



Park District of Oak Park
Regular Board Meeting
Hedges Administrative Center
218 Madison Street, Oak Park, Illinois
Thursday, September 9, 2021 at 7:30pm

Minutes

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

I. ROLL CALL

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

Park District Staff present: Jan Arnold, Executive Director; Mitch Bowlin, Director of Finance; Chris Lindgren, Superintendent Parks and Planning; Paula Bickel, Director of Human Resources; and Karen Gruszka, Executive Assistant.

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

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Wick and seconded by Commissioner Wollmuth to approve the Consent Agenda, which includes the Cash and Investment Summary and Warrants and Bills for the month of August 2021; approval of minutes from the Regular Board Meeting, August 19, 2021, and approval of the Closed Session Minutes, August 19, 2021. **The motion was passed by a roll call vote of 5:0.**

V. STAFF REPORTS

A. Director's Report

Executive Director Arnold reminded the Board of the Fall Tour date that has been set for November 13, visiting the pools, the Conservatory and Pleasant Home. Fall Fest is scheduled for September 26, and the ribbon cutting for Rehm Park is scheduled that same day at 10am. The construction fence is scheduled to come down on September 22. The Elected Officials BBQ is scheduled for Wednesday, October 13, on the porch at Pleasant Home at 5:30pm. Three staff and three board members will be attending NRPA, information about uploading your vaccination cards will be coming soon and they will host the conference in two pods on separate floors to limit contact between attendees. The Regular Board Meeting has been moved from October 21, to October 14, prior to the Budget Meeting. She also informed the Board of the meeting between our President and the VOP's president and our request of monies available from the federal funding they received and she requested the Board have conversations with the VOP's Board when opportunities arise regarding this.

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

C. Revenue/Expense Status Report – No questions asked.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Recreation and Facility Program Committee – None

- B. Parks and Planning Committee - None
- C. Administration and Finance Committee - None

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. CRC Update

The Board was reminded of the September 18, kick-off event for the capital campaign, the brick pavers being sold, along with the construction contract bid being awarded in November. The District will be the first organization in Oak Park to have a bid goal requiring woman owned and minority owned companies for a minimum of 25% of the bid. Discussion took place on the requirements to be considered as Woman owned or a minority owned company and were informed that the PDOP counsel was looking at the exact requirements and terminology; discussion also took place on the monies asked of River Forest for their ability for use and what that would include and timelines. **No action is required by the Board on this item.**

2. Mandatory Covid Vaccination For Staff Update

The vaccination discussion for Park District staff was superseded by President Biden’s announcement today of new COVID vaccine mandates. The Board was informed that Park District’s staff are currently gathering the number of vaccinated and unvaccinated staff. Executive Director Arnold will be working with both D97 and the Village of Oak Park’s Health Board for testing of those employees not vaccinated. Discussion took place on requiring all staff to be vaccinated and timelines of when this will be put in place as well as the logistics it requires. **No action is required by the Board on this item.**

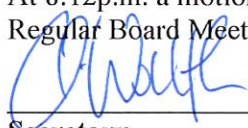
VIII. COMMISSIONERS’ COMMENTS

- **Commissioner Worley-Hood** – Has meetings coming up but nothing to add from the last meeting.
- **Commissioner Wollmuth** – Wanted to thank the Park District on how responsive they were to helping out and creating a partnership not only with our current partners but also with residents and their suggestions such as the women’s try-it triathlon.
- **Commissioner Lentz** – Went to a lot of the parks this past week and just really enjoyed them and complimented the staff on how good they looked.
- **Commissioner Wick** – Reminded everyone of the Sustainability Forum on Saturday, September 18, at 9am and he wanted to give a shout out to the maintenance team as he sees them everywhere working hard at making the parks look great.
- **President Porreca** – Informed the Board of her meeting with the VOP’s President Vicki Scaman and their discussion on the federal funds, our partnerships as we serve the same residents, and their search for a new VOP Manager. The Board discussed the federal funds and what was available.

IX. CLOSED SESSION – None

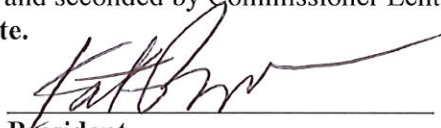
X. ADJOURN REGULAR BOARD MEETING

At 8:12p.m. a motion was made by Commissioner Wick and seconded by Commissioner Lentz to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting. **The motion passed a voice vote.**



 Secretary
 Board of Park Commissioners

October 14, 2021
 Date



 President
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