



PARK DISTRICT of OAK PARK

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PARK DISTRICT OF OAK PARK Committee of the Whole Meeting

Hedges Administrative Center
218 Madison Street
Oak Park, Illinois

Thursday, October 4, 2018, 7:30pm

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order/Roll Call**
- II. Public Comment**
- III. Recreation and Facility Program Committee – Commissioner Porreca: Chair**
- IV. Buildings and Grounds/Facility Maintenance Committee – Commissioner Lentz: Chair**
 - A. Conservatory Solar Contract Update*
 - B. Conservatory Water Harvesting Update*
 - C. Carroll Center Expansion Update
- V. Administration and Finance Committee – Commissioner Wick: Chair**
 - A. 2019-2021 Strategic Plan Update
 - B. IAPD Legal Symposium, November 8, 2018, Update
 - C. Community Service Award Nominations Update
- VI. New Business**
- VII. Closed Session**
- VIII. Adjournment**

* Indicates information attached.

** Indicates information to be provided before or at the meeting.

Update indicates verbal report provided at meeting no materials attached

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Memo

To: Sandy Lentz, Chair, Buildings and Grounds Committee
Board of Park Commissioners

From: Chris Lindgren, Superintendent of Parks & Planning

Date: September 28, 2018

Re: Oak Park Conservatory Solar Installation



Statement

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Discussion

The Park District has been working with Green Mountain Energy's Sun Club since February 2018, to develop a pledge grant for sustainability and received it. This grant will bring \$100,000 to the Park district to be used on Solar PV installation, water harvesting, bee hives and tea composting. The pledge consists of 18 different action items that residents can commit to doing in their own homes or businesses. Our goal was to get to 450 pledges in 2018 to receive the full \$100,000. We started the pledge on August 22, and currently have 961 pledges with three months left in 2018. The Sun Club has released the full funding to PDOP so that we can get started on the Solar PV and water harvesting this year.

The budget for the solar system is \$55,000 and is designed to be a 19.8 kW system. The project is scheduled to go out to bid on October 3, with the bid opening on October 17.

Recommendation

Staff will be bringing this to the Board for discussion at the October 4, Committee of the Whole Meeting and will be looking for approval at the October 18, Regular Board Meeting.



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The budget for the Rain Water Harvesting System is \$35,000 and is designed to be a 4,600 gallon system. This system will collect rainwater from the south facing roof on both the Tropical Room and Desert Room and will be used year-round for watering the plants in the Tropical Room, Desert Room, and East Growing House. The project is scheduled to go out to bid on October 3, with the bid opening on October 26.

Recommendation

Staff will be bringing this to the Board for discussion at the October 4, Committee of the Whole Meeting and will request continuing the October 18, Regular Board Meeting for approval on November 1.