



**Park District of Oak Park  
Regular Board Meeting  
Hedges Administrative Center  
218 Madison Street, Oak Park, Illinois  
Thursday, August 17, 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; 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** – None

**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 July; approval of minutes from the Committee of the Whole Meeting, July 6, 2017, Park Board Tour, July 15, 2017, Regular Board Meeting, July 20, 2017, and the Annual Park Board Retreat, July 25, 2017. **The motion was passed by a roll call vote of 5:0.**

**V. STAFF REPORTS**

**A. Director's Report**

Executive Director Arnold informed the Board that summer camp has wrapped up, the passport drop-in program is running through next Tuesday, both pools are open through the weekend and beginning Monday, reduced hours will take place, we received a third Exceeds on our final audit of the pools through Ellis, the rink is currently closed for maintenance and will open August 27, concerts in the parks last concert will be this Sunday, movies in the park along with Float and Flick at the pool were taking place this evening, another grant is being sought to change out the tennis court lights at Longfellow, the Rhem and RCRC pool decking lights, along with exterior building lights.

**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** – None

### C. Administration and Finance Committee

#### 1. CIP 2018-2022 CIP Approval

**Commissioner Wick moved and Commissioner Lentz seconded that the Park Board of Commissioners approve the 2018-2022 Capital Improvement Plan.**

Executive Director Arnold reminded the Board of the CIP that had been presented to them at the Board Retreat, reviewed annually, and that the CIP funding comes from property taxes from the 2005 referendum. The Board questioned the timing of the Taylor Park plan and an amenity within the plan. **The motion passed with a roll call vote of 5:0.**

#### 2. Acceptance Of Art Sculpture From Park Foundation

**Commissioner Wick moved and Commissioner Lentz seconded that the Park Board of Commissioners accept the gift from the Parks Foundation of the Blue Woman in the Twilight sculpture by Jacqueline Willis.**

The Board was reminded of past discussions of a sculpture in front of the GRC. This piece had been identified from it being featured on Harrison Street Art Walk this summer. Altamanu had been consulted on the best location for the sculpture in the Park District and agreed that the GRC was the best fit but recommended it being placed on a platform. **The motion passed with a roll call vote of 5:0.**

#### 2. Pleasant Home 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Update

The Board was apprised of the recent meeting with Pleasant Home, attended by representatives of both Boards and Executive Directors. The Board discussed the vision/mission of both ours and Pleasant Home, the current contract, monies the PDOP has put into Pleasant Home, monies PH Foundation has put into the home, and possible uses of the space on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> floors. The Board agreed that working on a shared vision was important and that the PH Foundation will come back to the PDOP with ideas for the space which will be brought to the Board in October and the PDOP will continue to monitor the relationship for the duration of the contract until 2020. The Board members commented about the importance of the Pleasant Home Foundation fully meeting the terms of agreement. **No motion was required of the Board.**

#### 2. Austin Gardens Update

The Board was just of the upcoming Plan Commission Meeting scheduled on Tuesday, August 22. The past meeting was briefly discussed and staff were thanked for their work and professionalism. **No motion was required of the Board.**

### VII. NEW BUSINESS - None

### VIII. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

- **Commissioner Porreca** – Thanked Board and Staff for preparation and presenting at the VOP Plan Commission meetings and relieved that it was now behind us. She also attended the WSSRA meeting.
- **Commissioner Wick** – Attended the Parks Foundation meeting two weeks ago and stated there was good representation at the meeting and that he loved the energy, ideas being sounded out.
- **Commissioner Lentz** – Visited parks on the East Coast and noticed how busy they were and felt it reaffirmed what they do here.
- **Commissioner Guarino** – Thanked Jan and staff for attending all the meetings at the VOP and all their work they have done in regards to the 1000 Lake property. He attended the first Community Recreation Center meeting via phone as he was out of town and had put the idea of splitting up the Recreation Center to make it more beneficial in meeting the partners' needs.
- **President Aeschleman** – Noted how great the soccer fields are looking and stated what an improvement they have undergone from the time he began on the Board.

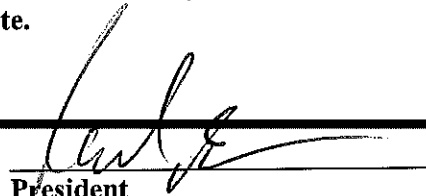
**IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION** - None

**X. CONTINUE REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

At 8:46p.m. a motion was made by Commissioner Wick and seconded by Commissioner Guarino to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting. **The motion passed a voice vote.**

  
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Secretary  
Board of Park Commissioners

September 14, 2017  
Date

  
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President  
Board of Park Commissioners

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