



**PARK DISTRICT
of OAK PARK**

**Park District of Oak Park
Committee of the Whole
Hedges Administrative Center
Oak Park, Illinois
Thursday, October 13, 2016**

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:31pm.

I. Roll Call

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

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

Others Present: Lisa Stukel, resident and Joan Fiscella, League of Women Voters.

II. Public Comment - None

III. Recreation and Facility Program Committee

A. RCRC Scoreboard Discussion

Executive Director Arnold informed the Board she had been approached by Lisa Stukel, an Oak Park resident, looking for approval to fundraise for scoreboards at RCRC. Lisa addressed the Board and told them of the discussion among the parents and their desire to have scoreboards, her meeting with Jan Arnold, information given to her on PDOP baseball and soccer affiliates, and her subsequent discussions with the affiliates. Baseball said they would be willing to participate and make a donation and soccer said they would pass along the information to their participants. The estimated cost would be approximately \$15,000 as the electrical was put in place when the field was built and there is no need to go out to bid as it is under \$20,000. She was looking for permission from the Board to create a Go Fund Me page. The Board discussed the size and look of the score board and confirmed that the monies would go through the Park Foundation giving their approval for her to move forward with the fundraising. **No action is needed by the Board on this item.**

B. PACT Agreement Recommendations

Executive Director Arnold reminded the Board that the PACT program was launched in 2012 to establish a fair and equitable and cost effective system to manage playing time and allocation between fields with the different groups. Through the years, the Park District has made numerous improvements to the multi-purpose fields as well as D97 fields but have never raised the fees of the PACT program. The cost per year for upkeep on the sports fields is \$135,000 a year. The PDOP is proposing a per hour fee of \$2.00 an hour for sports field use to all PACT users in place of the current rate charged per child. River Forest charges \$10.00 per hour. Increases to this fee would be phased in over the next three years to give the organizations time to plan accordingly. The Board discussed the cost of the fees each year and suggested a lower cost per year increase over the next three years, keeping the costs low so all kids can participate and the availability of scholarships. The Board approved this recommendation to move forward to talk to participants of the PACT program. **No action is needed by the Board on this item.**

IV. Buildings and Grounds/Facility Maintenance Committee

A. Tree Removal and Pruning Contract

Executive Director Arnold informed the Board the Park District was out to bid for qualified arboriculture contractors for pruning and removal of trees in Austin Gardens, Lindberg Park, Maple Park and Mills Park with Carroll and Field as alternate work sites. The Board discussed the pruning process and getting three quotes. **This will come before the Board at the October Regular Board Meeting under the regular agenda.**

V. Administration and Finance Committee

A. IGOV Discussion Update

Paul Aeschleman updated the Board on the upcoming IGOV meeting on Saturday, October 29. Each entity has a subject they will present on. Executive Director Arnold will be presenting for the Park District. An update will come back with information discussed at a future meeting. **No action is needed by the Board on this item.**

B. NRPA Conference October 5-7

Executive Director Arnold informed the Board that Commissioner Lentz and nine staff attended the NRPA Conference. Many great sessions were attended and along with herself, two staff members presenting at the conference. Staff are currently sharing information they received and working on implementing into the Park District. **No action is needed by the Board on this item.**

VI. New Business - None

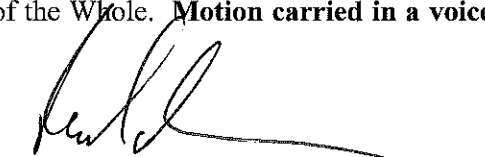
VII. Closed Session – None

VIII. Adjournment

At 8:29p.m. a voice vote was taken to adjourn the Committee of the Whole. **Motion carried in a voice vote.**


Secretary
Board of Park Commissioners

November 17, 2016
Date


President
Board of Park Commissioners

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