

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

Thursday, October 3, 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; Mitch Bowlin, Director of Business Operations; Miriam Armstrong, Finance Manager; Chris Lindgren, Deputy Director of Properties & Planning; Ann Marie Buczek, Director of Marketing & Community Engagement; Mike Baiardo, Superintendent of Special Facilities; Chad Drufer, Program & Operations Manager; Keith Kerrigan, Program & Operations Manager; Bill Hamilton, Superintendent of Parks & Facilities; Bill Moreth, Maintenance & Operations Manager; Maureen McCarthy, Deputy Director of Recreation; Nelson Acevedo, Parks & Facilities Manager; Kelly Johnston, Program & Operations Supervisor; Joe Lilly, Program Manager; Susan Crane, Historic Properties & Special Events Manager; and Edith Wood, Executive Assistant

II. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

III. ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. 2025 Committee & Board Meeting Calendar – Executive Director Arnold noted that dates have been proposed for the 2025 Committee and Board meetings. Staff also investigated the major holidays, as well to avoid scheduling meetings during those times. **This item will be brought before the Board on the Consent Agenda at the October Regular Board Meeting.**

- B. Park District Citizen Committee (PDCC) Approval – Denny Burke – Executive Director Arnold noted that Denny Burke has expressed interest in joining the PDCC. Denny lives near Field Park and is an active user of the parks with his children. Denny is also currently involved with AYSO as a coach. Denny attended the September PDCC meeting. **This item will be brought before the Board on the Consent Agenda at the October Regular Board Meeting.**

- C. Park District Citizen Committee (PDCC) Approval – Janet Coffey – Executive Director Arnold noted that Janet has expressed interest in joining the PDCC. Janet lives near Ridgeland Commons and Taylor Park. Janet is also an avid pickleball player and a former Athletic Advisory Committee Chair for St. Giles School. Janet attended the September



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PDCC meeting. **This item will be brought before the Board on the Consent Agenda at the October Regular Board Meeting.**

IV. PARK AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

A. 947 Ridgeland Solar Project Bid – Chris Lindgren informed the Board that the CIP includes work for a solar array on the new roof at 947 Ridgeland to offset a large position of the electric usage for the property. Staff went out to bid on September 27, 2024, and a pre-bid meeting is set for October 8, 2024. The bid will be held on October 15, 2024. Staff will bring a recommendation to the Board for their consideration and approval at the October Regular Board Meeting. **This item will be brought before the Board on the Regular Agenda at the October Regular Board Meeting.**

V. RECREATION AND FACILITY PROGRAM COMMITTEE – None

VI. NEW BUSINESS


A. VOP IGA Regarding Discounted Memberships for Village Employees – Executive Director Arnold noted that as part of the Village of Oak Park’s Wellness Initiative, the Park District shall offer qualifying Village employees a discounted membership (at the resident rate) to the amenities available at the CRC. The Village shall supply to the Park District on a rolling basis the names of the qualifying employee that opts into the Initiative. The Discounted memberships shall be for a monthly “Individual Memberships”. Payment of membership due to the Park District shall be the obligation of the Village on a monthly basis. The memberships would be effective December 2024 for Village employees. The agreement would expire on December 31, 2027. **This item will be brought before the Board on the Regular Agenda at the October Regular Board Meeting.**

VII. CLOSED SESSION – None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:39pm, the Committee of the Whole meeting was adjourned. **The motion was passed with a voice vote of 5:0.**


Secretary
Board of Park Commissioners


President
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