



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

Thursday, October 22, 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/Facility Maintenance; Chris Lindgren, Assistant Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds/Facility Maintenance; Kyle Cratty, Director of Finance; Mike Lushniak, Program & Operations Manager; 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 Lentz 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 3, 2015; Special Board Meeting minutes September 3, 2015; Regular Board Meeting minutes September 24, 2015, and the Disposal Ordinance 2015-10-01. **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 construction at the Austin Gardens Environmental Education Center, Julian and Brooks turf fields construction, the signage ordered for both entrances, the participants, both Board and staff, attending the Legal Symposium, fountains and exterior restrooms closing down for winter, the addition of the googly eyes in our park trees, the scheduled burn in Austin Gardens to take place in November, and the \$1,000 gift from a resident for the tree tagging for identification of different species.

B. Division Managers' Reports (Updates & Information): Mike Lushniak, Program & Operations Manager, presented updates and information to the Board.

C. Revenue/Expense Status Report – The Board questioned if it was possible to track purchases with Oak Park vendors and was told that it was currently being looked into.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Recreation and Facility Program Committee – None

B. Buildings and Grounds/Facility Maintenance

1. Custodial Contract Bid Awards

Commissioner Guarino moved and Commissioner Wick seconded that the Park Board of Commissioners approve the bid from Crystal Maintenance of Mount Prospect, IL, for Section I and Section III for a combined yearly cost of \$32,820.00, and also accept and approve the bid from Eco Clean of Elmhurst, IL for Section II for a yearly cost of \$25,680.00; totaling a yearly cost of \$58,500. Executive Director Arnold reminded the Board of the RFP for the Custodial Contract for seven recreation centers. Six firms had shown interest during the pre-bid tour and two complete bids were obtained. Based on the bid results, the contract will be handled between the two companies. Crystal Maintenance, Mt. Prospect, IL, will do groupings I and III and Eco Clean, Elmhurst, IL, will do grouping II. All references came back positive and the District is happy that there are two companies which allows for backup if needed. **The motion passed with a roll call vote of 5:0.**

C. Administration and Finance Committee

1. PDOP and Austin Gardens Fund Agreement

Commissioner Wick moved and Commissioner Lentz seconded that the Park Board of Commissioners approve the Park District of Oak Park and Austin Gardens Fund Agreement with the Oak Park River Forest Community Foundation. Executive Director Arnold reminded the Board of Kristin Carlson Vogen's, President/CEO, Oak Park River Forest Community Foundation, presentation to the Park Board where she had informed them of missed opportunities to take their distribution money for upkeep and projects within Austin Gardens annually per the contract. This is now the contract coming forward that clearly states the annual distribution for the Park District. The Board had no questions. **The motion passed with a roll call vote of 5:0.**

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. PlanItGreen Report

Gary Cuneen, Executive Director, Seven Generations Ahead, provided the PlanItGreen report card for sustainability in Oak Park and River Forest. After explaining the project's background, what the Community Sustainability Report Card is, and congratulating the District on the national awards, Mr. Cuneen discussed the following from the report: trends and metrics including how we did on energy, transportation, education, waste, and water, alignment with Regional Plans and the future. The Board discussed many aspects of the report and how the District as well as the community could improve. The Board thanked Mr. Cuneen.

2. IAPD Membership Update

Executive Director Arnold informed the Board of the controversy that is taking place down in Springfield with the current President & CEO's salary and IMRF benefits. WSSRA is currently looking at not renewing their IAPD/IMRF partnership due to the controversies along with a few other agencies in the state of Illinois as a message. The Board was asked if they felt that the PDOP should continue being a part of IAPD. Discussion took place on the good that IAPD does, the trainings that they provide and our ability to still take part in those if not a member. The Board confirmed they wished to remain part of the IAPD but that they would like a letter written on the boundaries they feel IAPD should be following for the good of all park districts.

3. IDOT Noise Wall Update

Executive Director Arnold informed the Board that she had attended the October 15, IDOT planning meeting for the 290 expansion where the noise walls were discussed. She explained that a vote was coming up where the Park District would receive votes for their properties affected by the expansion to say if we wanted noise barriers or not. She requested that a noise module be brought to the next

meeting prior to the vote to show what the difference would be with or without the noise barriers. The Board was invited to attend this last meeting prior to the vote and said she would keep them updated.

VIII. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

- **Commissioner Lentz** – Informed the Board that Festival Theatre will be putting on two performances at the 19th Century Club and that they had also received a two-year \$5,000 grant. Sandy also complemented the beds at Scoville Park.
- **Commissioner Guarino** – Worked registration for the FLW races where the registrants seemed highly motivated to come back next year. He also attended the AYSO and OPYB annual meetings where talk took place on the PACT and how to reserve practice space and allocation; discussions will continue.
- **Commissioner Porreca** – Attended the D97 Dr. Kelly introduction social, the WSSRA meeting and the WSSRA fundraiser at Cheney Mansion which was a really nice event.
- **Commissioner Wick** – Volunteered at the FLW races and stated it was a well-run event.
- **President Aeschleman** – Also volunteered at FLW races and suggested some ideas on barricades for next year's races. He attended the baseball meeting and will be attending the I-ECO meeting.

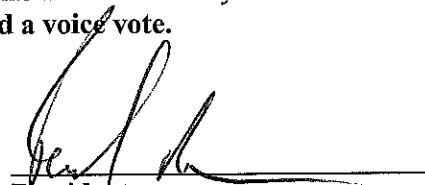
IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION – None

X. Adjournment

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

November 19, 2015
Date


President
Board of Park Commissioners

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