



**Park District of Oak Park
Regular Board Meeting
Hedges Administrative Center
218 Madison Street, Oak Park, Illinois
Thursday, May 16, 2019 at 7:30pm**

Minutes

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

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Aeschleman, Lentz, Porreca, Wick, and President Guarino.

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

Others Present: Joan Fiscella, League of Women Voters; Nancy Teclaw, Oak Park River Forest Senior Center; Igor Studenkov, Wednesday Journal Reporter and residents.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

III. VISITOR/PUBLIC COMMENTS

Maria Luisa Mellman – Stated she has lived in Oak Park for over 30 years and has used the Park District programs for her children and now her grandchildren. She was here to talk about the Train Club at Dole and wanted the Park District to know what a special part they have played in her family, especially with her grandson. The Train Club welcomed them and even came to their house to help with problems their grandchild was having with his train at home. She feels the way they have been accepted into their fold that the Train Club is a gift. She then reminded the Board that they are open to the general public on Wednesday evenings and Friday afternoons and invited the Board to come visit them.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Wick and seconded by Commissioner Lentz to approve the Consent Agenda, which includes the approval of Cash and Investment Summary and Warrants and Bills for the month of April 2019; approval of minutes from the Continued Regular Board Meeting, April 4, 2019; Committee of the Whole Meeting, April 4, 2019; Regular Board Meeting, April 18, 2019; approval of minutes from Closed Session, April 4, 2019, approval of the Ethics Ordinance. **The motion passed with a roll call vote of 4:0.**

V. STAFF REPORTS

A. Director's Report

Jan Arnold, Executive Director, informed the Board of that both Rehm and RCRC pools are filled and Rehm will open on May 25, splash pads are also up and running. The Day In Our Village is on June 2, and the PDOP will be running many fun things at Mills Park this year for the first time and the Elected Official's Breakfast will be at the Library that morning before the booths open up at Scoville Park. The two new PDOP commissioners will be attending the IAPD Boot Camp on May 30. The PDOP completed the state accreditation and although the official results are not yet released we are happy to report that we received a 497.73 out of 500; it was a great effort by the team! Barrie reservoir is being striped for pickle ball and we have a new sponsor with RUSH who is sponsoring the wind screens for the Court.

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 Committee

1. Stevenson Park Contract Update

Staff have met with Altamanu and are at a 90% design phase and are working out the bid specifications. They will be available next Wednesday, with the opening scheduled on May 28. This will be brought to the Continued Regular Board Meeting on June 6, for Board approval. As a reminder, we have received the \$400, IDNR Grant for this park and the paperwork is all in order for the project to begin.

2. Carroll Center Expansion Contract Update

Reminded the Board that when we originally went out to bid they all came in over the budgeted amount of \$1,100,000. We were just informed that we received the \$577,800 Clean Energy Grant to make it a net zero building. At that time it was decided to go with the PDOP acting as the construction manager for the project similar to what we did with Austin Gardens. We have five of the ten bids in and will be going out for the carpentry, concrete, masonry, landscaping, and plumbing which are due in May 24. The Board questioned if we thought we would receive bids in and were assured that calls have been going out to make sure of that. **This will come before the Board at the Continued Regular Board Meeting on June 6.**

3. Carroll Park Playground Contract Update

The Board was reminded that the playground portion of the budget is \$200,000 and the lowest bidder came in at \$103,000, Innovation Landscaping, Inc., of Plainfield, IL. They have confirmed this price until the center contracts are approved and we can start on the project. The Board questioned if the new playground area meets with the Master Plan and were informed that the Master Plan was revisited after it became apparent with D97's expansion the playground needed to be moved. **This will come before the Board at the Continued Regular Board Meeting on June 6.**

