



PARK DISTRICT
of OAK PARK

Park District of Oak Park
Regular Board Meeting
Hedges Administrative Center
218 Madison Street, Oak Park, Illinois
Thursday, September 19, 2019 at 7:30pm

Minutes

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

I. ROLL CALL

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

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

Others Present: Mark Burkland, PDOP Attorney and Igor Studenkov, Wednesday Journal Reporter.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

III. VISITOR/PUBLIC COMMENTS

Haviva Siegel stated she felt that the Park District of Oak Park does a great job of maintaining our parks, but when it comes to access for all, she believes the Park District meets accessibility requirements but not full inclusion access and would like to discuss inclusion options with the Park District. President Lentz thanked her for her comments and asked that if she had recommendations that she send them to the Park Board or to the Executive Director.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Wick and seconded by Commissioner Worley-Hood to approve the Consent Agenda, which includes the Cash and Investment Summary and Warrants and Bills for the month of August 2019; approval of minutes from the Regular Board Meeting, August 22, 2019, and approval of the 2020 Pay Range Update. **The motion passed with a roll call vote of 4:0.**

V. STAFF REPORTS

A. Director's Report

Executive Director Arnold reminded the Board that the Fall Park Tour was Saturday, October 5, at 8:30am; Fall Fest will be held sat 11am-2pm on Sunday, September 29, at Rehm and the Conservatory; reminded the Board to get any names of residents they would like to nominate for a Community Service Award to her by October 15; the Elected Officials BBQ is on October 16, at 5:30pm, at the Conservatory; NRPA is next week and six staff are going along with David and Sandy; and that an IDNR representative toured Rehm Park for the grant application, there are 150 applications totaling \$43 million for \$29 million funds available.

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

C. Revenue/Expense Status Report – The Board asked questions regarding expenses which were answered by Executive Arnold and Kyle Cratty.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Recreation and Facility Program Committee – None

B. Parks and Planning Committee – None.

C. Administration and Finance Committee

1. Transportation Bus Bid Contract

Commissioner Wollmuth moved and Commissioner Wick seconded that the Park Board of Commissioners approve entering into a contract with First Student, of Naperville, IL, in an amount of \$45 per hour for bus service for September, 2019 – August, 2020, for field trip bus service needs, as well as rejection of the daily after school portion of the bid and allowing staff the option to renew for 2021 and 2022, if service meets expectations. Executive Director Arnold reminded the Board of the transportation the Park District provides for various programs. This transportation is bid out every three years. Only one bid was submitted, at \$45 per hour minimum of three hours for field trips during the summer and school year, an increase from \$100 to \$250 per day for afterschool which is more than two times the current amount. Staff reached out to the Township and have partnered with them to provide the after school bus service for the children at Lincoln School to the Fox Center. Additionally, the PDOP will utilize our own staff and van to transport children from Beye School to the Andersen Center. Staff recommended entering into a contract with First Student, of Naperville, IL, in an amount of \$45 per hour for bus service for September, 2019 – August, 2020, for our field trip bus service needs; it is the current transportation company used and staff are satisfied with the service and recommends rejecting the daily after school portion of the bid. **The motion passed with a roll call vote of 4:0.**

VII. NEW BUSINESS – None.

VIII. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

- **Commissioner Worley-Hood** – Attended the Pleasant Home Foundation Meeting as well as the ESAC meeting and stated that good work was happening by both groups.
- **Commissioner Wollmuth** – None.
- **Commissioner Porreca** – Absent.
- **Commissioner Wick** – Attended the FOPCON meeting. IGOV is considering options for the next meeting that will have the Oak Park Tax Assessor in attendance. He also stated he is looking forward to NRPA, the fields are in great condition, and the construction looks like it is progressing.
- **Commissioner Lentz** – Stated she is looking forward to NRPA for networking and educational sessions.


IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:04pm Commissioner Wick moved and Commissioner Worley-Hood seconded that the Park Board of Commissioners convene into closed session for the discussion of the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the District. **The motion passed with a roll call vote of 4:0.**

At 8:33pm a motion was made by Commissioner Wick and seconded by Commissioner Worley-Hood to adjourn the Closed Session. **The motion passed a voice vote of 4:0.**

X. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:34p.m. a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting. **The motion passed a voice vote.**



Secretary
Board of Park Commissioners

October 24, 2019
Date



President
Board of Park Commissioners

October 24, 2019
Date