



PARK DISTRICT of OAK PARK

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Committee of the Whole Meeting
John Hedges Administrative Center
218 Madison Street
Oak Park, Illinois 60302**

**Thursday, May 4, 2023
Directly Following the Annual Meeting**

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:40pm.

I. ROLL CALL

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

Park District Staff Present: Jan Arnold, Executive Director; Bill Hamilton, Superintendent of Special Facilities & Customer Service; Maureen McCarthy, Superintendent of Recreation; Paula Bickel, Director of Human Resources & Risk Management; and Edith Wood, Executive Assistant.

Others Present: Lindsey Peckinpugh, Brent Ross, Rebecca Miner, and George Deines with Perkins&Will; and Paula Goedert.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

Paula Goedert – Paula first offered her thanks to the Board for all of their work. Paula has been an avid pool passholder and frequently buys pool passes for her family as her family loves the Park District pools. Paula expressed her concerns on the gender-neutral bathrooms proposed for the Rehm pool project. Paula noted that women would feel more comfortable in a bathroom that offered more privacy. Sometimes people will go to work after being in the pools and it can be uncomfortable to get ready in front of other people. In addition, if curtains are used to close the changing rooms, there is a potential for people to be able to see through. With Paula having granddaughters, she has fears for teenage boys and little girls to be in the same room. Would like to see ways to minimize this risk and to be more private in the bathrooms.

III. PARKS AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

- A. Perkins&Will Rehm Pool Master Plan Presentation – Perkins&Will presented to the Board the Master Plan for Rehm Pool. February 14 was the staff kick-off for the project. On March 8, the first community meeting was held with great participation, the meeting included concept options, polling, and Q/A. On April 12, the second community meeting was held and the preferred concepts from the public based on first meeting feedback were reviewed. Three planning concepts were shown at the meeting for the existing bathhouse, these concepts were to renovate, reconfigure, and replace. Two pool concepts were also reviewed for diving well replacement which included water slides on either the deck or into the pool. In addition, two concepts for the spray pad were reviewed one was large spray pad and the other was spray pad with small playground. Two community polls were also taken to collect resident feedback. Items that the community would like to see improved include restrooms and changing facilities, a crossing feature, a pool with a waterslide and larger spray pad, and enhanced privacy in the inclusive locker rooms. Based on everyone's feedback, Perkins&Will will work on developing a plan and design based on the improvements most

requested. The Board had a discussion on the inclusive bathrooms based on the public comment brought up earlier in the meeting. **This item will be brought before the Board on the regular agenda at the May Regular Board Meeting.**

- B. Spring Park Tour Update – Executive Director Arnold noted that the Spring Park Tour will take place on May 11. The Board and Staff will be visiting Longfellow, Lindberg, and Field Center. **No action is needed by the Board on this item.**

IV. ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Apparel Bid Update – Executive Director Arnold and Maureen McCarthy noted that staff went out to bid on May 3 for the apparel bid. Only one bidder was received from Custom Promos and staff will be bringing a recommendation for the Board's consideration at the May Regular Board meeting. **This item will be brought before the Board on the regular agenda at the May Regular Board Meeting.**
- B. Review of Ethic Ordinance – Executive Director Arnold noted that the Park District is required to review the Ethics Ordinance on a continuing basis. The ordinance was last updated in 2015. At this time, there are no updates to the policy that are needed as there have been no legal changes since the last update. **This item will be brought before the Board on the consent agenda at the May Regular Board Meeting.**
- C. IDNR Museum Grant for Oak Park Conservatory Update – Executive Director Arnold and staff attended the IAPD Legislative Conference in which an update was given that this year there is only \$7 million in the grant. Staff will plan to make a recommendation on the replacement for the historic doors at the Oak Park Conservatory to apply for this grant. **This item will be brought before the Board on the consent agenda at the May Regular Board Meeting.**
- D. IDNR PARC Grant Resolution – Rehm Pool Improvement Project – Executive Director Arnold noted that in order to complete the PARC grant application for the Rehm Pool Improvement Project, a Resolution of Authorization must be adopted by the Park Board. At this time, staff are looking to submit a phase one, diving well replacement, for grant funding. Staff would expect the work to start until Fall 2024 and be completed in Summer 2025. **This item will be brought before the Board on the consent agenda at the May Regular Board Meeting.**
- E. IDNR OSLAD Grant Resolution – Andersen Park Improvement Project – Executive Director Arnold noted that in order to complete the OSLAD grant application for the Andersen Park Improvement Project, a Resolution of Authorization must be adopted by the Park Board. However, funds from the OSLAD grant have not yet been released, and staff would like to have the resolution ready for when they are. **This item will be brought before the Board on the consent agenda at the May Regular Board Meeting.**
- F. Park District Citizen Committee Approval – Kavita Vermani – Executive Director Arnold noted that the PDCC was established to oversee the development of the Comprehensive Master Plan. The mission and guiding principles of the PDCC states that the committee should include 13 members. There are currently only 11 members in the committee. Kavita has expressed interest in joining the committee. Kavita has two young children and has participated in a wide variety of Park District programs. Kavita has also been involved with NextUp Chicago, OPRF South Asian Group Lead, PTO Volunteer at Hatch, Housing Forward and Beyond Hunger, and is an OPPD Co-

