



# **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, January 9, 2020; 7:30pm**

## **AGENDA**

- I. Call to Order/Roll Call**
- II. Public Comment**
- III. Administration and Finance Committee**
  - A. Park Foundation Update
  - B. Illinois Park and Recreation Conference, January 23-25, Update
- IV. Recreation and Special Facility Program Committee**
  - A. Program Scholarship Report\*
  - B. Field Utilization Update\*
- V. Parks and Planning Committee**
- VI. New Business**
- VII. Executive 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:** Chris Wollmuth, Chair, Recreation and Special Facility Program Committee  
Board of Park Commissioners

**From:** Scott Sekulich, Customer Service Manager

**Cc:** Jan Arnold, Executive Director

**Date:** January 3, 2020

**Re:** 2019 Scholarship Report

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## Statement

The Park District of Oak Park Scholarship Program exists to provide programs and services to our residents who might otherwise financially not be able to participate. Sources of funding include \$8,000 from the Township of Oak Park, non-resident fees, patron donations, and other fundraising initiatives. An additional \$5,000 in YES funds (Youth Engagement Scholarship from Oak Park – River Forest Community Foundation) were contributed specifically toward Summer Camp registration fees for current recipients but the registration details for the YES scholarship are not included in this report. The amount of scholarship funds redeemed in 2019, totaled \$71,432.37 compared to \$67,057.14 in 2018. To promote our scholarship program to adults and seniors, applications were hand delivered to several low income housing facilities, the Township offices, as well as the Oak Housing Center and Oak Park Residence Corporation.

Criteria for 2019 scholarship eligibility remained the same as it did in 2018.

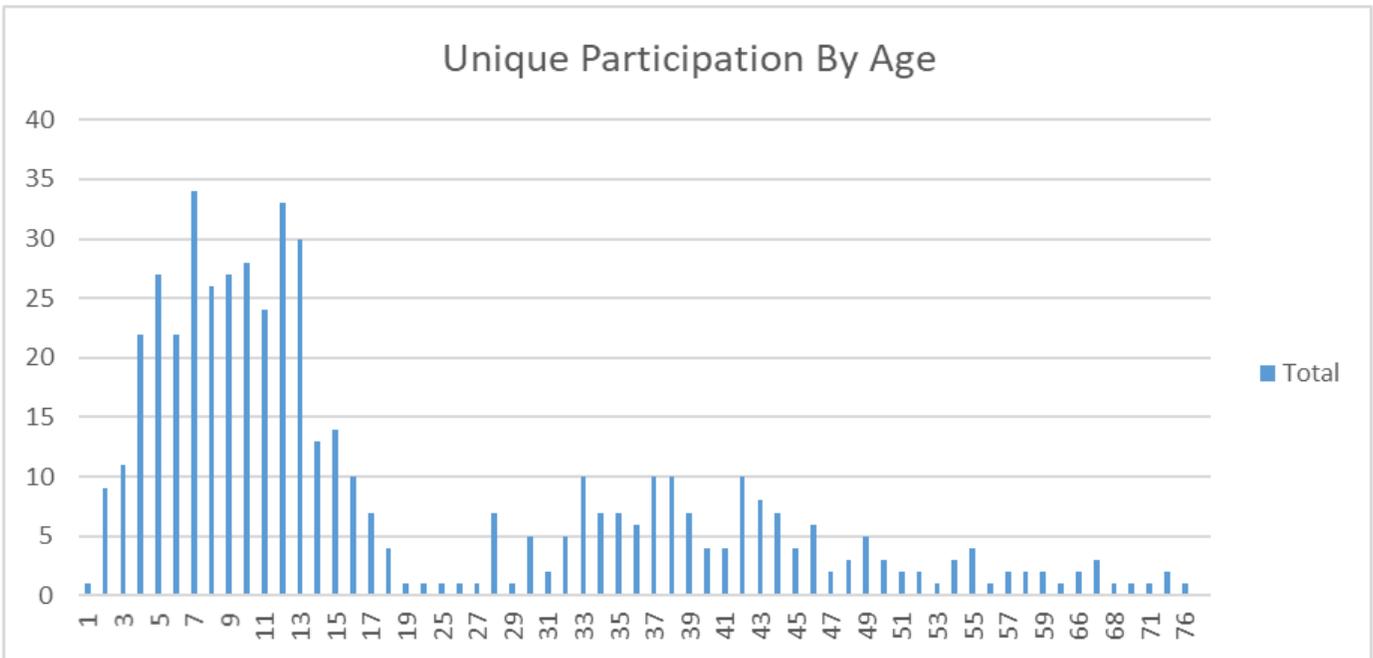
- \$300 maximum funding for each qualified family member.
- No household maximum.
- Registrations can take place any time throughout the year.
- 3 tiers of financial qualification exist. (Tier 1 provides 75% funding; Tier 2 provides 55% funding; and Tier 3 provides 35% funding towards program and pass fees.)

