



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

**Thursday, February 1, 2024**

**Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 7:33pm.

**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; and Maureen McCarthy, Superintendent of Recreation.

**Public:** Roger Oney

**II. Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from the September 7, 2023, Local Government Tax Efficiency Task Force were approved. Motion by Commissioner Worley-Hood, seconded by Commissioner Lentz. **The motion passed by a roll call vote of 8:0.**

**III. Review of Community Partnerships**

Members of the Committee review the Park District of Oak Park's Volunteer Program, Acorns to Oaks and the volunteer program offered by the Friends of the Oak Park Conservatory. Discussed the programs are both good. Some agencies have seen success with a dedicated volunteer coordinator. Discussed additional volunteer sources such as high schools, ROTC, National Honor Society and more.

Members discussed the Intergovernmental agreements between the Park District of Oak Park and: Village, OPRF High School (D200), Oak Park Elementary School (D97) and the Township. Conversation on the charging of one governmental entity to another for use. However, this seems to be a common practice. One member mentioned that the VOP agreement does not have a set amount of time for cancellation, which might be something to look at in the future. Comments were made that the Committee members like the VOP/PDOP agreements for vehicle servicing and that they was a unique arrangement, but a valuable one for both entities.

Members reviewed and commented on the Districts P.A.C.T. program that is used to regulate field use among community sport entities. Discussion on the limitations of land in Oak Park and the need to establish guidelines as the number of requests continues to grow. Some agencies allow

only one sport group to be eligible for field use, some charge extra for each non-resident that plays for the entity. Committee members felt that PDOP had a good and fair process in place for the limited space and high demand.

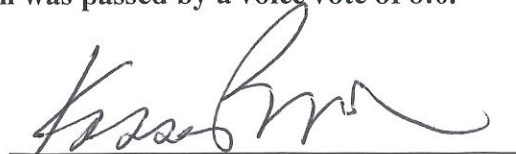
The Park District Board was happy to hear the suggestions made by Mike and Jake.

Next meeting will be on April 4, 2024.

**III. Adjournment**

At 8:48pm, 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.**

  
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**Board of Park Commissioners**

  
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