



Park District of Oak Park
Regular Board Meeting
Electronically Held Meeting
Thursday, April 15, 2021 at 7:30pm

Minutes

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

I. ROLL CALL

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

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

Others Present: None.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made to approve the agenda. **The motion was passed by a voice vote.**

III. VISITOR/PUBLIC COMMENTS – 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.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Porreca and seconded by Commissioner Wollmuth to approve the Consent Agenda, which includes the Cash and Investment Summary and Warrants and Bills for the month of March, 2021; approval of minutes from the Committee of the Whole Meeting March 4, 2021, the Regular Board Meeting March 18, 2021; approval of Closed Session Minutes from March 4, 2021, and March 18, 2021; Park District Citizen Committee Application – Kathleen Lorden; SEOPCO Agreement; and Disposal Ordinance 2021-04-01. **The motion passed with a roll call vote of 5:0.**

VI. STAFF REPORTS

A. Director's Report

Jan Arnold, Executive Director, informed the Board she has been working with the Camille Lilly White, the Longfellow Art Teacher, and the artist of a mosaics project done by students to be donated for the CRC and it is looking very good for their support of the donation; the Board has received a doodle for the spring park tour; and she has been invited to attend a Facebook event with black residents of Oak Park to give a presentation and for a discussion on the programs that will be taking place in the CRC.

B. Division Managers' Reports (Updates & Information) – In packet

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Recreation and Facility Program Committee – None

B. Parks and Planning Committee – None

C. Administration and Finance Committee

1. D200/PDOP Intergovernmental Facility Use Agreement 2021-2026

Commissioner Porreca moved and Commissioner Wollmuth seconded that the Park Board approve the D200/PDOP Intergovernmental Agreement. The Board was reminded this is the same IGA used in the past with the exception of a charge of \$1 for use of the fields for D200. This

is the same charges that we are charged for use of D97 fields and will be handled the same as PACT agreement charges; and will help offset the upkeep of the fields. The D200 Board approved this agreement at their April Board Meeting. The Board had no further questions. **The motion passed by a roll call vote of 5:0.**

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. 228-230 Madison Demolition Update

The Board was reminded of the property 228-230 directly west of the Hedges Administrative Center that we own and currently have two tenants in. The property has sustained some standing water in the basement due to deterioration of the facility and with the construction of the CRC planned to begin, consensus was being sought for demolition of the property so it could be demolished to keep further damage from taking place and monies needing to be put into the property. Once it is demolished, it will be used to hold the Park District vehicles that are currently in the lot where the CRC will be constructed. The two tenants whose leases are up shortly will be notified and have the opportunity to extend their lease to September, when demolition will take place. The Board gave consensus for the demolition. **This will be brought to the Board for approval at a future Regular Board Meeting.**

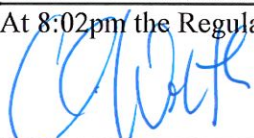
IX. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

- **Commissioner Porreca** – Congratulations to Sandy and David for their re-election as commissioners. She stated she was happy to participate as a client of the Easter Bunny home visit; her grandchildren were able to meeting the Easter Bunny, neighbors came out and it was great! Kudos to the staff on another innovative, fun program. She also stated she has been thinking about the CRC and the importance of our work as she works with high school students and they talk about their lives they mention how COVID has affected them. She said it really hit home how important it is that the CRC will have a mental health facility available in it and how important it is how it can impact them along with the program and space it will provide for life balance it will provide.
- **Commissioner Wick** – Stated that he enjoyed the forums for the election that he participated in. He also said this Saturday was the IGOV meeting which may be the last for a few of the members as they either chose not to run again or might not have been re-elected. He said it will be more about them sharing thoughts and ideas and he is looking forward to what they have to say.
- **Commissioner Wollmuth** – He has been getting out into the parks and with the nice weather and there has just been an explosion of activity and he has enjoyed seeing all their use, stating that it shows the value the Park District provides with the strain of the pandemic and how happy everyone is to be out using our parks again.
- **Commissioner Worley-Hood** – Congratulated Commissioners Wick and Lentz. He attended a PH meeting this past week, in-person, and has an Active Adult Committee Meeting coming up as well. He too is glad to see everyone out in the parks and it definitely feels like spring!
- **President Lentz** – Said that she volunteers at the Conservatory and it was just full of children and parents playing on the bridge and playing with the new FOPCON donated piece. She also stated that the yellow daffodils were just beautiful throughout the parks.

X. CLOSED SESSION - None

XI. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:02pm the Regular Board meeting was adjourned. **The motion passed with a roll call vote.**



Secretary
Board of Park Commissioners

May 20, 2021

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