



**Park District of Oak Park
Committee of the Whole
Hedges Administrative Center
Oak Park, Illinois
Thursday, January 9, 2020**

Minutes

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

I. Roll Call

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

Park District Staff present: Jan Arnold, Executive Director; Chris Lindgren, Superintendent of Parks and Planning; Diane Stanke, Director of Marketing and Customer Service; Kyle Cratty, Director of Finance; Maureen McCarthy, Superintendent of Recreation; Scott Sekulich, Customer Service Manager; Travis Stephen, Sports Field Manager; and Karen Gruszka, Executive Assistant.

Others Present: Edward Kerros, Parks Foundation Vice President, and Ben Ahring, Parks Foundation President.

II. Public Comment – None

III. Administration and Finance Committee

A. Parks Foundation Update

Ben Ahring, President, and Edward Kerros, Vice President, stated that in 2019, the Foundation held the most fundraisers since its inception for the Scholarship Fund including the help of dozens of volunteers, corporate sponsorships, and matching funds. They upgraded their website and added hundreds of names to their database from their participation at events around town. 2020 promises to be a busy year with raising funds for the CRC. They are holding an event on February 6, by invitation only for capital. They have received the gift of the land for the CRC, and have been working on a video which members have been doing pro bono. They are currently at 52% for the first phase and will launch it publicly once they are at 75% of the goal. The Board thanked them for all their work and discussed details of their capital campaign. **No action is needed by the Board on this item.**

B. Illinois Park and Recreation Conference January 23-25 Update

Jan Arnold, Executive Director, reminded the Board of the upcoming conference; where staff and commissioners will be attending. She informed the Board of presentations that the PDOP would be presenting at the conference. All are looking forward to bringing back good information to be shared with the District. **No action is needed by the Board on this item.**

IV. Recreation and Facility Program Committee

A. Annual Scholarship Report

Scott Sekulich, Customer Service Manager, informed the Board that the scholarships redeemed in 2019 was 6.1% over the previous year and reminded the Board it was comprised of non-resident fees, donations, and funds from the Township and the Parks Foundation besides the \$5,000 from YES, which is not included in this report. The criteria remained the same as it did in 2018; 72 new households used the scholarship last year. **No action is needed on this item.**

B. Field Utilization Study

Maureen McCarthy, Superintendent of Recreation, and Travis Stephen, Sports Field Manager, discussed the utilization of the sports fields and the maintenance including: 2019 vs 2018 permits and fields' usage, aeration, over-seeding, slit-seeding, top dressing, irrigation, field position, D97 school fields, and grubs. The Board discussed the PACT groups use, numbers of groups, and division of time/fields with new groups joining. **No action is needed on this item.**

V. Parks and Planning Committee

VI. New Business - None

VII. Executive Session - None

VIII. Adjournment

At 8:49p.m. a voice vote was taken to adjourn the Committee of the Whole Meeting. **Motion carried in a voice vote.**



Secretary
Board of Park Commissioners

February 20, 2020
Date



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