



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

Thursday, June 6, 2024

Minutes

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

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Lentz (arrived at 7:32pm), Wick, Wollmuth, Worley-Hood, and President Porreca

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

Others Present: Oak Park Residents Dan Stark, Will Bouvel, Rachel S., Blooma, Justin Smith, Bob Pickrell, and Eva Smith. Representative from Lauterbach & Amen.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

Dan Stark – A former Park District employee spoke to the Board regarding his concerns with management and oversight by the Executive Director, the Board of Commissioners, and Park District staff. Residents Will Bouvel, Rachel S., Blooma, Justin Smith, Bob Pickrell, and Eva Smith yielded their time to Dan.

III. ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. 2023 Audit Report Presentation – Mitch Bowlin and a representative from Lauterbach & Amen provided the Board with a review of the 2023 Audit Report. Based on the audit report, the Park District received the highest level of excellence, and no significant findings were found. Mitch noted that the grants that the Park District has received are thanks to the efforts by Executive Director Arnold. **No action is needed by the Board on this item.**

- B. Austin Trust Update – Mitch Bowlin and Executive Director Arnold provided the Board with an update on where the Austin Garden Trust Fund stands. The Board was reminded that the funds are used for upkeep of the park and arts that was set up by the former family. **No action is needed by the Board on this item.**

- C. Bi-Annual Review of Executive Session Minutes – Executive Director Arnold noted that in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, the Board is required to review closed session minutes semi-annually to determine whether the need for confidentiality still exists as to all or parts of the minutes. The Board Secretary, Executive Director, and General Counsel have reviewed the closed session minutes previously not released for August 21, 2014,



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September 25, 2014, and new closed session minutes since the last review and release date for February 15, 2024, and March 7, 2024, and they have determined that the need for confidentiality still exists for the minutes of August 21, 2014, and September 25, 2014. Each Commissioner may review the closed session minutes and can pass comments about confidentiality. **This item will be brought before the Board at the consent agenda at the June Regular Board Meeting.**

IV. PARK AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

A. Fleet Services and Fuel IGAs with VOP – Executive Director Arnold and Chris Lindgren noted that the Park District has partnered with the Village of Oak Park for the fleet services and fueling. In 2018, the two entities formalized the first Intergovernmental Agreement. The two entities have agreed to enter into a new agreement with the same terms as the existing agreement. In addition, the terms of this agreement remain the same with a slight fuel increase due to costs incurred by VOP for the fuel. Staff have reviewed the cost proposed and agree that this is still the best savings for the Park District. **This item will be brought before the Board at the consent agenda at the June Regular Board Meeting.**

V. RECREATION AND FACILITY PROGRAM COMMITTEE

A. CRC Teen Afterschool Partnership with Triton College IGA – Maureen McCarthy noted that in 2023, the Park District launched a Teen Afterschool Partnership at the CRC with Triton College to homework assistant. Staff have agreed that this partnership has worked well and has been proven beneficial to the youth that have taken advantage of the services. Staff are recommending that the Board approve a new IGA with Triton College for Homework Assistance for the 2024-2025 school year. The Board provided a positive response to this partnership. **This item will be brought before the Board on the regular agenda at the June Regular Board Meeting.**

VI. NEW BUSINESS – None

VII. CLOSED SESSION – None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:17pm, the Committee of the Whole meeting was adjourned. **The motion was passed with a voice vote of 5:0.**



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Board of Park Commissioners



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