## Discussion

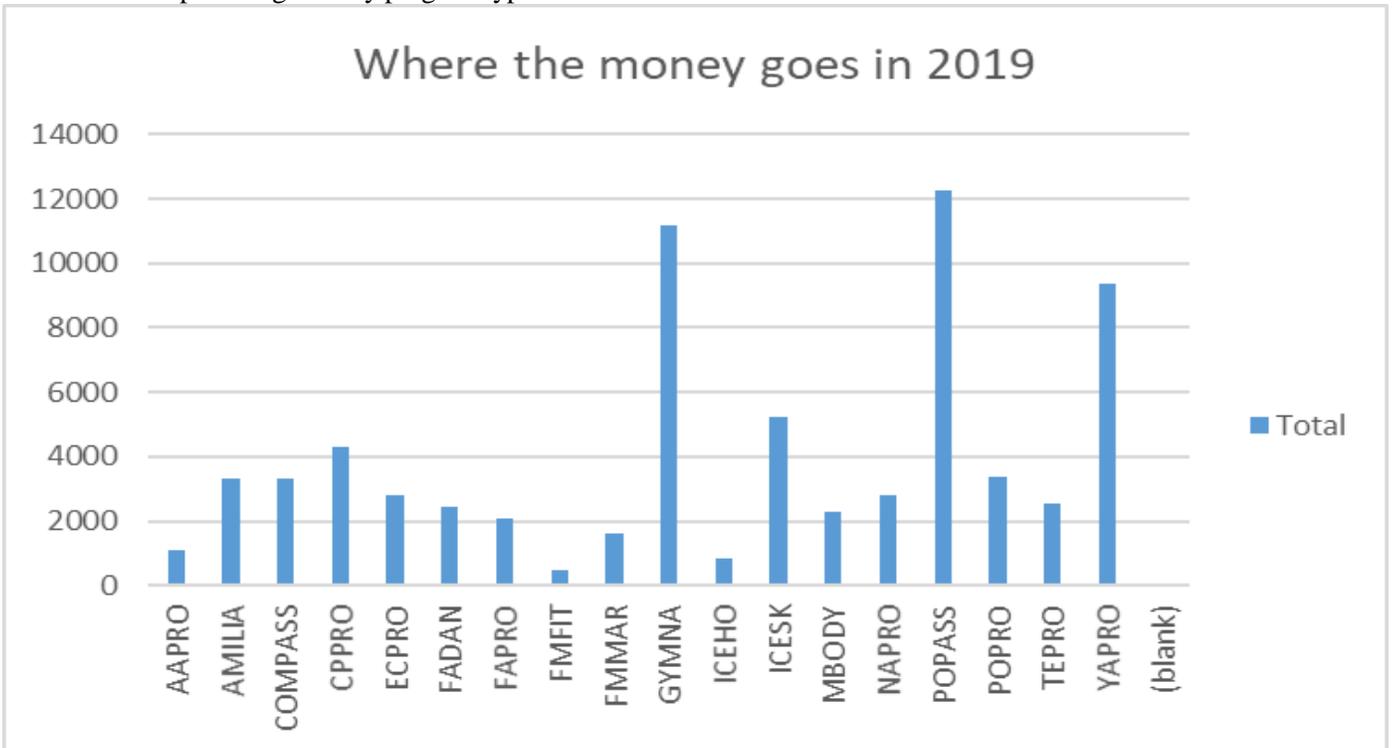
A total of 72 (73 in 2018) households were new to the scholarship program out of 222 (206 in 2018) approved applications for 2019 program. 511 unique individuals within those households used the scholarship (464 in 2018). Out of these 206 households, 7% qualified at Tier 3 (35%), 14% qualified at Tier 2 (55% income level) and the remaining 79% qualified at Tier 1 (75% level). 16 of these households did not follow through and register for any programs or services in 2019 after being approved. Scholarship recipients received funding toward a total of 1,229 (1,179 in 2017) programs and passes in 2019.

Please see below for more scholarship statistics.

Ages of Unique Participants (511 in total) who used scholarship funding: We saw an increase in adult participation this year.



Total scholarship funding used by program type.



See below for program type key.

Type	Description
AAPRO	Adult Athletics
*AMILIA	Amilia used Scholarship
CPPRO	Community Programs & Events
AAPRO	Active Adults
ECPRO	Early Childhood
FADAN	Dance
COMPASS	Combo Passes
CPPRO	Family Events
FAPRO	Visual & Performing Arts
FMFIT	Health & Fitness
FMMAR	Martial Arts
GYMNA	Gymnastics
ICEHO	Ice Hockey
ICESK	Ice Skating
MBODY	Mindbody
NAPRO	Nature/Environmental
POPASS	Pool Passes
POPRO	Aquatics
TEPRO	Teens
YAPRO	Youth Athletics

\*Amilia Type are registrations done using 2019 scholarship funds in December once Amilia launched. We are currently unable to identify the registrations associated with the scholarship payments in a report.

Staff will continue to look at new ways to inform our residents about the scholarship program and will continue to administer available scholarship funds to enhance the lives of those we serve. In 2020 we will continue to use the online fillable scholarship form introduced in 2019 which has proven to be quite successful. In 2020, we are working with Amilia and looking forward to adding the capability for our scholarship recipients to use their scholarship while registering online.

## Conclusion

Scott Sekulich, Customer Service Manager, will be at the meeting to answer questions and provide additional information and insight into this information.



# Memo

**To:** Commissioner Chris Wollmuth, Chair, Recreation & Facility Program Committee  
Board of Commissioners

**From:** Maureen McCarthy, Superintendent of Recreation

**Cc:** Jan Arnold, Executive Director

**Date:** January 3, 2020

**Re:** Field Utilization 2019



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## Statement

The annual Field Utilization Report has been prepared summarizing the field usage for 2019. The 2012 Athletic Field Study provided a baseline on number of program hours that could be supported on both grass and turf fields. This study has served as a guide for updating and improving all Park District of Oak Park (PDOP) athletic field spaces.

## Discussion

The Field Utilization Report serves to inform the Park District Board of Commissioners as well as the public of the PACT affiliate groups usage of Park District fields. It also serves a tool to adjust usage to better maintain playing conditions throughout the system. The installation of four (4) synthetic turf surfaces used by the PODP has helped to shift play and better maintain the grass fields.

## Conclusion

Maureen McCarthy, Superintendent of Recreation, and Travis Stephen, Sports Field Manager, will be present at the January 9, 2020, Committee of the Whole Meeting to present the report and be available to answer any questions the Board may have.