



**PARK DISTRICT
of OAK PARK**

Park District of Oak Park
Regular Board Meeting
Hedges Administrative Center
218 Madison Street
Oak Park, IL 60302

Thursday, April 21, 2022

Minutes

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

I. ROLL CALL

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

Park District Staff Present: Jan Arnold, Executive Director, Chris Lindgren, Superintendent of Parks and Planning; Mitch Bowlin, Director of Finance; Maureen McCarthy, and Superintendent of Recreation.

Others Present: Edward Kerros and Mike Warren, Parks Foundation along with Laura Stamp from Park District Citizen Committee.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

No changes to the Agenda. **The motion was passed by a roll call vote 4:0.**

III. PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Wick and seconded by Commissioner Lentz to approve the Consent Agenda, which includes the Cash and Investment Summary and Warrants and Bills for the month of March, 2022; approval of minutes from the Committee of the Whole Meeting March 3, 2022, and the Regular Board Meeting March 17, 2022. **The motion passed with a roll call vote of 4:0.**

V. STAFF REPORTS

A. Director's Report

Jan Arnold, Executive Director, updated the board on the pool prep at both Ridgeland Common and Rehm. Water will be filling on May 2nd at RC and Rehm around May 10. She shared that both of the Olympian Emery Lehman events were well attended and received. Updated on CRC construction and shared that today was the first concrete pour for the footings. PDOP is working with the Village of Oak Park on the \$400K agreement for the CRC sustainability funding and lastly, staff will be converting exterior lights on RCRC field, Maple Tennis, Scoville, Tennis and Taylor tennis to LED saving \$20K annual on electricity expense. There was approximately \$165,000 in grant funding for the lighting with PDOP only paying \$24.52.

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

B. Parks and Planning Committee – None

C. Administration and Finance Committee – None

1. IGA PDOP/VOP ARPA Funding Allocation

Commissioner Wick moved and Commissioner Wollmuth seconded that the Park Board of Commissioners approve the IGA with Village of Oak Park for \$1M in ARPA funding. The Executive Director reminded the Board that the Park District had request \$2M to offset the loss from the pandemic due to closures and reduced size programs. The \$2M represented the amount of funding that was not transferred to the Capital Improvement Plan. She shared that she and Board members had attended meetings with the Village of Oak Park and its commission on this request. The Village Board approved \$1M on March 14 and requested the Park Board resubmit is request in the fall for the remaining \$1M. **The motion passed by a roll call vote 4:0**

2. Memorandum of Understanding D200/PDOP RC Field Sharing

Commissioner Wick moved that the Park Board approve the D200/PDOP Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for RCRC. The Executive Director reminded the Board that the MOU is to allow open discussion about the possibility of shared use of RCRC for OPRFHS Softball. The D200 Board is expected to approve the MOU at their meeting on April 28. A joint community meeting has been planned for May 4th at 7pm at the high school. Director Arnold shared that conversations have taken place with affiliate groups. If a decision to move forward is reached an IGA will be created. **The motion passed by a roll call vote 4:0**

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Parks Foundation of Oak Park**

Mike Warren, President and Edward Kerros, Vice President provide some highlight from 2021 including: they have 12 strong board members from a variety of backgrounds, they now are required to conduct an annual audit since they raise over \$300k annually, they are conducting outreach events on the Foundation and the CRC, and they are participating in events such as WinterFest, Fall Fest, Concerts in Parks, etc. Edward updated the Board on the Foundations efforts for the CRC to include the community kickoff in September, the groundbreaking last month, house parties that are yielding pledges and donations as well as the success of the paver brick program. The Board thanked them for their efforts and asked what is next. Edward shared that after the CRC fundraising is wrapped up they plan to launch an endowment campaign for the afterschool component at the CRC. **No action is needed by the Board on this item.**

2. **Park District Citizens Committee**

Laura Stamp, PDCC Chair shared with the Park Board that she looks forward to her committee resuming in-person meetings this month. She shared that the pandemic has reduced the committee's involvement but there were some highlights from 2021 to include restarting the Secret Shopper program, adding some new members, involvement in the website redesign, and attending park master plan meetings. The Board thanked her and the committee for serving as extra eyes and ears for the Park Board. **No action is needed by the Board on this item.**

3. **Performance Quarterly Review**

Mitch Bowlin, Finance Director provided a review of the MPower data status for the first quarter of 2022. He reviewed the status of the strategic and budget goals; the internal customer service scores; accident/incident reports; launch pad participation and staff training satisfaction. The staff thanked Mitch and reiterated the importance of tracking and reviewing data. **No action is needed by the Board on this item.**

VIII. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

- **Commissioner Lentz** – Daffodils in the parks are wonderful and appreciate. Great to see the CRC progress.
- **Commissioner Wick** – Attended FOPCON meetings and they were pleased with the final version of the PACT agreement and they are looking at in-person meetings beginning in May or June. Plant sale is in May and the orders have been strong. He attended the Egg Dash and Doggie Scamble at Maple, both are great

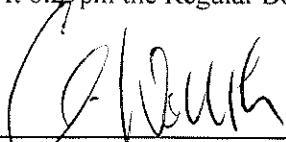
examples of way PDOP give back to the community. He has become a member of PHF and looks forward to the upcoming Tea & Tour. Recently walked Barrie Park and encouraged all the other member to spend time in our great parks.

- **Commissioner Wollmuth** – Attended an OPYB/S and AYSO meetings and had good conversations on MOU with both. Also spoke with representative from Edge. Attended the event with Emery Lehman and shared the Park Foundation’s plans for future, similar events.
- **Commissioner Worley-Hood** – Appreciates all of the outreach to the community groups regarding the MOU.

IX. CLOSED SESSION - None

X. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

At 8:29pm the Regular Board meeting was adjourned. **The motion passed with a voice vote 4:0.**



Secretary
Board of Park Commissioners

May 19, 2022
Date



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