



**Park District of Oak Park
Regular Board Meeting
Hedges Administrative Center
218 Madison Street, Oak Park, Illinois
Thursday, June 20, 2019 at 7:30pm**

Minutes

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

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Wick, Wollmuth, Worley-Hood, and President Lentz. Commissioner Porreca was absent.

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

Others Present: Joan Fiscella, League of Women Voters; Greg Cuneen, PlanItGreen; 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

Bonita Robinson came to tell the Board how disappointed she and her family were with the disrespect that the memorial plaque for their father, placed in Scoville Park in 1991, was getting. Since 2000, every spring it gets covered by mulch and they have to go and clear it off. She stated she came and spoke with the Board in 2015, regarding the problem and was assured that it would be taken care of; yet this year not only was it covered by mulch but also inches of dirt. The disrespect for the lack of follow-up and the treatment of the memorial she said was disgraceful. She stated that she was there not only for her plaque but for all the people that are no longer in Oak Park that are not there to clean off their plaques. She requested that her plaque be raised, as she sees new memorial plaques, so it no longer is covered.

Robert Johnson is a resident of 25 years and has been involved with the hockey programs at Ridgeland Common throughout those years including: the ice bears, huskies, adult hockey as well as being a ref on staff at RCRC. He stated he was here to inform the Board about growing concerns with the management of the hockey programs. He feels there is a definite lack of partnership now and says he has heard that from other rink programs there as well. The hockey program has deteriorated and no responses to their concerns have been forthcoming from the Superintendent, management, or staff when these concerns were brought to their attention. They also feel there may be some sort of retaliation if they come forward, that they would lose ice time. He is hoping that coming to the Board might be able to help the hockey program.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Wick and seconded by Commissioner Worley-Hood to approve the Consent Agenda, which includes the approval of Cash and Investment Summary and Warrants and Bills for the month of May 2019; approval of minutes from the Continued Regular Board Meeting, May 2, 2019, Annual Board Meeting, May 2, 2019, Committee of the Whole Meeting, May 2, 2019, and the Regular Board Meeting, May 16, 2019; approval of the 2018 Audit Report; approval of Park District Citizen Committee Representative Henry Boyce; and approval and authorization of the release of closed session minutes from February 7, 2019 and February 21, 2019.

V. STAFF REPORTS

A. Director's Report

Jan Arnold, Executive Director, informed the Board that tonight was movies in the Park with Spiderman: Into the Spider-Verse as well as a neighborhood nights event. Pools are open but the weather has really impacted the pool pass sales; staff are working on a Polar Bear Pass sale that will take place June 22-July 7, to try and catch people that haven't bought passes yet. The second week of camps has taken place and they are all moving along great. Anyone looking to walk in the parade is welcome, it begins at 10am but they must be there by 9:30am for lining up. The six pickle ball courts have been opened and are being used consistently. Dole Center will be closed for two weeks beginning this Saturday, for construction projects; we met with the train society and an agreement will be coming to the Board in July for their group. We also met with the VOP regarding the continuation of the fireworks and an IGA was suggested so that responsibilities are outlined.

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. Parks and Planning Committee

1. Stevenson Park Contracts Approval

Commissioner Wick motioned and Commissioner Worley-Hood seconded for the Park Board of Commissioners to approve Executive Director Arnold to negotiate a contract with Hacienda Landscaping, Plainfield, IL, in an amount not to exceed \$958,000. Executive Director Arnold reminded the Board of the OSLAD grant received for this project for \$400,000, \$400,000 in the CIP, and other available project monies from past projects for a total budget of \$958,000. Thirteen bid packets were picked up, two bids were submitted, with the low bidder being Hacienda Landscaping Inc., of Plainfield, IL, for \$973,121. The PDOP has worked with Hacienda on prior projects and have been pleased with their work. Staff will work to value engineer costs to get the amount in budget with contingency. The Board confirmed the start date of the project which will be mid-July, completing in November, discussed the railings which will be looked at for cost reduction, and confirmed the second bid's cost. **The Board passed this motion with a roll call vote 4:0.**

C. Administration and Finance Committee – None

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. PlanItGreen Annual Report

Gary Cuneen, Executive Director, Seven Generations Ahead, provided the PlanItGreen report card for sustainability in Oak Park and River Forest. Mr. Cuneen briefly went through the Trends & Metrics including the quick glance section of the report giving grades received in energy, transportation, education, waste, water, food, community development, economic development, open space & ecosystems. The Board discussed next steps, breakdown/learning forums to the community, and possibly adding benchmarks against surrounding suburbs such as Chicago. The Board thanked Mr. Cuneen. **No action is needed by the Board on this item.**

2. NRPA Proclamation

Commissioner Wick motioned and Commissioner Wollmuth seconded for the Park Board of Commissioners to approve the NRPA Proclamation to make July National Parks Month. Commissioner Lentz read the NRPA Proclamation for the month of July to be national parks month and the Board signed it and it will be kept with the Park District's ordinances and resolutions. **The Board passed this motion with a voice vote.**

3. 2019 OSLAD Grant

The Board was informed that the state has released information for next year's OSLAD Grant and that the PDOP will be putting an application for Rehm Park up for an OSLAD grant. Currently, \$400,000 is in the CIP for this project, which the Park District hopes to match with the OSLAD grant in the amount of \$400,000.

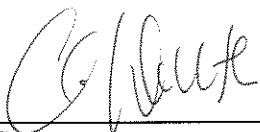
VIII. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

- **Commissioner Worley-Hood** – Attended the Pleasant Home Meeting where they discussed the open Executive Director position and are being positive and creative in their search. He has visited the parks and pool daily and commented that they look amazing.
- **Commissioner Wick** – Attended the FOPCON annual meeting where he met their new Executive Director; and he participated in a bee seminar. He is looking forward to the Park District's responses to the public comments.
- **Commissioner Wollmuth** – None.
- **Commissioner Porreca** – Absent.
- **Commissioner Lentz** – Stated it was wonderful to see our parks in full swing and everyone enjoying them. She attended the first Festival Theater production and recommends everyone see it.

IX. CLOSED SESSION - None

X. ADJOURN REGULAR BOARD MEEETING

At 8:32pm the Regular Board meeting was adjourned. **The motion passed with a voice vote.**



Secretary
Board of Park Commissioners

July 18, 2019
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