



Park District of Oak Park
Committee of the Whole
Hedges Administrative Center
Oak Park, Illinois
Thursday, October 1, 2020

Minutes

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

I. Roll Call

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

Park District Staff present: Jan Arnold, Executive Director; Mitch Bowlin, Director of Finance; and Karen Gruszka, Executive Assistant. Maureen McCarthy, Superintendent of Recreation and Chris Lindgren, Superintendent of Parks and Planning, attended electronically.

Others Present: None.

II. Public Comment: None.

III. Recreation and Facility Program Committee

IV. Parks and Planning Committee

A. Tree Removal and Pruning Contract

Executive Director Arnold informed the Board the Park District was out to bid with the Village of Oak Park for qualified arboriculture contractors for pruning and removal of trees in Austin Gardens, Lindberg Park, Maple Park and Mills Park with Carroll and Field as alternate work sites. The VOP and the PDOP would be getting separate quotes as their work is different from the parkways and in the parks but would get a better quote bidding it together. **This will come before the Board at the October Regular Board Meeting under the regular agenda.**

V. Administration and Finance Committee

A. Dementia Friendly Community Resolution 2020-10-01

The Board was informed that the Village of Oak Park along with the Township, Library, the Park District and local businesses are applying for a dementia friendly community. Oak Park would be the 9th community in the state of Illinois. Trainings for the entities have taken place; the Park District had trainings last spring. This resolution states that the Park District recognizes the community as a dementia friendly community. The Board discussed what the next steps were along with anything else they can contribute and were informed that it was continued training throughout the village. All the Board members thought this was a great for the community. **This item will be brought to the Board at the October Regular Board Meeting for approval under the consent agenda.**

B. Budget Meetings Update

The Board were reminded of the two upcoming Budget Meetings scheduled on Thursday, October 8, 2020 and Thursday, October 15, 2020. Once the meetings are completed, the Budget will be made available for the public for 30 days. **No action is needed by the Board on this item.**

C. 2020 Committee and Board Meeting Calendar

The Board confirmed the dates chosen for the 2021 Board Meeting dates and confirmed the meeting dates against religious holidays and any conflicts. **This will come before the Board on the consent agenda at a Regular Board Meeting.**

D. NRPA Conference Update

Executive Director Arnold reminded the Board of the NRPA conference which runs from October 27-29, and will be run virtually this year. Two staff members are signed up so that staff can attend session at RCRC and at the Hedges Administrative Center and the Board were invited to attend. The Agency will be receiving its CAPRA award during a live Best of the Best awards. **No action is needed by the Board on this item.**

VI. New Business

VII. Closed Session

At 7:52pm Commissioner Wick moved and Commissioner Porreca seconded that the Park Board of Commissioners convene into closed session for the discussion of performance of a specific employee of the Park District. **The motion passed with a roll call vote of 5:0.**

At 7:58pm a motion was made by Commissioner Porreca and seconded by Commissioner Worley-Hood to adjourn the Closed Session. **The motion passed a voice vote of 5:0.**

VIII. Adjournment

At 7:58p.m.a voice vote was taken to adjourn the Committee of the Whole. **Motion carried in a voice vote.**



Secretary
Board of Park Commissioners

November 19, 2020
Date



President
Board of Park Commissioners

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