

**Park District of Oak Park
Committee of the Whole
Hedges Administrative Center
Oak Park, Illinois
Thursday, May 4, 2017**

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:44pm.

I. Roll Call

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

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

Others Present: Mark Burkland, PDOP Attorney; Vicki Scaman, Village Clerk; Simone Boutet, VOP Trustee, and residents.

II. Public Comment

III. Recreation and Facility Program Committee

A. Art Sculpture GRC Update

Jan Arnold, Executive Director, informed the Board that the Parks Foundation has not been able to fundraise more than \$20,000 and the piece of art the Board had approved is \$30,000.

Therefore, the Art Advisory Committee will be going back to the artist to see the art available at the fundraised amount and if that is unsatisfactory, they will go out for a Call For Art. **No action is needed by the Board on this item.**

B. Authorization of GALA Fireworks

Executive Director Arnold reminded the Board that this annual event is a great partnership. As in previous years, Community Bank and the Great American Lightshow Association Charitable Trust have requested sponsorship from the Park District for the fireworks show in the amount of \$1,000. The Park District will assist with the coordination of the fireworks, some crowd control, and clean-up. **This will come before the Board at the May Regular Board Meeting on the consent agenda.**

IV. Buildings and Grounds/Facility Maintenance Committee

A. Taylor Park Master Plan Presentation

Continuing the Park District's sustainability objectives, we will be adding another cistern to our park system at Field Park. This cistern will be underground and be installed during the summer to avoid interfering with programs. We went out to bid on March 24, fifteen vendors downloaded the packet and bids are due in and will be opened on April 17, to be brought to the Board for approval at the April 20, Regular Board Meeting. The Board discussed the savings/payback for the cistern and confirmed no damage would be done to the surrounding properties after it is installed. **This will come before the Board at the May Regular Board Meeting on the regular agenda.**

B. Oak Park Conservatory Heating Contract Approval Update

This is a much needed project as many of the pipes in the Conservatory are original pipes and

date back to its opening. We will be going out to bid on April 12, with bids being opened on May 8, and going before the Board for approval on May 18. This project's costs are being split with FOPCON and work will begin during the summer. The Board confirmed that the Conservatory would remain open during this time. **This will come before the Board at the April Regular Board Meeting on the regular agenda.**

V. Administration and Finance Committee

A. Review of Ethics Ordinance Update

As a standard practice, the PDOP reviews our Ethics Ordinance annually to make any changes needed. The last change made to the Ordinance was in 2011, and at this time there are no changes to our current Ethics Ordinance. **No action by the Board is needed at this time.**

B. IAPD Legislative Day Update

I attended the Legislative Day in Springfield where there was not much change seen within the legislature; the two main topics tax freeze, minimum wage increase and other current issues were discussed. **No action is needed by the Board on this item.**

C. Austin Gardens Update

Executive Director, Jan Arnold, informed the full Board that Paul, Sandy, Mark Burkland, and she had met with Albion for the third time where they discussed details of the project and the Austin Guards data regarding adverse aspects to the park versus the positive aspects for the village. A discussion took place on these details after which each Board member was asked to give their opinions regarding the proposed building. Four members of the Board were in consensus that they felt the project proposed at anything above the 80ft zoning would be a detriment to the park for which they had been voted into the Board to be the guardians of. One Board member felt that positive results for the Park District could emerge from the project and perhaps outweigh the acknowledged damage to the park, which might be relatively minimal. The Board discussed their statement towards the project posted on the PDOP website and it was noted that the consensus was still in alignment with the statement. It was also stated that any Board members talking to staff and residents are speaking for the entire Board and not just themselves and therefore need to make comments that are voicing the entire Board's opinions. **No action is needed by the Board on this item.**

D. IGOV Update

President Aeschelman stated that he and Commissioner Wick attended the last IGOV meeting where the turnover of new board members occurred. IGOV was explained and how it works. The IGOV was reviewing the possibility of adding a citizen to the panel and asked for the Board's thoughts on that to bring back to the IGOV. Discussion also took place on the other entities sharing the information with their Boards. All thought the IGOV was a great forum and collaboration. **No action is needed by the Board on this item.**

VI. New Business - None

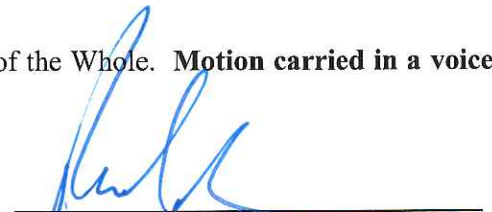
VII. Closed Session – None

VIII. Adjournment

At 9:17p.m. a voice vote was taken to adjourn the Committee of the Whole. **Motion carried in a voice vote.**


Secretary
Board of Park Commissioners

June 15, 2017
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