

PARK DISTRICT OF OAK PARK
Regular Park Board Meeting
Hedges Administrative Center
218 Madison Street, Oak Park, Illinois 60302
Thursday, September 9, 2021, 7:30pm

AGENDA

- I. **Call to Order/Roll Call**
- II. **Approval of Agenda**
- III. **Visitor/Public Comment**
Each person is limited to three minutes. The Board may set a limit on the total amount of time allocated to public comments.
- IV. **Consent Agenda**
 - A. Approval of Cash and Investment Summary**
 - B. Approval of Warrants and Bills**
 - C. Approval of Minutes*
- V. **Staff Reports**
 - A. Executive Director's Report*
 - B. Updates and Information*
 - C. Revenue/Expense Status Reports**
- VI. **Old Business**
 - A. Recreation and Facility Program Committee – Commissioner Wollmuth
 - B. Parks and Planning Committee – Commissioner Worley-Hood
 - C. Administration and Finance Committee – Commissioner Porreca
- VII. **New Business**
 1. Community Recreation Center Update
 2. Mandatory Covid Vaccination For Staff Update
- VIII. **Commissioners' Comments**
Commissioner Worley-Hood
Commissioner Wollmuth
Commissioner Lentz
Commissioner Wick
President Porreca
- IX. **Closed Session**
- X. **Adjourn**

*Indicates information attached

**Indicates information to be provided at or prior to the meeting.

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Agenda Comments

Thursday, September 9, 2021

- I. **Roll Call**
- II. **Approval of Agenda** (Voice Vote)
No additions to the Agenda are anticipated at this time.
- III. **Visitor/Public Comment**
- IV. **Consent Agenda** (Roll Call Vote) – Commissioner Worley-Hood
Commissioner Worley-Hood – Motion of the Board for approval of the Consent Agenda, which includes approval of the Cash and Investment Summary and Warrants and Bills for the month of August 2021; approval of minutes from the Regular Board Meeting, August 19, 2021; and approval of the Closed Session Minutes, August 19, 2021.
- V. **Staff Reports**
 - A. **Executive Director’s Report**
 - B. **Updates and Information**
 - C. **Revenue/Expense Status Report**
- VI. **Old Business**
 - A. **Recreation and Facility Program Committee: None**
 - B. **Parks and Planning Committee: None**
 - C. **Administration and Finance Committee: None**
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Update indicates verbal report provided at meeting no materials attached

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Minutes

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

I. ROLL CALL

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

Park District Staff present: Jan Arnold, Executive Director; Mitch Bowlin, Director of Finance; Chris Lindgren, Superintendent of Parks and Planning; Nelson Acevedo, Buildings Supervisor; and Karen Gruszka, Executive Assistant.

Others Present: Resident.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

III. VISITOR/PUBLIC COMMENTS

Rob Kleps – Wanted to praise BlueEarth Deconstruction for the fine job they did on the demolition of the Kenilworth property and thanked the Board for listening to his requests and concerns. He also wanted to recommend the Park District plant more wild flowers along the edges of the parks not only for aesthetic reasons but he feels it would be easier and save time for the maintenance teams working in the parks. The Board thanked him for his comments and work he’s done on the PDCC.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Wick 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 July 2021; approval of minutes from the Continued Regular Board Meeting, July 1, 2021, the Committee of the Whole Meeting, July 1, 2021, and the Regular Board Meeting, July 29, 2021; and approval of Disposal Ordinance 2021-08-01. **The motion was passed by a roll call vote of 5:0.**

V. STAFF REPORTS

A. Director’s Report

Executive Director Arnold informed the Board that our day camps are ending tomorrow as our high school staff went back to school this week and we finished with a lot of full-time staff filling in where needed. The swim lessons wrapped up today; staff did a really great job with their limited resources due to Covid, staff shortages, and the Aquatics Manager out. The Black Panther movie is playing this evening and the last movie of the summer, A Dog’s Way Home, is scheduled for September 16; the ESAC continues to run waste events during the movies in the park. The last concert is scheduled for Sunday, August 29. The PDOP had planned to bring the big blue blocks to the Farmers Market but were asked not to due to the children’s constant touching of them with Covid. The construction at Rehm Park continues to go well and the fence is planned to come down around September 15. The sand volleyball courts opened up and the Portland Loo will be working shortly. Fall Fest is

scheduled for September 26, there will be no tractor rides and staff are working with the VOP's health department on activities that will be allowed. The playground opening will take place that morning at 10am.

