



PARK DISTRICT of OAK PARK

Park District of Oak Park
Local Government Efficiency Task Force Meeting
John Hedges Administrative Center
218 Madison Street
Oak Park, Illinois 60302

Thursday, September 7, 2023

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:35pm.

I. Roll Call

Present: Commissioners Lentz, Wick, Wollmuth, Worley-Hood, President Porreca, Executive Director Jan Arnold, Jake Vest, and Mike Baiardo.

Park District Staff Present: Mitch Bowlin, Director of Finance; Chris Lindgren, Superintendent of Parks & Planning; Maureen McCarthy, Superintendent of Recreation; and Edith Wood, Executive Assistant.

II. Introductions and General Review

Mike Baiardo introduced himself to the Board. Mike previously lived in Oak Park and currently works for the Bolingbrook Park District. Mike previously lived in Oak Park for 20 years. Jake Vest also introduced himself to the Board. Jake works for the Northbrook Park District. Jake has lived in Oak Park since 2014 and is a soccer league member.

Executive Director Arnold noted that there will be a total of three Local Government Efficiency Task Force meetings in which each meeting will cover different topics. The next meeting will take place on February 1, 2024 (directly following the Committee of the Whole meeting) and will cover community partnerships that the Park District has, and the third meeting will take place on April 4, 2024 (also directly following the Committee of the Whole meeting) and will cover funding and best practices for the Park District.

The committee had a discussion on the Park District's Annual Reports (from 2019-2022), Strategic Plan (2022-2024), Administrative Policy Manual (2022), and Personnel Policies (2022) and discussed some questions that Mike and Jake had on these items in which they provided suggestions on some changes that could be made. The discussion was created to identify opportunities for improvement that the Park District can make to be more efficient and tax saving. The Park District Board was happy to hear the suggestions made by Mike and Jake.

III. Adjournment

At 8:51pm, a motion was made by Commissioner Wick and Seconded by Commissioner Lentz to adjourn the Efficiency Task Force Meeting. **The motion was passed by a voice vote of 8:0.**


Secretary
Board of Park Commissioners

February 8, 2024
Date


President
Board of Park Commissioners

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