



**PARK DISTRICT  
of OAK PARK**

**Park District of Oak Park  
Committee of the Whole Meeting  
Zoom Meeting  
Thursday, May 6, 2021**

**Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 7:44pm.

**I. Roll Call**

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

**Park District Staff present:** Jan Arnold, Executive Director; Maureen McCarthy, Superintendent of Recreation; Mitch Bowlin, Director of Finance; Paula Bickel, Director of Human Resources; and Karen Gruszka, Executive Assistant.

**Others Present: None**

**II. Public Comment - None**

**III. Recreation and Facility Program Committee**

**A. Collaboration For Early Childhood Agreement**

The Board was reminded of the great value of the collaboration between the Park District and the Collaboration for Early Childhood Care & Education. This agreement allows us to invest in more families where need is so that all children start the school year on the same level and through their screenings, we have found opportunities that benefited the children from engaged intervention services and to help prepare them for when they start kindergarten. Executive Director Arnold informed them that the payment to them would be dispersed in accordance with their annual time. The Board questioned their reporting to the Board and was informed that it is usually every two years. **This will come before the Board at the May Regular Board Meeting on the consent agenda.**

**IV. Buildings and Grounds/Facility Maintenance Committee**

**A. ESAC Committee Application – Beth Rooney**

Beth Rooney attended the meeting in April and submitted an application to join the Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee. She lives in the south-central part of Oak Park, she graduated with a visual communications degree from Ohio University, is a board member of the West Cook Montessori School, volunteers as a Girl Scout troop leader, an election judge, and is a writer and photographer; she is looking forward to participating in the ESAC committee. The Board felt this was a great opportunity and stated that she wrote a nice letter of introduction. **This will come before the Board at the May Regular Board Meeting on the consent agenda.**

**V. Administration and Finance Committee**

**A. Noventech, Inc. Agreement Renewal**

The Board was reminded that we had just signed the contract with Noventech when we were overtaken by the pandemic and that they did an excellent job of getting all the staff up and operational when staff had to work remotely as well as handling any problem presented to them. Also, they were able to handle some much needed upgrading with our system including servers and help tickets have never been lower. Executive Director Arnold stated that we are looking for approval for the 2021-2022 contract with an addition of two years as long as service continues to

meet expectations and that there is no increase with this new contract from the current one. The Board discussed the in-person areas where Noventech divides their time and future opportunities with Noventech. **This will come before the Board at the May Regular Board Meeting on the regular agenda.**

**B. Review of Ethics Ordinance Update**

As a standard practice, the PDOP reviews our Ethics Ordinance annually to make any changes needed. The last change made to the Ordinance was in 2011, and at this time there are no changes to our current Ethics Ordinance 2015-05-01. **No action by the Board is needed at this time.**

**C. Rehm Park Easement Update**

Executive Director informed the Board that she and Mark Burkland, PDOP attorney, have been working with the property owner and her attorney on the easement agreement for a temporary fence to save the large tree on the south side of the park. The final agreement attached in the packet has been agreed upon by the property owner, her attorney, and Mark Burkland. The Board stated that they were happy that this was able to be worked out and to save the tree. **This will come before the Board at the May Regular Board Meeting on the regular agenda.**

VI. New Business - None

VII. Closed Session – None

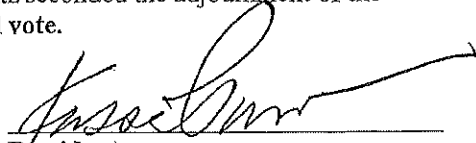
VIII. Adjournment

At 7:58p.m. Commissioner Wick moved and Commissioner Lentz seconded the adjournment of the Committee of the Whole meeting. **Motion carried in a roll call vote.**



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Secretary  
Board of Park Commissioners

June 17, 2021  
Date



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President  
Board of Park Commissioners

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