



Park District of Oak Park
Regular Board Meeting
Hedges Administrative Center
218 Madison Street, Oak Park, Illinois
Thursday, September 17, 2020, at 7:30pm

Minutes

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

I. ROLL CALL

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

Park District Staff present: Jan Arnold, Executive Director; Mitch Bowlin, Director of Finance; and Karen Gruszka, Executive Assistant. Maureen McCarthy, Superintendent of Recreation, and Chris Lindgren, Superintendent of Parks and Planning, attended electronically.

Others Present: None.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

III. VISITOR/PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Worley-Hood and seconded by Commissioner Wick to approve the Consent Agenda, which includes the Cash and Investment Summary and Warrants and Bills for the month of August 2020; approval of minutes from the Regular Board Meeting, August 20, 2020, and approval of Ordinance for Disposal of Surplus Property 2020-09-01. **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 any Community Service Awards recommendations should be sent in; NRPA's Best of the Best ceremony will be held virtually on October 28, at 7pm, on You Tube, in which we will be receiving our CAPRA award; the PDOP will hear about the PARC grant by the end of the year along with the Pleasant Home Museum geothermal grant; a community engagement event will be taking place on September 25, at Cheney Mansion with the of A Beautiful Life with discussion following and the need and benefits of recreation centers; our full-day at Lincoln has approximately 100 signed up and approximately 50 are signed up at Whittier; and our bond rating call will be taking place on Monday for the refinancing of the bonds for 2012 and 2013.

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 Mitch Bowlin.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Recreation and Facility Program Committee – None

B. Parks and Planning Committee – None.

C. Administration and Finance Committee

1. Park District Regulation 7.17 Update

Executive Director Arnold reminded the Board of the previous discussion for the Park District Regulation 7.17 for private instruction, retail and commercial uses prohibited on Park District Property. The Board brainstormed for different possible ways to allow for changes to this regulation in our parks during the pandemic along with liability, the need for insurance, background checks, etc., which would be needed if the District gave permission for outside/commercial use. The Board agreed that there was no way we could ascertain safe instructors nor liability without it being a Park District program. **No action is needed on this item at this time.**

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Park District Gift From Tom Basset-Dilley

Commissioner Worley-Hood motioned and Commissioner Wick seconded that the Board Accept the painting from Tom Basset-Dilley. Executive Director Arnold informed the Board that Tom Basset-Dilley had contacted the PDOP wishing to donate a painting to the Park District of Oak Park which he had painted. Tom is an avid user of the parks in Oak Park and a huge supporter of the Park District. The picture of Barrie Park from the top of the sled hill was shown to the Board. They all expressed their delight and gratitude for the painting and discussed the two possible locations for it which included Barrie and Carroll Center which he designed. **The motion to accept passed with a roll call vote of 4:0.**

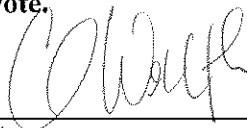
VIII. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

- **Commissioner Worley-Hood** – Attended the Pleasant Home Meeting last week; a new young woman who is a museum curator is really taking off with their second floor collection and floor use. They are still working on their next steps with the new changes.
- **Commissioner Wollmuth** – Attended the AYSO meeting last week and they are running a program with 400 kids in pods of 20; it has been very well received. They usually have 1,500/1,800 enrolled which shows there is still a certain amount of hesitation. He has noticed the growth of tennis during the pandemic with groups waiting at each court to play; it is great to see all the intergenerational play.
- **Commissioner Porreca** – Absent.
- **Commissioner Wick** – Stated he noticed a lot of discussion on the 835 building's design on Facebook and that there had been questions if it would impact Scoville Park at all. IGOV held a meeting although they were missing some people; Susan Bucannan discussed the climate action plan at the VOP and asked the other entities to come together to make a plan.
- **Commissioner Lentz** – Mentioned a gentleman that has been a huge supporter and neighbor of the Conservatory had recently passed away, Steve Tallien__, and stated he was one of the quiet Oak Park gems that make our community the special place that it is.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

X. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:41p.m. a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting. **The motion passed a voice vote.**



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