



**PARK DISTRICT  
of OAK PARK**

Park District of Oak Park  
Committee of the Whole  
Hedges Administrative Center  
218 Madison Street  
Oak Park, IL 60302

Thursday, September 2, 2021

Minutes

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

I. Roll Call

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

**Park District Staff present:** Jan Arnold, Executive Director; Mitch Bowlin, Director of Finance; and Karen Gruszka, Executive Assistant.

**Others Present:** None

II. Public Comment - None

III. Recreation and Facility Program Committee - None

IV. Parks and Planning Committee

**A. Fall Park Tour Update**

The Fall Board Park Tour will take place on November 13, with the Board visiting: Pleasant Home, Rehm and RCRC pools, Field, and the Conservatory. Chris, Bill, and Patti should be in attendance. **This will come before the Board at the July Regular Board Meeting under the regular agenda.**

V. Administration and Finance Committee - None

**A. Draft 2021 Tax Levy**

Executive Director Arnold reminded the Board the Park District approves a property tax levy ordinance annually. Per previous discussions with the Board at the Board Retreat, the Park District is recommending the District along with the 1.4% increase, capture 1.5% of growth in the EAV for a total increase for the tax levy to 2.9%. This will equal a \$4.60 increase per \$100,000 of assessed home value. Discussion took place on the tax levy. **This will come before the Board at the November Regular Board Meeting under the regular agenda.**

**B. NRPA Update**

The NRPA Conference is taking place September 21-23, at Nashville. Maureen McCarthy, Kayla Fauria, Bill Hamilton, Jan Arnold, and the four Board Members Sandy, Kassie, David, and Jake will be attending. We have been awarded as a finalist for the Gold Medal Award for the Class IV Park Districts along with three other Park Districts in the country; we look forward to hearing if we are awarded the Gold Medal again. We also will have a special guest attending with us, Diane

Stanke, to attend the Gold Medal Award ceremony. **No action by the Board is needed at this time.**

**B. Elected Official's BBQ Update**

The Elected Official's BBQ is scheduled for October 13, and will take place at Pleasant Home. **No action by the Board is needed at this time.**

**C. Community Service Award Nominations Update**

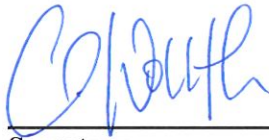
Executive Director Arnold informed the Board that it was time to think of residents or groups that have helped the Park District and its mission. The Board discussed nominees and identified a group. **No action by the Board is needed at this time.**

**VI. New Business** - None

**VII. Closed Session** - None

**VIII. Adjournment**

At 7:44p.m. a voice vote was taken to adjourn the Committee of the Whole. **Motion carried in a roll call 5:0.**



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Secretary  
Board of Park Commissioners

October 14, 2021  
Date



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President  
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