

**Park District of Oak Park  
Committee of the Whole Meeting  
Held as Zoom Meeting  
Thursday, April 8, 2021**

**Minutes**

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

**I. Roll Call**

**Present:** Commissioners Porreca, Wick, Worley-Hood, and President Lentz attended electronically. Commissioner Wollmuth was absent.

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

**Others Present:** Raeann Spencer, Pleasant Home Foundation President, attended electronically.

**II. Public Comment** – Executive Director Arnold informed the Board that due to the meeting being held electronically, they posted on the website and social media that public comments could be submitted electronically. There were no public comments sent in for this meeting.

**III. Recreation Committee**

**1. Park District Citizen Committee Application – Kathleen Lorden**

The Board was reminded of the application submitted by Kathleen Lorden to join the PDCC. She had attended a meeting and was looking forward to bringing her knowledge to the committee. The Board agreed that her background will be an asset to the committee. **This will come before the Board on the consent agenda at the April Regular Board Meeting.**

**2. SEOPCO PACT Agreement**

SEOPCO, South East Oak Park Organization, came about during the Barrie Park restoration in the early 2000s. Annually, the organization gets together and works with the Irving Park PTO for a back to school movie day in Barrie Park as well as puts on Barriefest. SEOPCO is requesting the agreement be renewed. The Board discussed any damage to the park during Barriefest. **This will come before the Board on the consent agenda at the April Regular Board Meeting.**

**IV. Parks and Planning Committee**

**1. Pleasant Home Foundation Annual Report**

Raeann Spencer, Pleasant Home Foundation President, shared the highlights from the past year including: the shutdown for Covid and turnover of Board and staff. She went on to say the PDOP agreement that was reached in September 2020, has worked well and they are adjusting nicely. All the furnishings in the home were evaluated and moved to the second floor, enabling the Park District to hold more events and helping to eliminate damage caused during events to the furnishings. The PH Foundation continues to market the home on social media as well as holding free days and stated that foot traffic is up. Architectural tours to the third floor, behind the scenes tours, and grounds tours have begun. A few small renovations have been planned along with the restoration efforts to repair the matching cane chair donation and the urns restoration. She informed the Board of grants received and spoke of a successful annual appeal, the return of people to the home, the many partnerships for events, and lastly she was happy that a grant writer had been obtained. The Board discussed the online gift

shop, their theme of Welcome Home, grant timelines, and thanked her and the PH Foundation for all their work. **No action is needed by the Board on this item.**

**V. Administration and Finance Committee**

**1. Park District 109<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

The Board was reminded that today, April 8, 2021, was the Park District's 109<sup>th</sup> birthday. A discussion took place on possible celebrations for its 110<sup>th</sup> birthday which the Board decided would not take place. Executive Director Arnold informed the Board that she would notify IAPD of the 110<sup>th</sup> birthday for its recognition. **No action is needed by the Board on this item.**

**2. D200/PDOP Intergovernmental Facility Use Agreement 2021-2026 First Reading**

Jan Arnold, Executive Director, reminded the Board of the agreement between the two entities. Upon reviewing, there were no changes to the agreement except for the addition of a \$1 per hour usage fee for the fields. D200's usage has become heavy all day with their PE classes; it is the same amount we pay to D97 for the use of their fields. The agreement will go before the D200 Board at their next Board Meeting this month for approval. The Board was informed that we do not need to supply an attendant as the use is outdoors so none are needed and the handling and keeping track of the payments for field usage is the same as other PACT agreements. **This will come before the Board on the regular agenda at the April Regular Board Meeting.**

**VI. New Business** – None

**VII. Closed Session** - None

**VIII. Adjournment**

At 7:56p.m. a roll vote was taken to adjourn the Committee of the Whole. **Motion carried 4:0.**



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