



**Park District of Oak Park  
Regular Board Meeting  
Oak Park Conservatory  
615 Garfield Street, Oak Park, Illinois  
Thursday, October 23, 2014 at 7:30pm**

**Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 7:32pm.

**I. ROLL CALL**

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

**Park District Staff Present:** Jan Arnold, Executive Director; Kyle Cratty, Director of Finance; Diane Stanke, Director of Marketing and Customer Service; Maureen McCarthy, Superintendent of Recreation; Bill Hamilton, Superintendent Revenue Facilities; Chris Lindgren, Asst. Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds/Facility Maintenance; Travis Stephen, Sports Field Manager; Mike Lushniak, Program & Operations Manager; and Karen Gruszka, Executive Assistant.

**Others Present:** Daniel Grove, Public Research Group; Tom Kindler, AYSO; Brian Endless, OPYB/S; and Joan Fiscella, League of Women Voters.

**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 September; Committee of the Whole Meeting minutes September 11, 2014, Regular Board Meeting minutes September 18, 2014, Budget Session Meeting minutes September 25, 2014, Executive Session Meeting minutes September 11 and 25, 2014; and Disposal Ordinance 2014-10-01. **The motion passed with a roll call vote of 5:0.**

**V. STAFF REPORTS**

**A. Director's Report**

Jan Arnold, Executive Director, updated the Board on the upcoming presentation for the OSLAD Grant for Euclid Square in Springfield, the move out of 218 Madison, the installation of our new phone system, the Master Plan which is reviewed every 10 years – taking place next year, Barrie Park timeline, Austin Gardens timeline and grant, Carroll Park renovation, Fox improvements, and the D97 IGA.

**B. Division Managers' Reports (Updates & Information):** Mike Lushniak, Program and Operations Manager-RCRC, 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 - None
- C. Administration and Finance Committee

- 1. Comprehensive Master Plan Update\*

**Commissioner Guarino informed the Board that Daniel Grove would be giving an update of the Comprehensive Master Plan to the Board.** Mr. Grove ran through the comments from the three community meetings which took place including: the possibility of using the tennis courts for dual purposes, basketball courts, prioritization of vacant sites in Oak Park and within the Madison Street master plan, the need for an indoor recreation center and indoor pool, bike paths, and the fitness punch pass. The Board questioned deliverables in the plan and was assured that the plan would have a timelines and would be reported annually. This will come before the Board in December for more discussion and approval. **No motion was required.**

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. **AYSO Update**

Tom Kindler, AYSO, updated the Board on the number of participants involved in AYSO, the breakdown in age groups, and the VIP program. He also informed the Board on the training of their refs, the Chicago Fire game and tailgate, and the leagues' use of fields outside of Oak Park which they wish were less. Looking forward, they want to continue their ref's trainings and certification, initiating a mentoring system, working on better field utilization within AYSO, the use of Lindberg Park field again, and the possibility of making the two-day playoffs more of a community-wide event. The Board questioned how parents behaved during the games and if AYSO had heard from anyone regarding the artificial turf. Tom responded that the parents were well behaved during the games for the most part which they followed very closely and that they had not heard any negative remarks regarding the turf. The Board thanked him for his report, AYSO's collaboration, and stated what wonderful opportunities that they provide the youth of the community not only for play but with employment opportunities as refs for the games. **No motion was required.**

- 2. **OPYB/S Update**

Brian Endless, President OPYB/S, updated the Board that this would be his last year giving the report, he then went on to share the past year's numbers in both baseball and softball, the use of fields outside of Oak Park for their fall ball league and Pony, and successes including the softball tournament where they are hoping to get better field use on the Friday night of the tournament. He stated they were pleased with the fields with no complaints for the turf field, and were looking forward to the D97 fields improving should the IGA-Sports Maintenance get approved. In the future they would like to work with the PDOP on possible locations for more batting cages which helps with the lack of practice space and stated their displeasure with the PACT Agreements breakdown for OPYB/S. The Board questioned the parent's behavior for baseball and was assured that Code of Conduct information was given to each parent listing the penalties if not followed. The Board also asked if girls could play baseball and were informed that they could. **No motion was required.**

- 3. **PDOP/D97 IGA Field Maintenance**

Executive Director Arnold reminded the Board of the long history of cooperation between D97 and the District and the desire to create a mutually beneficial environment for the sports fields. D97 will cover direct costs including the personnel and the cost of a new mower. This would not include hardscapes, benches, backstops, and does not include anything but the actual sports field. There is no money being made from this IGA, it is strictly one for one exchange. The Board questioned the extraordinary costs, the use of the PDOP's IPM, and the cost of watering. The Board was informed any extraordinary costs would be brought back to D97, and that per the school board's no pesticide rule, excessive seeding and watering would be used with D97 covering their water use. **This will be brought back to the Board at the November Committee of the Whole Meeting.**

**VIII. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**

- **Commissioner Aeschleman** – Thanked both Tom and Brian for all their work they do as volunteers, and stated he is continually surprised by the non-stop use of RCRC turf and is looking forward to the I-Gov assembly on October 25.
- **Commissioner Guarino** – Thanked staff for all of their work on another successful FLW race and for their work on the I-Gove slides. He also reiterated the surprise and pleasure at seeing the continual use of Irving turf even long after dark.
- **Commissioner Lentz** – Had a great time attending twelve sessions at the NRPA conference gathering information to share, "just great ideas and innovations happening out in the field".
- **Commissioner Wick** – Echoed the FLW race thanks, stating he just enjoyed it so much and the great atmosphere at the finish line. He suggested taking out a page in the newspaper for marketing purposes so that there is one place we could advertise our events and let the community know about important meetings.
- **Commissioner Bullock** – Thanked the affiliates for taking the time to come in and report to the Board and is looking forward to hearing the results from their trip to Springfield on the Euclid Square grant presentation.

**IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION - None**

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:59pm the Regular Board meeting was adjourned. **The motion passed with a voice vote.**

  
Secretary  
Board of Park Commissioners

November 20, 2014  
Date

  
President  
Board of Park Commissioners

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