Ed Softball Player. Kavita has a strong interest in being a voice of the community to the Park District. Kavita also has experience in serving non-profit boards which includes fundraising and long-range mission/vision planning. **This item will be brought before the Board on the consent agenda at the May Regular Board Meeting.**

- G. Park District Citizen Committee Approval – Kevin K. Lee – Executive Director Arnold noted that the PDCC was established to oversee the development of the Comprehensive Master Plan. The mission and guiding principles of the PDCC states that the committee should include 13 members. There are currently only 11 members in the committee. Kevin has expressed interest in joining the committee. Kevin has been involved with Calvary Memorial Church in Oak Park, pickleball, and various children's programs. Kevin has an interest in being a voice to the community for their demographic as his kids are in middle school and attend OPRF. **This item will be brought before the Board on the consent agenda at the May Regular Board Meeting.**
- H. Park District Citizen Committee Approval – Virgil Maurice Woods II – Executive Director Arnold noted that the PDCC was established to oversee the development of the Comprehensive Master Plan. The mission and guiding principles of the PDCC states that the committee should include 13 members. There are currently only 11 members in the committee. Virgil has expressed interest in joining the committee. Virgil lives in Oak Park and closest to the Community Recreation Center. **This item will be brought before the Board on the consent agenda at the May Regular Board Meeting.**
- I. VOP IGA – Naloxone Box – Executive Director Arnold noted that the Village of Oak Park reached out to the Park District to request Permission to install a box on the side of the Maple Park Conform Station and stock it with Naloxone for the public to be able to access. The Naloxone boxes are to be installed for citizens to access in the case of an overdose. The Village of Oak Park will maintain and stock the boxes weekly. The Village is also willing to do trainings on how to use the Naloxone. **This item will be brought before the Board on the regular agenda at the May Regular Board Meeting.**
- J. Towing Services Contract for 229, 228-230, and 301 Madison Street – Executive Director Arnold noted, as staff are preparing for the opening of the CRC, staff have reviewed a contract with Team Towing & Recovery, Inc. for towing services for vehicles parked at 229, 228-230, and 301 Madison Street. The Park District will not allow overnight parking at any of these lots since the CRC opens at 5:30am for its members. Vehicles that are in the lot 30 minutes after closing will be called in for relocation at the owner's expense. There is only a one-time installation fee of \$150 per sign. Team Towing & Recovery, Inc. will periodically clean, repair, and replace the signs. **This item will be brought before the Board on the regular agenda at the May Regular Board Meeting.**
- K. IAPD Legislative Day Update – Executive Director Arnold noted that staff and Commissioner Lentz attended the 2023 IAPD Legislative Conference in Springfield, IL. The new Director and new Grant Director were present at the conference and provided tips on how to get grants approved and provided additional information on these grants. Commissioner Lentz agreed that the conference provided great information. **No action is needed by the Board on this item.**

V. RECREATION AND FACILITY PROGRAM COMMITTEE – None

VI. NEW BUSINESS – None

VII. CLOSED SESSION – None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:51pm, the Committee of the Whole Meeting was adjourned. **The motion was passed by a voice vote of 5:0.**



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