



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

Thursday, September 19, 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; Ann Marie Buczek, Director of Marketing and Community Engagement; Maureen McCarthy, Deputy Director of Recreation; Bill Hamilton, Superintendent of Parks & Facilities; Chris Lindgren, Deputy Director of Properties & Planning; Mike Baiardo, Superintendent of Special Facilities, Mitch Bowling, Director of Business Operations; and Edith Wood, Executive Assistant.

Others: Dr. Eboney Lofton, Chief Learning and Innovation Officer with Oak Park Elementary School District 97 (D97).

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 August 2024; approval of the Minutes from the Special Meeting from August 15, 2024; Regular Park Board Meeting from August 15, 2024; and Closed Session from August 15, 2024; approval of Disposal Ordinance 2024-09-13; and approval of the Board of Commissioners General Practices Manual. **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), Executive Director Arnold noted that the Park District won the IAPD Best of the Best award for Best Green Practices. Chris Lindgren and Commissioners Lentz and Wick will be attending the gala and award ceremony on October 25. The Frank Lloyd Wright races will take place on October 22. Staff are looking for volunteers for the event as 44 slots are available. Fall Fest will take place this Sunday at Rehm Park and the Oak Park Conservatory. NRPA Conference will take place at Atlanta on October 8-10. Four Board members and eight staff members will be attending the conference. In addition, the Gold Medal Award ceremony will be held on Wednesday that week. Staff submitted the OSLAD grant application for Longfellow Park for \$600,000 in which an announcement will be made by



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IDNR for the grant recipients sometime in December. The Carroll Park Master Plan review was held on September 18. 17 residents attended the event and provided great feedback. The Field Park Master Plan meeting will take place on October 23 in which Kevin from Terra Engineering and Patrick Brown with ORG, Inc. will be in attendance.

B. Updates and Information – Written report included in the Board Packet.

C. Revenue/Expense Status Reports – No questions asked.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Recreation and Facility Program Committee

1. D97/PDOP Camp Partnership Update – Dr. Eboney Lofton and Maureen McCarthy provided the Board with an updated on the D97/PDOP Camp Partnership. Through this pilot partnership, Park District Camp programs were offered for free to kids in kindergarten through 5th Grade in which D97/PDOP split the cost to run these programs. From this partnership, staff saw 87 students that were served in which 46 were first time scholarship recipients. In addition of these 87 students, 39% registered for more camp programs beyond the two-week program that was initially offered. Staff also saw that most of the children registered for these programs were black and multilingual students that were less likely to enroll in Park District programs than their eligible peers. Some key takeaways from this partnership include considering a community-wide funding approach, continue to build and alignment with D97's Portrait of a Graduate, and explore options to providing students with lunch during these programs. The Board was very please to see the recognitions that D97 and staff saw through this partnership.

B. Administration and Finance Committee – None

C. Parks and Planning Committee

1. Dole Center Tuckpointing Contract Approval – Executive Director Arnold and Chris Lindgren shared that Dole Center is in need of tuckpointing on the east façade due to weather damage. Staff are working with Omnia Partners in their cooperative purchasing program contractor to complete the repairs. Omnia Partners awarded the contract to Garland/DBS, Inc. for the amount of \$69,065 for the tuckpointing at Dole. Staff have also worked with Garland in the past with positive reviews. Repairs would start during the Fall. A motion was made by Commissioner Worley-Hood and seconded by Commissioner Lentz to authorize the Executive Director to sign a contract with Garland/DBS, Inc., for an amount not to exceed \$69,065. **The motion was passed by a roll call vote of 5:0.**

VIII. NEW BUSINESS – None

IX. COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

Commissioner Worley-Hood: No comments were provided by Commissioner Worley-Hood.

Commissioner Wick: Attended the ESAC meeting in which there are plans to change the meetings to every other month to use the time to recruit more members. Also attended the Carroll Park Master Plan and believed that it was a great conversation with resident. Will also plan to volunteer for the Frank Lloyd Wright Races in October. Also looking through some of the sessions that will be provided at the NRPA conference and is excited to attend. Will miss Fall Fest.



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Commissioner Wollmuth: Attended the Carroll Park Master Plan meeting and thought that it was a good meeting. Also attended the FOPCON meeting and they have done a good job at having subcommittees to help with expanding their reach to the community.

Commissioner Lentz: Family visited on Labor Day and did some secret shopper events. Received a question on the pools in which it was forwarded to Executive Director Arnold and thought it was a great conversation. Attended the PDCC meeting and they are looking for members. Also attended the Parks Foundation meeting in which they are also looking for members and are also looking to have their next meeting virtually.

President Porreca: No comments were provided by President Porreca.

X. CLOSED SESSION

At 7:56pm, a motion was made by Commissioner Wick and seconded by Commissioner Lentz to convene into closed session for the discussion of the collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representative, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. **The motion was passed with a roll call vote of 5:0.**

At 8:20pm, a motion was made by Commissioner Wick and seconded by Commissioner Lentz to adjourn the Closed Session, and to resume the Regular Board Meeting. **The motion was passed by a voice vote of 5:0.**

XI. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:22pm, the Regular Board Meeting was adjourned. **The motion was passed by a voice vote of 5:0.**



Secretary
Board of Park Commissioners

October 17, 2024

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