



**Park District of Oak Park
Committee of the Whole
Hedges Administrative Center
Oak Park, Illinois
Thursday, January 12, 2017, at 7:30pm**

Minutes

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

I. Roll Call

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

Park District Staff present: Jan Arnold, Executive Director; Kyle Cratty, Director of Finance; Diane Stanke, Director of Marketing and Customer Service; Maureen McCarthy, Superintendent of Recreation; Chris Lindgren, Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds; and Karen Gruszka, Executive Assistant.

Others Present: Mark Burkland, Holland and Knight; Heidi Ruelle-May, Executive Director Pleasant Home Foundation and Jeff Schroeder, Treasurer, Pleasant Home Foundation.

II. Public Comment - None

III. Recreation and Facility Program Committee

A. Annual Scholarship Report

Scott Sekulich, Manager of Customer Service, and Diane Stanke, Director of Marketing and Customer Service; informed the Board of changes to the scholarship program including that the household maximums had been taken away, seasonal scholarships had opened up to year-round, and a new third financial tier was created to capture households that make a little more and were not captured by the school districts in hopes of reaching more families. The donation amount reached in 2016 was just shy from the amount reached in 2015. 33 new households had applied. As of 2017, seven new applications had already been turned in and 28 returning families had applied. Discussion took place on getting the word out for our scholarship opportunities, making sure to emphasize all ages are eligible for scholarships. **No Board approval is needed for this item.**

B. Alcohol/Festival Theatre Update

The Board was reminded of the PDOP's policy of no alcohol in our parks and the reoccurring violation by the community when attending performances at Festival Theatre. PDOP legal counsel, Mark Burkland, will attend the VOP liquor meeting on January 21, looking for the creation of a new category, as the VOP ordinance does not allow BYOB. We would be requesting a liquor license for 90 minutes before and thirty minutes after each of the 48 performances a year. **This will be brought to the Board at the February Board Meetings.**

IV. Buildings and Grounds/Facility Maintenance Committee - None

V. Administration and Finance Committee

A. Pleasant Home Foundation

Heidi Ruehle-May, Executive Director of Pleasant Home Foundation, and Jeff Schroeder, Treasurer, ran through the 2016 year and Pleasant Home's future goals. They began by pointing out that all historical house museums throughout the country are suffering funding-wise and as is Pleasant Home. They then discussed programming including artistic programming, a Coach House themed house walk and lecture, silent movies on the porch, murder mystery weekend, etc., and their open house tours year-round. Next they spoke of construction projects going on and possible uses for the 2nd and 3rd floor now that the Historical Society is moving out. They stated the Board is reenergized with a broader group of people including a professional fund raiser. The PDOP Board requested that Heidi email our Executive Director expenses of Pleasant Home. They then explained that all three historical properties of the Park District are being reviewed and no decisions will be made regarding use of the opened up space until then. **No action is needed on this item at this time.**

B. Illinois Park and Recreation Conference January 28-30 Update

Jan Arnold, Executive Director, reminded the Board of the upcoming conference; where thirty staff along with three commissioners will be attending. All are looking forward to bringing back good information to be shared with the District. **No action is needed by the Board on this item.**

VI. New Business - None

VII. Executive Session - None

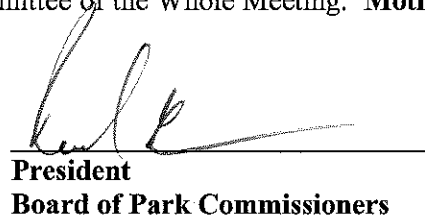
VIII. Adjournment

At 9:03p.m. a voice vote was taken to adjourn the Committee of the Whole Meeting. **Motion carried in a voice vote.**


Secretary
Board of Park Commissioners

February 16, 2017

Date


President
Board of Park Commissioners

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