



**Park District of Oak Park
Committee of the Whole
Hedges Administrative Center
Oak Park, Illinois
Thursday, April 7, 2016**

Minutes

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

I. Roll Call

Present: Commissioners Guarino, Lentz, Porreca, Wick. Commissioner Aeschleman was absent.

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

Others Present: Cara Pavlicek, VOP Manager, and residents.

II. Public Comment

Bill Sullivan, 825 Home Ave. He reminded the Board that he had been before them at another meeting to suggest an open parcel of Park District land on Kenilworth as a batting cage. He was here this evening to again suggest that parcel of land to be used as batting cages as they are sorely needed and he also listed other sites he believes cages could be put up and informed the Board that partnerships were available to help with the costs of a batting cage from OPYB/S and Pony. He gave numbers and statistics of the use of the batting cages at Ridgeland Common showing its overuse. He thanked the Park District for their work at the middle school fields. The Board asked about the amount of the partnership and were informed he did not have the information at that time.

III. Recreation and Facility Program Committee

A. Summer Camp Transportation Bid

Jan Arnold, Executive Director, informed the Board that our current transportation agreement is up and with all the field trips, excursions, and after school trips the PDOP requires, a transportation bid proposal was put out. One bid was submitted from First Student fully complying with the bidding requirements. Their pricing is comparable to current prices and is less in some areas. All three references came back positive. The Board questioned the picking up of children and were informed that a staff member is always on the bus for pick-up and drop off. **This will come before the Board at the April Regular Board Meeting under the regular agenda.**

B. Park District Citizens Committee New Member Appointment

The PDCC is comprised of eleven members, two alternates, and two student representatives. Currently there are 11 members and one alternate. Kevin Cohen expressed interest in joining. He lives near Andersen and volunteers in many programs of the District and community. He looks forward to helping improve programs and facilities within the District. **This will come before the Board at the April Regular Board Meeting under the consent agenda.**

IV. Buildings and Grounds/Facility Maintenance Committee

A. I290 Project Update

Cara Pavlicek, VOP Manager, updated the Park Board on the I290 project stating it is now the time to start making decisions of what the Park District might be able to use and partner with. Cara explained the two options one at Oak Park Avenue and one in front of Rehm Pool. The size of the bridge caps were discussed as well as that the noise walls would not be affected, the CTA line and parking, the other entities that have had this discussion, partnerships, possible uses, timelines, and that this is just in the gathering stage to help get information to the VOP for the final decision. The Board questioned the funding and breakdown of funding from the state and participating partners, the commitment timeline, the inability to make it larger due to ventilation requirements, sidewalk sizes increased, structural changes with the water table and construction. **No action is needed by the Board on this item.**

V. Administration and Finance Committee

A. 2016 1st Quarter Performance Measures

Bobbi Nance, Senior Manager of Strategy & Innovation, ran through results of the 1st quarter with the Board including the dashboards, surveys, the upcoming RecTrak update, and identifying what information the public would like to see. The Board discussed the ability to maintain what has been started, employee satisfaction, wellness, volunteer hours, cancellations and what information the Board was looking for in the future. **No action is needed by the Board on this item.**

B. Feasibility Study Update

Jan Arnold, Executive Director, updated the Board on the meetings that have already taken place including: the individual stake holders meetings and the initial meeting with the PDOP, site tours, community meetings, meetings at OPRF with students, survey, and task force meetings. The Board was apprised of the timeline of the study, that it looks to be on schedule, and what will be brought to the Board for their final decision. The Board discussed the possibility of a joint venture with possible developers on Madison Street and some additional programs that might be considered at a center. **No action is needed by the Board on this item.**

C. Ribbon Cutting Middle School Fields Update

Executive Director Arnold reminded the Board of the upcoming two ribbon cutting ceremonies for the new turf at Brooks Middle School and Percy Julian Middle School which will be held on April 9, at 9:00am and 11:00am, and the different groups who were invited and the games that will be following on the new fields. **No action is needed by the Board on this item.**

D. Park District of Oak Park's 104th Birthday Update

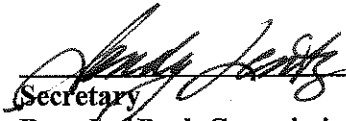
Executive Director Arnold reminded the Board that April 8th is the 104th birthday of the Park District. **No action is needed by the Board on this item.**

VI. New Business - None

VII. Closed Session - None

VIII. Adjournment

At 8:47p.m. a voice vote was taken to adjourn the Committee of the Whole. **Motion carried in a voice vote.**



Secretary
Board of Park Commissioners

May 19, 2016

Date



President
Board of Park Commissioners

May 19, 2015

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