



**Park District of Oak Park
Regular Park Board Meeting
John Hedges Administrative Center
218 Madison Street
Oak Park, Illinois 60302**

Thursday, May 16, 2024

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm.

I. ROLL CALL

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

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

Others: Jamie Sabbach with 110%; Megan Traficano, Laura Devitt, and Evan Michel with Oak Park Township

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The motion was passed by a roll call vote of 5:0

III. VISITOR/PUBLIC – None

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Wick and seconded by Commissioner Lentz to approve the Cash and Investment Summary and Warrants and Bills for the month of April 2024; approve the Minutes from the Committee of the Whole Meeting for April 4, 2024, and Regular Board Meeting for April 18, 2024; approve Disposal Ordinance 2024-05-09; and approve Ethics Ordinance 2015-05-01. **The motion was passed by a roll call vote of 5:0.**

V. STAFF REPORTS

A. Executive Director's Report – In addition to the Executive Director Report (which is included in the Board Packet), Jamie Sabbach with 110% provided the Board with an update on the Comprehensive Strategic Master Plan (CSMP). Jamie noted that a website has been created to update staff and the progress of the CSMP. At this time, most of the first phase items have been completed which includes various focus groups and a community meeting. The community engagement team will be stopping by at Oak Park in August to take a look at the community for a prospective. In addition, the second phase of the process has also started. The Board liked the idea of having the community outreach as part of the CSMP. Executive Director Arnold also provided an update on the Field Center Design Competition. Three finalists and two alternates have been chosen and in addition, the top three finalists will move on to the next phase of the competition as their qualification have been met. Presentations from these finalists will be done on June 27th. Movies in the Park start on Friday May 17. In addition, pools are opening soon with 120 lifeguards hired for the season.



- B. **Updates and Information** – Written report included in the Board Packet.
- C. **Revenue/Expense Status Reports** – No questions asked.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Administration and Finance Committee

1. Sports Field Maintenance IGA with D97 – Executive Director Arnold noted that the Park District and D97 created an IGA to focus on the improvements of the school's sport field maintenance in which the current agreement is set to expire on June 30, 2024. The renewal agreement includes that a new mower will need to be purchased in the Spring of 2026 and the cost of the mower will be split 50/50 between the Park District and D97. In addition, the repair costs of the mowing equipment will also be split 50/50. The Park District may also purchase additional mower equipment for snow removal and pay for the repairs for this equipment. The renewed IGA is set to expire on June 30, 2029. A motion was made by Commissioner Wick and seconded by Commissioner Lentz to approve the D97/PDOP Intergovernmental Agreement – Sports Field Maintenance for shared use of facilities and cooperative planning. **The motion was passed by a roll call vote of 5:0.**

B. Parks and Planning Committee

1. Rehm Pool Bid Approval – Executive Director Arnold noted that staff engaged Perkins & Will in October 2023 to develop the design drawings for the pool master plan. The Phase 1 improvements include the redevelopment of the diving well area. Staff went out to bid for the construction costs on April 12, 2024, and held a pre-bid meeting on April 19, 2024. Three bids were received in which the lowest and responsible bidder was from Crossroads Construction. The bid came at a total of \$3,175,313.50. Staff are recommending carrying a \$200,000 contingency for the project. The 2024-2028 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) has \$3,750,000 for the project including architectural fees. This project falls within the funds in the CIP. The Park District has worked with Crossroads Construction in the past with favorable success. A motion was made by Commissioner Worley-Hood and seconded by Commissioner Wick to approve the contract with Crossroads Construction, Inc. from Addison, Illinois in an amount not to exceed \$3,375,313.50 for the Rehm Pool Phase 1 Improvements. **The motion was passed by a roll call vote of 5:0.**

C. Recreation and Facility Program Committee – None

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Youth Engagement IGA with Township Interventionist – Megan Traficano, Laura Devitt, and Evan Michel with Oak Park Township provided the Board with updates from the Oak Park Township Youth Services (OPTYS) as well as had a discussion with the Board on the new agreement in which the current agreement is set to expire. OPTYS noted that some of the support that they provide to the Park District includes walking the parks to see if there are any challenging behaviors noted at the parks from youth. OPTYS noted the approaches that they take if challenging behaviors are observed and how this is handled. The Board has questions on any metrics that OPTYS has on the impact of their efforts and had additional questions on some of the items noted in the new agreement for clarification. The Board would like to continue the conversation on the new agreement that is more in line with the needs of the Park District.



VIII. COMMISSIONER’S COMMENTS

Commissioner Worley-Hood: Gave his appreciation to the sports fields. Has gone out to the fields on various occasions and has noted that the Park District fields are played on the most.

Commissioner Lentz: Noted that the FOPCON Plant Sale went well.

Commissioner Wollmuth: Attended an OPRF baseball game in which a parent complimented the CRC. Noted that the IGOV meeting is on Saturday and also noted that the FOPCON Plant Sale went well.

Commissioner Wick: Met with Festival Theater in which responsibilities were divvied up and noted the presale for Romeo and Juliet. Will also plan to invite Board members to volunteer at Scoville Park for Concerts in the Park on behalf of the ESAC, hoping that everyone can join for one of the Sunday events.

President Porreca: Attended the Community Meeting for the CSMP and though the meeting was impressive. Also thought it was nice to see Evan from Oak Park Township during today’s meeting with his staff and would like to continue the conversation on their partnership.

IX. CLOSED SESSION – None

X. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:34pm, the Regular Board Meeting was adjourned. **The motion was passed by a voice vote of 5:0.**



Secretary
Board of Park Commissioners

June 20, 2024

Date



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