



**PARK DISTRICT
of OAK PARK**

**Park District of Oak Park
Committee of the Whole
Hedges Administrative Center
Oak Park, Illinois
Thursday, September 1, 2016**

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; Kyle Cratty, Director of Finance; Chris Lindgren, Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds; Diane Stanke, Director of Marketing and Communications.

Others Present: Ted Wolff and Ishmael Joya, Wolff Landscape Architecture, Inc., Joan Fiscella, League of Women Voters.

II. Public Comment - None

III. Recreation and Facility Program Committee - None

IV. Buildings and Grounds/Facility Maintenance Committee

A. Cheney Mansion Master Plan

Executive Director Arnold reminded the Board of the accepted Cheney Mansion final site plan developed by Wolff Landscape Architecture in 2009. In the Fall 2011, the first phase was completed and in 2013 the restoration of the water features took place and in 2014 the greenhouse was renovated. On June 14, a Community Meeting was held to review the existing master plan and to collect input from the community for additional improvements. The plan was presented to the Board including site irrigation, potager garden accessible path, and terrace repair. Comments on bike parking and hand rails for steps were made. Discussion regarding maintenance of the wedding mound and southwest corner occurred. Ted Wolff stated he would make notations on the final version of approval. **This will come before the Board at the September Regular Board Meeting under the regular agenda.**

V. Administration and Finance Committee

A. Draft 2016 Tax Levy

Executive Director Arnold reminded the Board they must approve a property tax levy ordinance annually which provides operating funds for the next year's operations. The Property Tax Extension Lamination Law (PTELL) limits the dollar amount of the tax levy increase to an amount no greater than the consumer price index (CPI) or 5%, whichever is less. The 2016 tax year levy PTELL limit is .7%. The District's draft tax levy amount is 2.2% more than the PTELL limit is 1.5% more than the PTELL limit of .7% for 2016. The county clerk will adjust the dollar amount levied by the District once the EAV has been determined in mid-2017. **No action is needed by the Board on this item.**

B. D97 Bike Trailer Intergovernmental Agreement

Executive Director Arnold reminded the Board in 2014 the Park District worked with Active Transportation Alliance and D97 for a partnership to bring bike education to the D97 schools. The Park District has housed the bike trailer that was loaded by Active Transportation Alliance and moved it as scheduled to the eight elementary schools in exchange the Park District has use of the bikes for the two week weeks for the Hike and Bike Camp each summer. D97 has since purchased bikes and we will house the trailer with PDOP continuing to move based on D97 needs. **This will come before the Board at the September Regular Board Meeting under the consent agenda.**

C. Potential Rules Change For Austin Gardens Update

Executive Director Arnold reminded the Board that discussions have taken place towards allowing wine and beer in Austin Gardens during Festival Theatre performances and as looking for the Board to give authorization for her to speak to Festival Theatre and the Village regarding expectations and needs and then apply for a license. As stated during discussions, this would be for production nights only, not during rehearsals or any other time in the park. Concerns were discussed but the Board agreed to move forward. **No action is needed by the Board on this item.**

D. Budget Meetings, September 22 and 29, 2016, Update

The Board was reminded of the upcoming Board Meetings in September. **No action is needed by the Board on this item.**

E. Community Service Award Nominations Update

Executive Director Arnold reminded the Board that it was time again to be looking for Community Service nominations. The Board discussed recommendations for nominations for recognition in February. **No action is needed by the Board on this item.**

E. NRPA Congress Update

Executive Director Arnold reminded the Board the NRPA conference runs from October 5-7, and of those staff attending the NRPA Conference along with Commissioner Lentz. **No action is needed by the Board on this item.**

F. Fall Park Tour Update

A Fall Park Tour was discussed and the Board asked for a November date to be looked at. **No action is needed by the Board on this item.**

K. Elected Officials BBQ

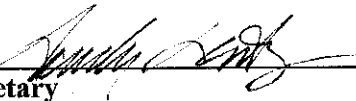
Executive Director Arnold reminded the Board of the upcoming September 28, Elected Officials BBQ. **No action is needed by the Board on this item.**

VI. New Business - None

VII. Closed Session – None

VIII. Adjournment

At 8:22p.m. a voice vote was taken to adjourn the Committee of the Whole. **Motion carried in a voice vote.**



Secretary
Board of Park Commissioners

October 20, 2016

Date



President
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