



**Park District of Oak Park
Annual Park Board Retreat
Cheney Mansion
230 N. Euclid, Oak Park, Illinois
Tuesday, July 14, 2015**

Minutes

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:02pm by President Aeschleman.

II. Roll Call

Present: Commissioners Guarino, Wick, Porreca and President Aeschleman. Commissioner Lentz attended via phone.

Park District Staff Present: Jan Arnold, Executive Director; Bobbi Nance, Senior Manager of Strategy and Innovation; and Karen Gruszka, Executive Assistant.

Others Present: Barbara Heller; Sasaki.

III. Review Strategic Initiatives

Barbara Heller guided the Board through the strategic initiatives from the past Strategic Plan for updating. The Board updated many aspects of the plan including changing Customer Focus to Community and Customer Focus and changing Ongoing Infrastructure and Maintenance Enhancements to Quality Infrastructure Management. These and the other changes in the strategic initiatives will be brought to the staff for their input.

IV. Review/Confirm 2016-2018 CMP Goals

Discussion took place on the Comprehensive Master Plan and all agreed it was still valid with the strategic initiatives just completed. The Board pointed out that prioritization is important as well as sustainability in our parks and the continued gathering of information regarding the feasibility of a gym facility.

V. Financial Discussion

Discussion took place regarding the implications of money withheld by the state via grant withholding and a potential tax freeze, the increasing costs of the agency, and the Park District's goal of 50/50 balance between revenue and taxes by 2020. The Park District is continuing to look at new revenue sources, e.g., two new afterschool sessions have been opened and new programs are looking to grow by 3% in 2019. Looking into new grants will also continue. The Board stressed they wanted alternative plans besides revenue growth to handle upcoming financial situations.

VI. New Business

No New Business.

VII. Adjourn

At 4:50pm the meeting adjourned.



Secretary
Board of Park Commissioners

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