



**Park District of Oak Park
Regular Board Meeting
Oak Park Conservatory
615 Garfield Street, Oak Park, Illinois**

Thursday, April 16, 2015 at 7:30pm

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:30p.m.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Guarino, Lentz, and Wick. President Bullock arrived at 7:35 and Commissioner Aeschleman arrived at 7:36.

Park District Staff present: Jan Arnold, Executive Director; Kyle Cratty, Director of Finance; Maureen McCarthy, Superintendent of Recreation; Scott Sekulich, Customer Service Manager; and Karen Gruszka, Executive Assistant.

Others Present: Joan Fiscella, League of Women Voters; Kassie Porreca; Marty Farmer, WJ; 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

Erin Duffy, 806 N. East Avenue – Stated she is a girl scout and is involved with advanced outdoor activities. She knows the Park District has an eco-ranger camp but she would like the Park District to offer more adventure programs for older teens. She would like to see field trips offered to the Morton Arboretum and weekend camping/canoeing trips. Those types of offerings will give teens an opportunity to build their confidence while keeping them active.

Ellen Morgan, 1008 Cuyler Avenue – Is in the same Girl Scout troop as Erin and they are both going for their Gold Badge which is the equivalent to the Eagle Scout rank in Boy Scouting. She wanted to suggest that the Park District look into using apps such as *Remind* to contact teens about programming as that is the best way to communicate with teens and reach them. She hopes the Park District can incorporate more adventure programs and to start reaching them by the technology they use.

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 March, 2015; Committee of the Whole Meeting minutes, March 5, 2015, Regular Board Meeting minutes, March 19, 2015, Executive Session minutes, March 5, 2015; and the Bi-Annual Executive Session Minutes Review and Release from February 5, 2015. **The motion was passed by a roll call vote of 5:0.**

V. STAFF REPORTS

A. Director's Report

Executive Director Arnold informed the Board of the two community meetings held for the Julian/Brooks Middle School Fields Project at which the overall response had been positive. The

project/IGA is going before the D97 Board on April 28, and for their final approval on May 5. This evening's meeting will be continued should the D97 Board approve the project/IGA, it can then come before our Board at the May 7, Continued Regular Board Meeting. The VOP has begun their work at Stevenson and fencing is up. The VOP attorney is working with the PDOP attorney to create an IGA for this project for approval by both Boards. The first floor staff has been moved into 218, with the second floor moving in on Monday, and the Buildings and Grounds staff moving in the following week. On April 24, we will be holding a joint Arbor Day event with the VOP at the monument at Scoville Park where the announcement will be made regarding the Village's arboretum status, with trees being planted in its honor.

B. Division Managers' Reports (Updates & Information): Scott Sekulich, Customer Service Manager, presented updates and information to the Board. The Board asked questions regarding the new Fenwick open gym including the amount of passes sold for it and hours it is being held.

C. Revenue/Expense Status Report – None

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Recreation and Facility Program Committee – None

B. Buildings and Grounds/Facility Maintenance

1. **MOU – Middle School Fields Project**

Commissioner Aeschleman moved and Commissioner Lentz seconded that the Park Board of Commissioners approve the Park District of Oak Park's and D97's Memo of Understanding for the Middle School Fields project. Executive Director Arnold reminded the Board of past discussions regarding the Middle School Fields Project, the partners funding the project, the move of PDOP funds from the Stevenson Park project to this project, and the projected schedule. The Board agreed there had been much discussion and were glad of the groups coming forward to make it happen. The Board wanted to make sure residents were being informed of the community meetings as well as an IGA also being created; which the Executive Director Arnold confirmed. **The motion passed with a roll call vote of 5:0.**

C. Administration and Finance Committee - None

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Open Meetings Act Update**

This item was moved to the Regular Board Meeting being held Thursday, May 21.

VIII. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

- **Commissioner Aeschleman** – Enjoyed the public meetings and said that opening day for OPYB was this weekend and lots of kids were out and it should be a great weekend.
- **Commissioner Guarino** – Was happy to hear about the Fenwick open gym and the passes sold so far and hoped to keep it going. He informed the Board that he had talked as a citizen to the Village Manager and a VOP Board Member to confirm a possible gym in the Madison Street plan and what was needed to make it happen. He also stated that he was concerned with OPRF's possible recommendation to move the girls' softball field to Triton for the pool renovation and was wondering if we could work with the high school to keep this from happening.
- **Commissioner Lentz** – Informed that Pleasant Home's new Board members coming in have rejuvenated its Board and they are working on more programming to bring people into the home including a gaming exhibition as a fundraiser with collectors.
- **Commissioner Wick** – Thanked Jessica for her leadership when he first started. It seemed daunting at first but was pleased to have worked with her and thanked her for all she had done for the Park District and residents.

- **President Bullock** – Wanted to say thank you to everyone, she enjoyed the committees she's been on and the Board through the past few years and feels they have accomplished a lot. Staff are remarkable and it's been her pleasure working in the community.

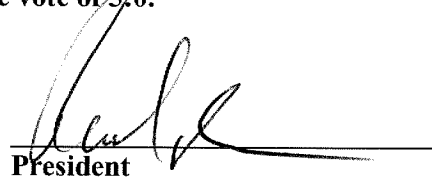
IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

X. CONTINUE REGULAR BOARD MEETING

At 8:01p.m. a motion was made by Commissioner Lentz and seconded by Commissioner Wick to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting. **The motion passed a voice vote of 5:0.**


Secretary
Board of Park Commissioners

May 21, 2015
Date


President
Board of Park Commissioners

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