



**Park District of Oak Park
Regular Board Meeting
Hedges Administrative Center
218 Madison Street, Oak Park, Illinois
Thursday, May 18, 2017 at 7:30pm**

Minutes

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

I. ROLL CALL

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

Park District Staff present: Jan Arnold, Executive Director; Chris Lindgren, Superintendent of Buildings & Grounds; Kyle Cratty, Director of Finance; and Karen Gruszka, Executive Assistant.

Others Present: Joan Fiscella, League of Women Voters.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made to approve the agenda. **The motion was passed by a voice vote.**

III. VISITOR/PUBLIC COMMENTS

Marty Bernstein, 734 Gunderson, stated he was here in regards to the Austin Gardens and the Albion property issue. He wanted to see what this Board intends to do to fight the property as he feels it is bad for Oak Park. He feels with the building going on throughout Oak Park that they might as well take the Park out of the Oak Park.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Wick and seconded by Commissioner Lentz to approve the Consent Agenda, which includes the Cash and Investment Summary and Warrants and Bills for the month of April 2017; approval of minutes from the Continued Regular Board Meeting, April 6, 2017; Committee of the Whole Meeting, April 6, 2017; Regular Board Meeting, April 20, 2017; approval of minutes from Closed Session, April 6, 2017, and approval of Disposal Ordinance 2017-05-01. **The motion passed with a roll call vote of 4:0.**

V. STAFF REPORTS

A. Director's Report

Jan Arnold, Executive Director, informed the Board that the liquor license for Festival Theater had been approved at the VOP Board Meeting on Monday, May 15, 2017; updated PDOP Rules and Regulations will be brought to the Board for approval showing this change; Festival Theater has received its check from the Austin Gardens Memorial Trust; the Memorial Tree Program has been transferred over to the PDOP for oversight from Nancy and Tom Holmes who have run it since 1975; pool guards are in training and our other camp training is going strong; the AGEEC received Platinum LEED; and the PDOP Parks Passport has been printed and was jointly worked on with D97 and the Library.

B. Division Managers' Reports (Updates & Information) – Written Report Included in Board Packet.

C. Revenue/Expense Status Report – No questions asked.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Recreation and Facility Program Committee – None

B. Buildings and Grounds/Facility Maintenance Committee

1. Taylor Park Master Plan Approval

Commissioner Guarino moved and Commissioner Lentz seconded that the Park Board of Commissioners approve the Taylor Park Master Plan. Executive Director Arnold reminded the Board of the presentation by Altamanu, Inc. of the Taylor Park Master Plan at the May Committee of the Whole Meeting. Per the Board's request changes have been made to the plans to reflect their discussions including the removal of the redundant sidewalk on the east side of the park. **The motion passed with a roll call vote of 5:0.**

2. Conservatory Heat Contract Approval

Commissioner Guarino moved and Commissioner Porreca seconded that the Park Board of Commissioners to approve a contract with Core Mechanical, Inc., of Chicago, IL, for an amount not to exceed \$135,295.00. The Board was reminded of the ventilation and heating project at the Conservatory that shared at the COW Meeting including that FOPCON would be donating \$20,000 a year for the next five years towards the project. The Board questioned if there would be any disruption to the rooms during the project and were assured very little would take place. **The motion passed with a roll call vote of 5:0.**

C. Administration and Finance Committee

1. Austin Gardens Update

Tom Bassett-Dilly presented a shade study that he completed mirroring the shade study that Albion put out but also included snapshots of shade in Austen Gardens for the months of October through March. Chris Lindgren gave information to the Board on wind impact to the park while Travis Stephen gave information to the Board on operational concerns regarding the lawn and trees. The Board discussed the overlays and questioned if the timing for both shade studies were set up at the exact same time to show the effects. The timing of this building being brought to the Plan Commission and presentation to the VOP Board was discussed as well as the state statute stating that no structure can be built if there is solar energy already in place which will be adversely affected and finally, the VOP TIF was discussed in relationship with a Trustee members ability to vote if they own a business that is involved with the TIF. **No action is needed by the Board on this item at this time.**

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Audit Report

Mark Beran, was there to present to the Board the 2016 Audit Report and stated that it went very well. He stated the PDOP received an unqualified audit opinion. Mr. Beran reviewed the layout of the report with the board and pointed out that the district would be applying for Government Finance Officers Association Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting again for the 2016 Audit. **This will come before the Board at the June Regular Board Meeting on the consent agenda.**

VIII. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

- **Commissioner Porreca** – Attended the WSSRA Derby Gala on May 6, and stated it was a great event.
- **Commissioner Lentz** – Was pleased to see the collaboration for the ordinance change for Festival Theater performances and that members of Festival Theater were undgoing Bassett Training.
- **Commissioner Wick** – Said that Scoville Park's summer movie nights were beginning and they were always well attended and received positive remarks. He was also hoping to find out how many adult events were scheduled during the evenings with the Park District. A brief discussion took place in regards to reinforcing the rules at the adult softball at RCRC as violations occur and finally, he informed the Board of the Hepzibah event taking place at Pleasant Home on June 10.
- **Commissioner Guarino** – None.
- **Commissioner Aeschleman** – Stated he was happy to see the Memorial Tree Program under the PDOP care and thanked Tom and Nancy Holmes for all their work on it.

IX. CLOSED SESSION - None

X. CONTINUE REGULAR BOARD MEEETING

At 9:30pm the Regular Board meeting was adjourned. **The motion passed with a voice vote.**



Secretary
Board of Park Commissioners

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