



# **PARK DISTRICT of OAK PARK**

*In partnership with the community, we provide  
quality parks and recreation experiences for the residents of Oak Park*

**PARK DISTRICT OF OAK PARK  
Committee of the Whole Meeting  
Hedges Administrative Center  
218 Madison Street, Oak Park, Illinois 60302**

**Thursday, May 2, 2019  
Directly Following the Annual Meeting**

## **AGENDA**

- I. Call to Order/Roll Call**
- II. Public Comment**
- III. Recreation and Facility Program Committee**
- IV. Parks and Planning Maintenance Committee**
  - A. Stevenson Park Contract Update
- V. Administration and Finance Committee**
  - A. D97 Field Maintenance IGA Renewal\*
  - B. Review of Ethics Ordinance Update
  - C. IAPD Legislative Day Update
  - D. Spring Tour 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:** David Wick, Chair, Administrative and Finance Committee  
Board of Park Commissioners

**From:** Jan R. Arnold, Executive Director

**Date:** April 25, 2019

**Re:** D97 Intergovernmental Agreement – Sports Field Maintenance



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## Statement

There has been a tradition of excellent cooperation between Elementary School District 97 and the Park District of Oak Park and we desire to continue and to enhance that tradition. In order to best continue this tradition of cooperation, the Intergovernmental Partnering Agreement has been revised and reviewed by both the legal counsels for the School District and the Park District. The Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the Park District of Oak Park and Oak Park Elementary School District 97 is a Joint Agreement for shared use of facilities and cooperative planning.

Although the stated missions of the Park District and District 97 have varied focuses, public investment in our facilities creates a mutually beneficial environment in which to provide quality recreation and education for all the residents of our districts which is demonstrated by many joint improvements on D97's school grounds.

## Discussion

In 2014, the two Districts worked together to create an IGA to focus on the improvement of the schools' sport fields maintenance. Residents have complimented the drastic improvements in field conditions in the short time that the Park District has taken over the care. They recognize the expertise and elevated level of maintenance that has benefited both the student and sport participants experience. The original agreement expires on June 30, 2019.

During renewal conversations, D97 staff expressed a concern for the cost of the annual expense. The cost invoiced to D97 is the wages/benefits for one FT staff member and the direct expenses for seed, top dressing, etc. The cost to D97 did increase in 2018 due to the staff member no longer being eligible for his parent's health insurance. The Park District does not charge any indirect expenses for the Turf Manager and or any of the specialized equipment used for the maintenance.

Due to concerns expressed by D97, the length of the agreement was changed when revising the attached IGA. The agreement now states that annually D97 must inform PDOP by April 1 if they want to cancel the agreement effective June 30 of that year. Otherwise, the agreement renews itself for another year and a maximum of five years. Park District staff are working with D97 staff to illustrate the full value of services received.

## Recommendation

Staff recommend the Board of Commissioners approve the D97/PDOP Intergovernmental Agreement – Sports Field Maintenance for shared use of facilities and cooperative planning.

Attachment: IGA D97/PDOP