



**Park District of Oak Park  
Regular Board Meeting  
Hedges Administrative Center  
218 Madison Street, Oak Park, Illinois**

**Thursday, September 24, 2015 at 7:30pm**

**Minutes**

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

**I. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Commissioners Lentz, Guarino, Porreca, Wick and President Aeschleman.

**Park District Staff present:** Jan Arnold, Executive Director; Mike Grandy, Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds; Diane Stanke, Director of Marketing & Customer Service; Chris Lindgren, Assistant Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds; Kyle Cratty, Director of Finance; Maureen McCarthy, Superintendent of Recreation; Bill Hamilton, Superintendent of Revenue Services; Paula Bickel, Director of Human Resources; Bobbi Nance, Senior Manager of Strategy & Innovation; and Karen Gruszka, Executive Assistant.

**Others Present:** 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 Wick and seconded by Commissioner Guarino to approve the Consent Agenda, which includes the Cash and Investment Summary and Warrants and Bills for the month of August, Regular Board Meeting minutes from August 13, 2015, and the new Park District logo. **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 following information: An update on the Middle school projects and she confirmed that all users have been communicated with; an RCRC update and the upcoming meeting with Stantec for humidity issues in October; the October 3, Park Board Tour; splash pad closings along with water irrigations systems for the winter; and Mike Grandy's retirement after 39 years – as a dedicated part of the Park District, he has been a great support, and is hopeful that he will have an enjoyable retirement! The NRPA Conference had eight staff and two board members attend the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual NRPA Conference where we received National Accreditation with a 100% score (only five park districts in the Illinois have achieved accreditation). Jan then gave the history that in 1965 the Park District of Oak Park was a finalist for the gold medal award and in 1966 won the gold medal and stated that we were happy to announce the Park District of Oak Park was honored to win this most prestigious award at the 2015 NRPA Conference; one of four districts that have won all three awards – the state accreditation, national accreditation and the gold medal. She invited all to stay for the small celebration after the meeting and to take pictures with the Gold Medal.

**B. Division Managers' Reports (Updates & Information):** Kyle Cratty, Director of Finance, presented updates and information to the Board.

**C. Revenue/Expense Status Report** – No questions asked.

## **VI. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Recreation and Facility Program Committee** – None

**B. Buildings and Grounds/Facility Maintenance**

1. **Collaboration for Early Childhood Care & Education Agreement**

**Commissioner Lentz moved and Commissioner Guarino seconded that the Park Board of Commissioners approve the Agreement with the Collaboration for Early Childhood Care & Education and a funding allocation of \$6,500.** Executive Director Arnold reminded the Board of the relationship and history of the Collaboration for Early Childhood Care & Education with the pre-school, play school, and pre-kindergarten teachers, in the Park District. **The motion passed with a roll call vote of 5:0.**

**C. Administration and Finance Committee** – None

## **VII. NEW BUSINESS** – None

## **VIII. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**

- **Commissioner Lentz** – Spoke about the excitement of being at the NRPA Conference and winning the awards and that the community should be proud.
- **Commissioner Guarino** – Congratulated Mike on his retirement especially since it ties in with the Gold Medal as both staff and board members from the past and present have made winning it possible: Congratulations to all!
- **Commissioner Porreca** – Congratulated Jan and staff and is very proud to have been elected onto the Board of the Park District and stated, "This is not something you can cram for, every level of our practices in our agency have to be in place to achieve this award." She also attended the WSSRA Board Meeting, and the Park District will be hosting the Falling For Our Stars fundraiser; she attended the grand opening of the East Garden which was a beautiful ceremony and also noted that Elsie Jacobsen's granddaughter was a former student of hers; and finally, she attended the FOPCON meeting and they are ecstatic about the new garden and our now working on their 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.
- **Commissioner Wick** – Wanted to reiterate what his peers had stated and wanted to say how great the staff is and congratulated Mike on his retirement. He stated, "everyone here has some type of success from these awards and it was a great collaboration among staff and their coming together and he is humbled to be a part of it."
- **President Aeschleman** – Congratulated Mike on retiring and thanking him for his tremendous contribution. He stated, "Winning the Gold Medal award is great motivation and inspiration showing social equity and diversity." He also thanked the tax payers who passed a referendum that allowed for resources to be available to make this happen and for all those who attended our programs and use our parks. He attended the Community Forum last week with Anan from the VOP and felt it was a great opportunity to meet residents and answer their concerns. Lastly, he mentioned that Miller Meadows Dog Park had opened and it looks like a nice place for dogs to run.

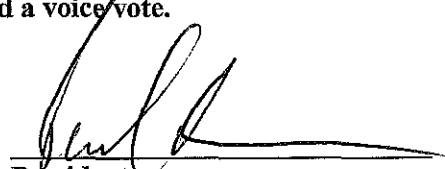
## **IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION** – None

**X. CONTINUE REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

At 7:55p.m. a motion was made by Commissioner Guarino and seconded by Commissioner Wick to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting. **The motion passed a voice vote.**

  
Secretary  
Board of Park Commissioners

October 22, 2015  
Date

  
President  
Board of Park Commissioners

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