C. Administration and Finance Committee

1. D97 Fields Intergovernmental Agreement

Commissioner Porreca moved and Commissioner seconded that the Park Board of Commissioners approve the D97/Park District of Oak Park Intergovernmental Agreement – Sports Field Maintenance. The Board was reminded of the current IGA for the past five years when the Park District took over the care of D97's sports fields. D97's costs in the IGA are the direct costs for one staff member and actual material needed. The new IGA is for five years with the addition of language for the either party to exit the IGA with the notification by April 1, and the IGA ending June 30. The Board discussed benches and fencing and were informed that if it is something that the PDOP can swiftly fix it is taken care of but that they are not included in the IGA. **The motion passed with a roll call vote of 5:0.**

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Dole Center Flooring Contracts

The PDOP takes ownership of the Dole building on June 1. \$250,000 is allocated in the CIP and staff have comprised a prioritized list of items needing attention. The flooring must be taken care of first as the building will be closed from June 22 through July 7. The flooring was released for bid on May 8. **This will come before the Board at the Continued Regular Board Meeting on June 6.**

2. Dole Center Library Lease Agreement

The Board were reminded that the Oak Park Public Library has been leasing space in the Dole center from the Village of Oak Park. The library desires to continue to provide access to the community in Dole center and expressed their desire for the Park District to run the facility based on our current operation of existing

facilities. There is no changes to the library spaces from the prior lease agreement in this agreement. The terms of the agreement is for 50 years with an option to extend it another 50 years. **This will come before the Board at the Continued Regular Board Meeting on June 6.**

VIII. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

- **Commissioner Porreca** – Attended the IGOV assembly on May 11, it was well attended by all the entities and they were broken up to into tables with a specific topic and then they were all brought together to bring their topics together with the combined topic of equity. She also thanked Commissioner Wick was part of the organizers of that IGOV meeting. She attended the WSSRA Board Meeting and they had a successful Derby Gala and their Falling for the Stars at Cheney is coming up and their auditor presented the audit which they were commended on. Bob Foster, Superintendent of Administration, is retiring after 30 years in WSSRA and they are having a celebration for him at the Forest Park Park District on May 23.
- **Commissioner Worley-Hood** – Attended the Pleasant Home Foundation meeting which went well and enjoyed Fox Park
- **Commissioner Wick** – He thanked Ms. Mellman for coming to talk about the Train Club and promised to stop by. He mentioned the IGOV and that the four items discussed by the breakout groups needed to be put on our agendas for discussion and at the meeting Pleasant Home received a lot of compliments. He stated he loved receiving all the Facebook PDOP posts.
- **Commissioner Wollmuth** – Attended the IGOV meeting and stated it was a great way to meet the other Oak Park commissioners and connect with them. He also attended the AYSO Board Meeting and was impressed with their organization and how they touch the lives of so many. He commended the Park on our new positive signage. He said it was such an easy thing but is such a great message and gave the example of the SCROLL/STROLL sign that has the SCROLL part crossed through.
- **Commissioner Lentz** – Is impressed with the quick response the Park District displayed with a resident came in 2 weeks ago for public comment regarding food allergies in our parks and that the Park District quickly did its research and will be hanging banners with a public safety announcement about food and allergies in our parks and also commended all the landscaping with the flowers and tree rings on how good they are looking.

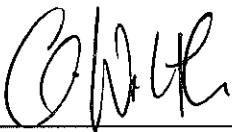
IX. CLOSED SESSION

At 8:20pm Commissioner Worley-Hood moved and Commissioner Wick seconded that the Park Board of Commissioners convene into closed session to discuss the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the District. **The motion passed with a roll call vote of 5:0.**

At 8:52pm a motion was made by Commissioner Porreca and seconded by Commissioner Wick to adjourn the Executive Session. **The motion passed a voice vote of 5:0.**

X. CONTINUE REGULAR BOARD MEEETING

At 8:52pm the Regular Board meeting was continued to the June 6, Committee of the Whole Meeting. **The motion passed with a voice vote.**



Secretary
Board of Park Commissioners

June 20, 2019
Date



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