



**PARK DISTRICT  
of OAK PARK**

**Park District of Oak Park  
Regular Board Meeting  
Hedges Administrative Center  
218 Madison Street, Oak Park, Illinois  
Thursday, November 19, 2015 at 7:30pm**

**Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 7:40pm.

**I. ROLL CALL**

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

**Park District Staff Present:** Jan Arnold, Executive Director; Kyle Cratty, Director of Finance; Mitch Bowlin, Finance Manager; Maureen McCarthy, Superintendent of Recreation; Chris Lindgren, Asst. Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds; Chad Druke, Program Manager; and Karen Gruszka, Executive Assistant.

**Others Present:** Joan Fiscella, League of Women Voters; Tom Kindler, AYSO; and Tim Ferraro, OPYBS.

**II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion was made to approve the agenda. Executive Arnold informed the Board of a correction to the location of the meeting. She informed them that the correct notice of the location had been put on the web, news outlets were informed of the correct location, signs and been placed at the other location, a person was stationed at the other location to direct any residents to this location, and this meeting was delayed for the possibility of latecomers. **The motion was passed by a voice vote.**

**III. VISITOR/PUBLIC COMMENTS** - None

**IV. PUBLIC HEARING** – Statutory Budget & Appropriation

**Discussion of Statutory Budget & Appropriation**

Executive Director Arnold reminded the Board that two budget meetings were held where the Board discussed each section of the budget. The Budget and Appropriation Ordinance sets the legal spending authority for the District. There were no public comments, nor comments from any attendees of the meeting.

**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 October; Board Minutes from the Committee of the Whole Meeting October 1, 2015; Fall Park Tour October 3, 2015; Budget Session Meetings October 8, 2015 and October 15, 2015; Regular Board Meeting October 22, 2015; 2015 Tax Year Levy – Abatement Ordinance 2015-11-02 for 2011 Bond; 2015 Tax Year Levy – Abatement Ordinance 2015-11-03 for 2012 Bond; 2015 Tax Year Levy – Abatement Ordinance 2015-11-04 for 2013 Bond; Approve Working Budget – Department Goals; 2016 Committee and Board Meeting Calendar; Approve and Release Bi-Annual Executive Session Meeting Minutes; IAPD Credentials; Park District Citizen Committee Appointments – Carrie Gallagher and Eugene Jung. **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 snow and staff's plans to handle it, the AGEEC construction, middle school fields turf placement and approved extra hours, the Feasibility Study RFP released on Wednesday representing all of the governmental bodies, the logo rollout for staff and the community rollout on December 4. The Board questioned the weather's effect on the construction at AGEEC, confirmed that the Park District will be paying the consultant for the RFP for the Feasibility Study, and the turf fields' warranties.

**B. Division Managers' Reports (Updates & Information):** Chad Drufer, Program Manager, 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. **Tax Levy Ordinance 2014-11-01 for 2014\***

**Commissioner Wick moved and Commissioner Lentz seconded that the Park Board of Commissioners approve the 2015 Tax Levy Ordinance 2015-11-01 in the amount of \$9,078,447.**

A Tax Levy Hearing was held during the November 5, Committee of the Whole Meeting; no members of the public appeared for public comment. Executive Director Arnold reminded the Board the District's Tax Levy amount is 2.05% more than the PTELL limit of 0.8% for 2015 and of the numerous meetings it has been discussed with the Board. **The motion passed by a voice vote 5:0.**

2. **Budget and Appropriation Ordinance 2014-11-05\***

**Commissioner Wick moved and Commissioner Porreca seconded that the Park Board of Commissioners approve the Budget and Appropriation Ordinance 2015-11-05 that has been available for public review.**

The Budget and Appropriation Ordinance has been available to the public for past 30 days after being discussed thoroughly at two budget meetings. The hearing was held at the beginning of this meeting with no public comment. Executive Director Arnold reminded the Board that the budget and appropriation ordinance is 15% higher than the working budget to provide staff flexibility between lines, however staff from a fund standpoint works off the working budget. Upon adoption, it will be filed with the County Clerk. **The motion passed by a voice vote 5:0.**

## 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 informed the Board on the training and certification of their refs and coaches, reminded the Board the vast majority of refs are youth from the Oak Park area, while their coaches are volunteers. He also discussed the US Soccer making changes to rules for 'heading the ball' for different age groups, clinics held, concussion training, winter soccer, their hopes to improve the staggering of the use of the fields even more so than this year, and the possibility of making the two-day playoffs more of a community-wide event. The Board questioned WSSRA's partnership in their VIP program, and how they market and promote AYSO. Tom responded that WSSRA and AYSO work together on the VIP program and that they do not market the program but all of the information is on their website. The Board thanked him for all of their work they put into the organization. **No motion was required.**

2. **OPYB/S Update**

Tim Ferraro, President OPYB/S, shared with the Board the past year's numbers in both baseball and softball, tournaments held, their travel teams' successes, partnerships with Legacy and the White Sox, special practices with Concordia coaches on sliding, pitching, etc., and the sold out White Sox Game, and that they will be holding indoor practices in the schools. He wanted to compliment the Park District on the dramatic changes in the fields and said they would like to continue working on the availability of practicing on the fields. The Board thanked OPYB/S for the wonderful opportunities and lives they touch in the community. **No motion was required.**

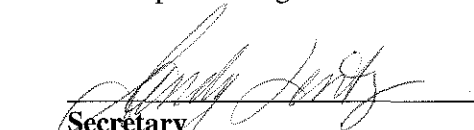
**VIII. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**

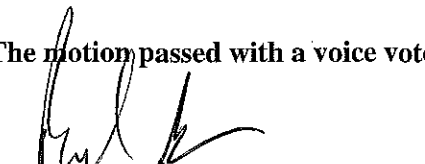
- **Commissioner Aeschleman** – Thanked the affiliate representatives for coming in this evening and for their work. He attended an IECO meeting and stated that the middle school fields' progress is looking great.
- **Commissioner Guarino** – Commented on the RCRC field and its great use by the community.
- **Commissioner Lentz** – Festival Theatre is presenting Mid-Winter Tales benefit that will have music, readings and poetry, on December 5.
- **Commissioner Wick** – Stated with all the issues on the news, he hopes we are mindful and keep abreast of potential issues in Oak Park. He attended the Pumpkin Smash and suggested in the future possibly working with the girl scouts on a food drive with this event.
- **Commissioner Porreca** – Nothing to report.

**IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION - None**

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:25pm the Regular Board meeting was adjourned. **The motion passed with a voice vote.**

  
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**Secretary**  
**Board of Park Commissioners**

  
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