

Park District of Oak Park (PDOP)
Committee of the Whole Meeting
Hedges Administrative Center
218 Madison Street, Oak Park, Illinois 60302

Thursday, July 7, 2022 at 6:30pm

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm.

I. ROLL CALL

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

Park District Staff Present: Jan Arnold, Executive Director; Chris Lindgren, Superintendent of Parks and Planning; Mitch Bowlin, Director of Finance; Bill Hamilton, Superintendent of Special Facilities & Customer Service; and Edith Rodriguez, Executive Assistant.

II. VISITOR/PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

III. RECREATION AND FACILITY PROGRAM COMMITTEE

A. Rehm Pool Boiler Update — Executive Director Arnold and Bill Hamilton reminded the Board that staff are currently working on updating the boiler for the Rehm Pool. At this time, there is a 12 to 16-week lead time (based on supply made available), in which it is planned to order the boiler heater and have a designer for it, but are currently looking into two designer options. The first is with a firm that has been previously used by PDOP, however, this individual has relocated and are working to contract a new local contractor. Once the design specifications have been received, a bid will be made for that work. The second option, SourceWell (a current bid firm), is also available to use their services, without the need of the bidding process. Bill Hamilton is working on speaking with SourceWell next week, and are also looking into a solar thermal option for the boiler update. The Board liked the idea of a solar option if it is made available. Questions were also asked by the Board in regards to pricing, however, Executive Director Arnold noted that the price for the work is pending at this time. No action is needed by the Board on this item.

IV. PARK AND PLANNING COMMITEE

A. Conservatory North Wall Contract – Executive Director Arnold reminded the Board that the Nationally Historic Conservatory is showing its age, and repairs are due to the north wall of the showrooms of the building. It was noted that the side vents and windows are failing, and wood decay has led to some of the vents to be inoperable and no longer able to be repaired. In addition, the existing metal structural framing is deteriorated in many areas, specifically below the gutter level. Chris Lindgren has been working along with Patti Staley, Director of Horticulture & Conservatory Operations, in obtaining bids for the work. PDOP has also connected with the State Preservation office, and have approvals to move forward with the work. Staff is looking to bring the Board a contractor at the July 21st Regular Board Meeting for approval. The Board questioned if the budget is not enough for the work, and Executive Director Arnold noted a phased approach to complete the work would be planned. The Board also noted a concern with the planned

Eisenhower Expressway (I-290) rebuild, and Executive Director Arnold noted a monitoring approach (which can include video recording), as well as due to the historical nature of the building, additional options may also be available. This item will be brought before the Board on the regular agenda at the July Regular Board Meeting.

- B. 228-230 Parking Lot Contract Executive Director Arnold reminded the board due to the loss of the parking area for the buses, parks' lift, and dump trucks, there is a need to have parking nearby for the program staff to bus children for the many district programs. As such, the 228-230 Madison Street building was purchased and demolished and this property has been designed to provide overflow parking for the Community Recreation Center (CRC). Executive Director Arnold noted potential concern for the pricing of the project due to current economic conditions. If the cost is too high the project may be delayed to Spring 2023. Bids will be opened on July 13th. The Board agrees that the plan is well thought out and the parking lot is in need, and knows it will look nice with the art, plantings, etc. This item will be brought before the Board on the regular agenda at the July Regular Board Meeting.
- C. 2023-2027 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Update Executive Director Arnold reminded the Board that staff will provide a full review of the 2023-2027 CIP at the July 21st Regular Board Meeting. The key components of the CIP plan include, CRC, Barrie Park, Taylor and Lindberg Tennis Courts, Rehm Pool, Field Center, Vehicle Replacements, and Longfellow Courts and Playground. It was noted that it is a financially tight plan and it will be discussed in full on July 21st for approval at the August Regular Board Meeting. The Board discussed different funding sources and uses. They agreement continuous investment is important for the community. This item will be brought before the Board on the regular agenda at the July Regular Board Meeting.

V. ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

A. D200/PDOP Field Collaboration IGA Update – Executive Director Arnold reminded the Board that PDOP received the first draft of the IGA Update on Friday, July 1st. Mark Burkland has been provided with the IGA for review. D200 is presenting their light plan request to the Plan Commission on July 21st. Maureen McCarthy, Superintendent of Recreation, will be attending that meeting to represent PDOP. It was noted that the agreement includes, a 25-year term, D200 will pay all the costs associated with the initial turf installation and replacement as long as the agreement is in place, and PDOP will approve the field markings during the installation/replacement dates with D200 before the contacts are awarded. Staff plan to bring the draft agreement to Board for approval during the August 18th Regular Board Meeting. The Board questioned whether affiliates need to chime in on the review of the draft. Executive Director Arnold noted that this was not necessary. The Board discussed community input into the project as well as current discussion regarding backstops, netting, etc. Executive Director Arnold noted staff will be working to come to agreement on needs and will include in the IGA. This item will be brought before the Board on the regular agenda at the August Regular Board Meeting.

VI. NEW BUSINESS – None

VII. CLOSED SESSION - None

<u>VIII. ADJOURNMENT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING</u> At 6:57pm Commissioner Lentz moved and Commissioner Wick seconded to adjourn the Committee of

Date

the Whole Meeting. The motion passed with	a voice vote of 3:0.
Secretary Board of Park Commissioners	President Board of Park Commissioners
August 18, 2022	August 18, 2022

Date