



**PARK DISTRICT**  
of OAK PARK

**Park District of Oak Park  
Committee of the Whole  
Hedges Administrative Center  
Oak Park, Illinois  
Thursday, September 7, 2017**

**Minutes**

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

**I. Roll Call**

**Present:** Commissioners Guarino, Lentz, Porreca, Wick and Commissioner Aeschleman.

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

**Others Present:** John McManus and Josephine Bellalta, Altamanu; Joan Fiscella, League of Women Voters.

**II. Public Comment** - None

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

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

**A. Mills Park Master Plan Review**

Altamanu, Inc. presented the suggestions for the Mills Park Master Plan showing the Board current amenities along with suggested, paths, plants, trees, fencing, and openings. The Board questioned if fencing had been saved from the past park reviews and if it was useable; they were told that it had been saved but was not useable at this time as it would need to be refurbished. The North East corner was discussed for aesthetic reasons and it was determined that Altamanu would come back with some suggestions for that corner. **This will be brought before the Board for approval at a future meeting.**

**B. Euclid Park Ribbon Cutting Update – September 9, 2017**

The Board was reminded of the upcoming ribbon cutting for Euclid Park which will take place on September 9, 2017. **No action is needed by the Board on this item.**

**V. Administration and Finance Committee**

**A. Compensation and Benefits Study**

Executive Director Arnold informed the Board that the last formal look at compensation took place in July of 2013. The Park District partnered with GovHR USA for the study. After they reviewed compensation and benefits of twenty-two comparable park districts along with percentiles, the study was completed. The Board was asked to adjust salary ranges that were lagging and continue with an open range pay plan without predetermined increases. The Board felt that it was a very comprehensive study. **This will be brought before the Board for approval at September Regular Board Meeting under the regular board agenda.**

**B. Draft 2017 Tax Levy**

Executive Director Arnold reminded the Board they must approve a property tax levy ordinance annually which provides operating funds for the next year's operations. The Property Tax

Extension Lamination Law (PTELL) limits the dollar amount of the tax levy increase to an amount no greater than the consumer price index (CPI) or 5%, whichever is less. The 2017 tax year levy PTELL limit is 2.1%. The District's draft tax levy amount is 3.6% or 1.5% more than the PTELL limit of 2.1 % for 2017. The county clerk will adjust the dollar amount levied to the PTELL limit once the EAV has been determined in mid-2018. **No action is needed by the Board on this item.**

**C. Park District Citizen Committee Nominee – Mike Baiardo**

The PDCC is comprised of eleven members, two alternates, and two student representatives. Mike has expressed interest and looks forward to contributing to the community. He currently works at the Bolingbrook Park District and has lived in Oak Park since 2015. He has attended meetings and will bring great energy as an alternate to the PDCC. **This will be brought before the Board for approval at September Regular Board Meeting under the consent agenda.**

**E. NRPA Congress Update**

Executive Director Arnold reminded the Board the NRPA conference which runs from September 26-28, and that a few key staff will be attending as well as Commissioners Lentz and Wick. **No action is needed by the Board on this item.**

**F. Fall Park Tour Update**

A Fall Park Tour was discussed and the Board asked for an October date to be looked at for scheduling. **No action is needed by the Board on this item.**

**K. Elected Officials BBQ**

Executive Director Arnold reminded the Board of the upcoming October 18, Elected Officials BBQ. **No action is needed by the Board on this item.**

**VI. New Business - None**

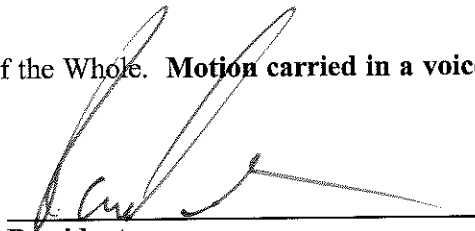
**VII. Closed Session – None**

**VIII. Adjournment**

At 8:41p.m. a voice vote was taken to adjourn the Committee of the Whole. **Motion carried in a voice vote.**

  
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Board of Park Commissioners

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