



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

Directly Following the Continued Regular Board Meeting from August 18, 2022
Thursday, September 1, 2022

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:34pm.

I. ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Commissioners Lentz and Wollmuth.

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

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

III. RECREATION AND FACILITY PROGRAM COMMITTEE – None

IV. PARK AND PLANNING COMMITTEE – None

V. ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. **Draft 2022 Tax Levy** – Executive Director Arnold and Mitch Bowlin reminded the Board that annually, the Board must approve a property tax levy ordinance and file it with the County no later than the last Tuesday in December. Staff plan to provide the budget for approval at the November 17th, Regular Board Meeting. The tax levy ordinance provides funds for next year’s operations. The Property Tax Extension Lamination Law (PTELL) limits the dollar amount of the tax levy increase to an amount no greater than the consumer price index (CPI) or 5%, whichever is less. The CPI for the 2022 tax year (which is payable in the calendar year of 2023) is determined by CPI releases from January 2021 through December 2021. The CPI for the 2021 calendar year was 7.5%. As the PTELL limits the tax levy increase to 5%, the limit will be capped at 5%. Cook County has not yet published the current tax extension. However, based on staff’s estimate the tax increase per \$100,000 of home value will be approximately \$7.14 per \$100,000 of home value. The Board discussed impacts to the Park District since the CPI is great than the levy and inflation continues to be a concern. **No action is needed by the Board on this item.**

- B. **NRPA Update** – Executive Director Arnold reminded the Board that the NRPA Conference is coming up on September 19th. The Gold Medal Award ceremony will take place Tuesday (September 20th) in the morning, and there are plans to do a live feed of the ceremony for staff to watch. Staff and members of the Board will be attending the conference this year. Executive Director Arnold and President Porreca spent time together to review the sessions book and went

over exhibits that would be beneficial for the staff and the Board to attend during the conference. The Board is excited to see the different exhibits as the Board has attended the conference in the past and have enjoyed what has been offered. **No action is needed by the Board on this item.**

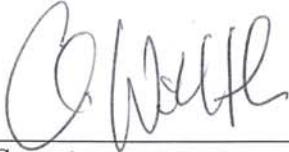
- C. Budget Meeting Update** – Executive Director Arnold updated the Board that staff have been meeting together to prepare for the upcoming budget meetings. The first meeting will be held on September 29th which will include corporate accounts, Conservatory, and Cheney/Pleasant Home. The second budget meeting will be held on October 13th, and will include recreation, marketing, special facilities, and customer service. **No action is needed by the Board on this item.**
- D. Elected Officials BBQ Update** – Executive Director Arnold updated the Board that the Elected Officials BBQ will take place on September 14th at Cheney Mansion, beginning at 5:30pm. Invitations have gone out to all of the board members, and it is expected to have 40 people in attendance including some of the state legislators. The order has been placed with Sweet Baby Rays which will be buffet style, and vegan options will also be provided. **No action is needed by the Board on this item.**
- E. D200/PDOP Field Collaboration IGA Discussion** – Executive Director Arnold reminded the Board that in April, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was agreed upon between PDOP and the School District 200 (D200) on the collaborative improvement and use of playing/sports fields at Ridgeland Common (RC). A joint meeting between PDOP and D200 was held in June to discuss the potential sharing and community benefit. After conversations and meetings with the Village of Oak Park's Plan Commission, and a community meeting with D200, staff submitted an IGA for the Park Board's consideration. The IGA includes the installation of two scoreboards, security cameras, additional netting, and replacement of the multi-use all weather synthetic turf fields at RC, which will all be funded by D200. The improvements will support D200's physical education program, as well as for PDOP, to continue providing programming to youth at the RC. PDOP will also have access to both D200's new baseball field, as well as its new synthetic field for program needs, with a 25-year agreement that has been reviewed by legal counsel. The Village of Oak Park Board is scheduled to approve the revised lighting ordinance at their meeting on Tuesday, September 6th as well. Pending this approval, staff recommend moving forward with the IGA. The Board had questions on the netting and its installation. **This item will be brought before the Board on the regular agenda at the September Regular Board Meeting.**
- F. Park District Citizen Committee Application** – Executive Director Arnold reminded the Board that the Park District Citizen Committee (PDCC) was established in the Fall of 2003 to oversee the development of the Comprehensive Master Plan. The Mission and Guiding Principles of the PDCC state that the committee should include 13 members however, there are currently only ten members in the committee. Andrew France has expressed interest in joining the PDCC. Andrew has lived in Oak Park for over 20 years and is a daily user of the parks. Andrew has also been a youth sports coach, adult sports participant, and dog owner. Andrew also attended the PDCC meeting in August, and expressed his desire to join the committee. The Board noted that Andrew and his kids have been very engaged in the community by joining sports and programs. **This item will be brought before the Board on the regular agenda at the September Regular Board Meeting.**

VI. NEW BUSINESS – None

VII. CLOSED SESSION – None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:10pm, the Committee of the Whole meeting was adjourned. **The motion was passed with a roll call vote of 3:0.**



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Board of Park Commissioners



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