



**PARK DISTRICT  
of OAK PARK**

**Park District of Oak Park  
Regular Board Meeting  
Hedges Administrative Center  
218 Madison Street, Oak Park, Illinois  
Thursday, March 15, 2018 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; Chris Lindgren, Superintendent of Buildings & Grounds; Kyle Cratty, Director of Finance; and Karen Gruszka, Executive Assistant.

**Others Present:** Joan Fiscella, League of Women Voters; Chris Wollmuth, GAC; and Marianne Birko, Executive Director WSSRA.

**II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**III. VISITOR/PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**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 February, 2017; approval of minutes from the Committee of the Whole Meeting February 1, 2017, and the Regular Board Meeting February 15, 2017; approval of the Waste Agency Regional Disposal Project Resolution 2018-03-01; and approval of the Surplus Property Disposal Ordinance 2018-03-02. **The motion passed with a roll call vote of 5:0.**

**VI. STAFF REPORTS**

**A. Director's Report**

Jan Arnold, Executive Director, informed the Board that the Ice Show is this weekend on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, the Egg Hunt will be run in three sessions on March 31, with a doggie egg hunt at 10:30, at Maple Park. The Scholarship fund is in large demand with 75% qualifying.

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

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

**VII. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Recreation and Facility Program Committee – None**

**B. Buildings and Grounds/Facility Maintenance Committee – None**

**C. Administration and Finance Committee – None**

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. WSSRA Annual Report**

Marianne Birko, Executive Director WSSRA, Marianne informed the Board of their past year including community events, grants, MLK Health and Fitness day, their athletes of the year, the Special Olympics, the many programs and opportunities for the children and their families and then ran through the statistical information in the snapshot. She informed the Board of two new Park Districts expressing interest in coming on board as new partners and the process for that to happen. The Board questioned the current partners, the breakdowns of each partner, and the direct costs of the Park District. **No action is needed by the Board on this item.**

**2. Greening Advisory Committee (GAC) Annual Update**

Chris Wollmuth, GAC Chair, informed the Board of the two main projects the GAC tackled in 2017, which was their zero waste efforts at the Concerts in the Park as well as how to improve the other outdoor events and alternative weed control options. He informed the Board of the alternative methods tried on the weeds and their successes and failures with their applications. They continue with an ongoing recycling audit in each facility including trash, LED lighting and looking at expenses, reviewing the Sustainability Plan and IPM. In the future, they hope to expand their recycling energy and continue with the zero waste program and initiate a water audit. The Board discussed committee numbers and the possibility of getting a student representative. **No action is needed by the Board on this item.**

**IX. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**

- **Commissioner Porreca** – None.
- **Commissioner Lentz** – Progress continued on the stained glass project at Pleasant Home and a field trip to Drehobl, the company rehabbing the glass windows, to see their plant and the process has been planned.
- **Commissioner Wick** – Discussed a few ideas for pop up parks with the street closures and block parties.
- **Commissioner Guarino** – Welcomed Scott back, attended the Imagine OPRFHS meeting where they were broken down to groups with each working on a different difficulty. It is unclear how they will move forward.
- **Commissioner Aeschleman** – Great to see Scott coming back to the District and looking forward to the parks getting back to being green.

**X. CLOSED SESSION**


At 8:27pm Commissioner Wick moved and Commissioner Lentz seconded that the Park Board of Commissioners convene into closed session for the discussion of performance of a specific employee of the Park District. **The motion passed with a roll call vote of 5:0.**

At 9:14pm a motion was made by Commissioner Wick and seconded by Commissioner Guarino to adjourn the Closed Session. **The motion passed a voice vote of 5:0.**

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

At 9:14pm the Regular Board meeting was adjourned. **The motion passed with a voice vote.**

  
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