



**Park District of Oak Park  
Committee of the Whole  
Hedges Administrative Center  
Oak Park, Illinois  
Thursday, February 2, 2017, at 7:30pm**

**Minutes**

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

**I. Roll Call**

**Present:** Commissioners Guarino, Lentz, Porreca, Wick and President 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; Diane Stanke Director of Marketing & Customer Service; and Karen Gruszka, Executive Assistant.

**Others Present:** Charlie Saville, WMA Consulting; Mark Burkland, Holland & Knight, and residents.

**II. Public Comment**

**III. Recreation and Facility Program Committee - None**

**IV. Buildings and Grounds/Facility Maintenance Committee**

**A. RCRC Blinds**

Executive Director Arnold reminded the Board of the need for the blinds along with west side of the building due to sun light/glare at certain times of the day. The PDOP had gone out to bid once with the bids coming in over budget. The motorized blinds project went out to bid again on January 4, eight firms downloaded the bid packets, with two bids being received and opened on January 25. Tunnel Vision, Inc., was the low responsible bidder at \$33,812, with approximately \$45,000 budgeted for the project. Staff is requesting the Board to approve the cost not to exceed \$35,502 which includes a 5% contingency. **This will come before the Board at the Continued Regular Board Meeting on February 16.**

**B. Taylor Park Update**

Executive Director Arnold reminded the Board of the drainage problems at Taylor Park and the impact to the turf and programs held there. The PDOP had gone out to bid twice before with bids coming in over budget each time. The PDOP went out to bid again on January 25, with bids due in February 13. Staff is hopeful that at this time of the year, we receive better pricing. **This will come before the Board at the Regular Board Meeting on February 16, pending bids received.**

**C. Austin Gardens Update**

Executive Director Arnold reminded the Board of the past information shared with them on the 1000 Lake Street property and the impact of the planned building's 18 stories on the park and a brief history of the park. She informed the Board residents have contacted the Park District voicing concerns for the trees and plants with the increased shadows. Staff pulled different studies along with visits to the park with Charlie Saville, WMA Consulting, who after compiling a report from all the findings shared his knowledge of the impact the building would have on the

a report from all the findings shared his knowledge of the impact the building would have on the park. The Board talked thoroughly regarding the information received this evening along with the community meeting held by the VOP and the developer. Each Board member discussed their concerns with the VOP for not upholding the zoning for the building, the impact on not only Austin Gardens but all of the Park District's parks with the added residents and use, and felt the building was unacceptable and destructive. The Board also discussed next steps. **No action is needed by the Board on this item.**

**V. Administration and Finance Committee**

**A. Historic Properties Facility Assessment\***

The Board was reminded that during the Comprehensive Master Plan an evaluation tool was developed to rate our parks. Now a similar tool is needed to be created for our historical properties. Funds were allocated in the 2017 budget and Rocco Castellano Design Studio, Inc. has been chosen to complete the desired information for \$27,285. The Board discussed Mr. Castellano's attention to detail, his experience with historical properties, and his experience as a structural engineer. **This will come before the Board at the February Regular Board Meeting under the regular agenda.**

**B. Park District Citizens Committee New Member Appointment\***

Executive Director Arnold informed the Board of the PDCC's member numbers which are full but are short two alternates. Sam Elsener has expressed interest in joining the PDCC and participated in the last meeting. Mr. Elsener is looking forward to advocating and supporting the District and is looking forward to being more involved. **This will come before the Board at the February Regular Board Meeting under the consent agenda.**

**VI. New Business - None**

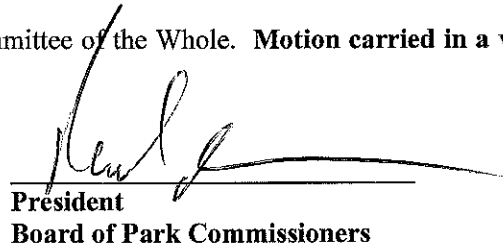
**VII. Executive Session - None**

**VIII. Adjournment**

At 8:25p.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 16, 2017  
Date

  
President  
Board of Park Commissioners

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