Director; Kyle Cratty, Director of Finance; Mike Grandy, Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds/Facility Maintenance; Bill Hamilton, Superintendent of Revenue Services; Diane Stanke, Director of Marketing and Customer Service; Maureen McCarthy, Superintendent of Recreation; Chris Lindgren, Asst. Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds/Facility Maintenance; Scott Stewart, Conservatory Manager; Scott Sekulich, Customer Service Manager; and Karen Gruszka, Executive Assistant.

Others Present: Josephine Bellalta, Altamanu, Inc.; Don McKay and Eric Penny, Nagle Hartray; Joan Fiscella, League of Women Voters; and residents.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made to approve the agenda. **The motion was passed by a voice vote.**

III. VISITOR/PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Guarino and seconded by Commissioner Wick to approve the Consent Agenda, which includes the Cash and Investment Summary and Warrants and Bills for the month of June; Continued Board Meeting Minutes, June 5, 2014, Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes, June 5, 2014, Regular Board Meeting Minutes, June 19, 2014, and Executive Session Meeting Minutes, June 5, 2014. **The motion passed with a roll call vote of 4:0.**

V. STAFF REPORTS

A. Director's Report

Jan Arnold, Executive Director, updated the Board on RCRC's punch list, Cheney Mansion greenhouse's construction, the Comprehensive Master Plan and the use of the Community Survey's results being used to prioritize projects, the Community Survey's completion with an excellent result of 2,268 returned, Lindberg Park construction, expansion of the swimming program with D200, and the work beginning at the 947 Ridgeland property.

B. Division Managers' Reports (Updates & Information): Scott Sekulich, Customer Service Manager, presented current updates to the Board on staff and ongoing projects and achievements.

C. Revenue/Expense Status Report – None

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Recreation and Facility Program Committee – None

B. Buildings and Grounds/Facility Maintenance Committee

1. Rehm Pool Master Plan*

Commissioner Aeschleman moved and Commissioner Lentz seconded that the Park Board of Commissioners approve the Rehm Pool Master Plan as part of the District's pool master planning process. Executive Director Arnold reminded the Board of the two Community Meetings that were held along with the two surveys put out to the community, with the second survey receiving 165 responses. Don McKay and Eric Penny, Nagle Hartray, showed a presentation to review the options with the Board. They confirmed that the lazy river received the most votes as an amenity with the tube slides receiving the most votes for apparatus. Thus, a plan combining those two most favored items was created. The Board questioned phasing, costs, the surveys and the possibility of bringing back the high dive. Nagle Hartray informed the Board that due to safety issues and the new guidelines, there was not enough depth in the pool to allow the high dive but would evaluate a three meter board. **The motion passed with a roll call vote of 5:0.**

C. Administration and Finance Committee – None

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Art Advisory Committee Update

Maureen McCarthy, Superintendent of Recreation, and AAC liaison, updated the Board on the activities taking place within the AAC including: the restored Mars paintings will be hung in the Library for the month of August and a reception will be held August 3. Stipends have been given to three artists to create small scale models of an art piece which would be located in front of the GRC. The models will be used for fundraising.

2. Six Month Review Conservatory Budget

Scott Stewart, Conservatory Manager, reviewed the Conservatory's past six months with the Board including: visitors, revenue, the gift shop, plants, FOPCON, staff, operations costs, and management of operations. Scott explained the savings generated by the work of FOPCON volunteers for the Park District per hour for their work they do in the parks and Conservatory. He also informed the Board of upcoming plans for the Conservatory and goals including programming, organizational structuring, renegotiating of the P.A.C.T. Agreement with FOPCON and contributions. The Board felt it was a very inclusive report and thanked him.

3. Conservatory Master Plan and Professional Services Fees

Executive Director Arnold reminded the Board of the East Garden plan that had been approved and the upcoming Garfield improvements to the front of the Conservatory along with the costs of the professional services fee. Josephine Bellalta, Altamanu, Inc., presented the plans to the Board for the two projects. The Board questioned bike rack placement, plants, and the fencing.

4. Austin Gardens EEC Professional Services

The VOP is currently out to bid on the green alley and will be placing the sewer and water lines into the park to work with the renovation of the Austin Gardens project. The professional fees breakdown will be coming to the Board in the August 21, Regular Board Meeting, for approval along with the design of the facility.

5. Trash Truck Replacement Update

The Park District is currently out to bid for the trash truck that was discussed by the Board at the March 6, Committee of the Whole Meeting. The bids will be opened on July 30, and brought to the Board at the August 21, Regular Board Meeting. The Board questioned the possibility of working with the VOP on trash pickup and were informed that it had been looked into but the VOP picked up less frequently and the cost was greater than a purchase of a trash truck by the District.

VIII. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

- **Commissioner Aeschleman** – Thanked the staff for the switching of the Falcon tournament to the RCRC turf. It was a great event and was very impressive to the out of town teams which attended. He also informed the Board that the participants of the IGOV meeting were in support of a retreat for all the governing Boards on October 25, along with the BBQ directly following. OPYBS and AYSO were very excited in regards to receiving their field assignments earlier.
- **Commissioner Guarino** – Has been attending the open skates and is pleased to see the great numbers of participants attending the events. He also questioned if we might partner with the Art District on maintenance of their green areas.
- **Commissioner Lentz** – Attended a benefit for Festival Theatre for their 40 year anniversary and shared a commemorative poem from the event.
- **Commissioner Wick** – Asked about the possibility of holding a 14" softball tournament on the turf or a Frisbee golf tournament which their proceeds could be put towards the replacement turf fund.
- **Commissioner Bullock** – No comment.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION – None.

X. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:05pm the Regular Board meeting was adjourned. The motion passed with a voice vote.



Secretary
Board of Park Commissioners

August 21, 2014

Date



President
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