



**Park District of Oak Park
Committee of the Whole
Hedges Administrative Center
Oak Park, Illinois
Thursday, February 4, 2016, at 7:30pm**

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm.

I. Roll Call

Present: Commissioners Guarino, Lentz, Porreca, Wick and Commissioner Aeschleman.

Park District Staff present: Jan Arnold, Executive Director; Maureen McCarthy, Superintendent of Recreation; Kyle Cratty, Director of Finance; Chris Lindgren, Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds/Facility Maintenance; and Karen Gruszka, Executive Assistant.

Others Present: Ben Ahring, PDCC president, Joan Fiscella, League of Women Voters, and residents.

II. Public Comment

1. Maureen Kleinman, 245 N. Kenilworth, wanted to ask the Board to collaborate with the other government groups in Oak Park, along with the Park District of River Forest to try and work towards a compromise to improve the pool situation while maintain the parking garage and the field space. A solution could happen if everyone works together.

2. Bruce Kleinman, 245 Kenilworth, he also wanted to get a resolution for the pool. There were over 4,000 signatures to protest an enormous project that was being done without permission of the residents. The government groups need to talk with one another. He felt this could have been solved when RCRC was being built.

The Board informed them that they can find information on collaborations on the IGOV website and also there would be an update on the Feasibility Study coming up in the meeting.

III. Recreation and Facility Program Committee

A. Park District Citizens Committee Annual Update

Ben Ahring, PDCC Chair, informed the Board of what the PDCC has been doing this past year including that their current numbers were good, their ages within the committee were diverse but were still looking for more diversity in members, they attended various meetings on park plans and were involved in the projects, they volunteered in both Fall Fest and Winter Fest and stressed anytime we were in need of volunteers to let them know, they worked on the payment system for the fitness classes, and were involved with the tree tagging project. Ben congratulated the Park District on the Gold Medal Award. The Board thanked him and asked him to express their gratitude to the PDCC for all of their efforts. **No action is needed by the Board on this item.**

B. Festival Theatre Agreement

Executive Director Arnold informed the Board that as in the past, Festival Theatre has a one-year Affiliate Agreement and they are again asking for a \$6,000 contribution from the Austin Trust. They had a very successful 2015 season and had a great response to their free "Community Appreciation Nights" and will be offering those again. They also had much success with the

Viola Project; the camp for girls from diverse backgrounds. This year they will be paying the Park District \$1 of each sale in recognition of the improved park facilities. **This will come before the Board at the February Regular Board Meeting under the consent agenda.**

IV. Buildings and Grounds/Facility Maintenance Committee

A. Maple Park Bid Award Update

Executive Director Arnold reminded the Board that the OSLAD grant was still suspended but we are moving along the project. The bid was placed in the Wednesday Journal on January 14, with the bid opening on Wednesday, February 10. Twenty-eight contractors picked up the bid information. **This will come before the Board at the Continued Regular Board Meeting on March 3.**

B. Longfellow Cistern Contract Award Update

Executive Director Arnold reminded the Board as part of the Park District sustainability initiatives, a cistern is being placed at Longfellow to collect roof water and the splash pad water. The bid opening will be on February 29, and will be brought to the Board at the Continued Regular Board Meeting. **This will come before the Board at the Continued Regular Board Meeting on March 3.**

C. Rehm Pool Roof Contract Award Update

Executive Director Arnold reminded the Board as part of the CIP, improvements are being made to the roof of Rehm pool bathhouse which will also include the sky light improvements. The bids will be opened February 16. **This will come before the Board at the Continued Regular Board Meeting on March 3.**

V. Administration and Finance Committee

A. Maple Park Easement Agreement

Jan Arnold, Executive Director, reminded the Board of the previous discussion regarding the Maple Park Easement desired by Brookfield-North Riverside. They had originally wanted an open cut through the park but now are requesting to trench under the park. The agreement will call for \$5,000 for access and a deposit of \$10,000 for any damage. The Board discussed possible damage. **This will come before the Board at the February Regular Board Meeting under the regular agenda.**

B. SEIU Contract Update

Executive Director Arnold reminded the Board the current agreement was reached four years ago, April 1, 2012, and will expire on March 31, 2016. We will be meeting with the SEIU in the upcoming month along with Laner Muchin as our attorney to assist in this process. **No action is needed on this item.**

C. Feasibility Study Update

Executive Director Arnold updated the Board on the meetings being set for the feasibility study including the initial meeting with the PDOP, initial meeting with governmental agencies, stakeholder meetings, focus group meetings, and the community meetings along with the collaborations taking place. The Board briefly discussed the process. **No action is needed on this item.**

VI. New Business - None

VII. Executive Session - None

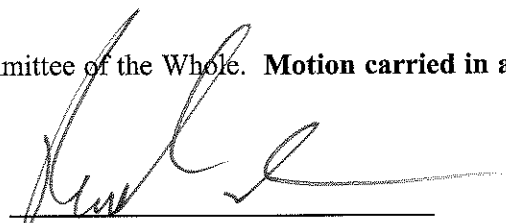
VIII. Adjournment

At 8:09p.m. a voice vote was taken to adjourn the Committee of the Whole. **Motion carried in a voice vote.**



Secretary
Board of Park Commissioners

March 17, 2016
Date



President
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