B. Division Managers' Reports (Updates & Information): Written Report Included in Board Packet.

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

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Recreation and Facility Program Committee – None

B. Parks and Planning Committee

1. 228-230 Madison Street Demolition

Commissioner Worley-Hood moved and Commissioner Lentz seconded the Board give Executive Director Arnold the authority to sign a contract with Milburn LLC, Bellwood, IL, in an amount not to exceed \$156,567.12. Executive Director Arnold reminded the Board that the property was purchased with the thought for the parking of the Park District vehicles, i.e., the 15 passenger buses used by the Township and District, the dump truck, and lift truck. The building has deteriorated for years and now has HVAC issues and is causing damage to our adjacent Administrative building. Asbestos has been found in the building and the handling of it is being planned in the demolition. The Board discussed the structural crack in the Administrative building caused by the water leakage along with the timeline of the demolition. **The motion was passed by a roll call vote of 5:0.**

2. Pleasant Home Geo Thermal Award

Commissioner Worley-Hood moved and Commissioner Wick seconded that the Board give Executive Director Arnold the authority to sign a contract with AMS Mechanical Systems, Woodridge, IL, in an amount not to exceed \$736,700.00. Executive Director Arnold reminded the Board that we were awarded a \$421,500 Museum Grant from the IDNR in 2020. We have \$825,000 allocated in the budget and AMS Mechanical System's bid came in at \$695,000; we are recommending a 6% contingency which brings the total to \$736,700. The Board discussed the intricacy of the installation, interference with programming at Pleasant Home, and the timeline. **The motion was passed by a roll call vote of 5:0.**

C. Administration and Finance Committee

1. Mid-Year Review of Budget

Jan Arnold, Executive Director, and Mitch Bowlin, Director of Finance, informed the Board that the District would not have to go out for a budget amendment due to where the District is at currently with staff having worked hard at keeping costs down and the District's continuing growth in earned revenue. The Board were very pleased with the staff's use of supplies on hand and their work with keeping costs down. **No motion is required of the Board.**

2. Strategic Plan Update

The Board was informed that the Park District has been meeting its goals for 2021 in the Strategic Plan which has been shown to during the quarterly Mpower presentations. The District continually meets and adds where necessary to its goals; moving goals up in the plan when it can such as sustainability opportunities and moving them back in the plan when needed such as the electric vehicles. The Board said they appreciated the agility of the plan and staff's constant vigilance for new opportunities. The Board also discussed the many partnerships with the other Oak Park entities. **No motion is required of the Board.**

VII. NEW BUSINESS - None

VIII. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

- **Commissioner Lentz** – Thanked Executive Director Arnold for her thank you note she sent out to our summer/seasonal staff, and stated she knows it was deeply appreciated. She reminded the Board that we have a busy September coming up, along with the CRC capital campaign kick-off happening on September 18, there is also the IGOV Forum on sustainability that will be held from 9-11:30. She stressed how important it was for not only all of the entities to attend but for all of the PDOP Board to attend as well, as we are leaders in sustainability and we can help achieve it throughout Oak Park and then went on to say we also have the Rehm Park opening on the morning of September 26, prior to Fall Fest.
- **Commissioner Worley-Hood** – Informed the Board that he has had numerous people come up to him complimenting our lifeguards on how active and attentive they are.
- **Commissioner Wick** – Attended the FOPCON meeting where they discussed the Uncorked events and their successful bake sale at the Farmers Market. He also questioned once the building next door gets taken down if there is a possibility of some artwork to be placed on the wall of the lot.
- **Commissioner Wollmuth** – Attended the AYSO meeting and said they are getting ready to kick-off their season even though numbers are low. He also informed the Board the Parks Foundation are really sinking their teeth into the September 18, capital campaign event for the CRC. He mentioned he has still to connect with OPYB/S but will continue to try to attend one of their meetings.
- **President Porreca** – Informed the Board of the Board Meeting Executive Director Arnold and she attended at River Forest where they presented opportunities for them to partner with us for the CRC. She also met with their Board President for coffee the next day and had a great conversation on our processes how we do things, our experiences, and they plan to meet semi-regularly. She also has reached out to the VOP Board President and hopes to do the same with her.

IX. CLOSED SESSION

At 8:30pm Commissioner Porreca moved and Commissioner Lentz seconded that the Park Board of Commissioners convene into closed session for the discussion of the performance of specific employee of the District. **The motion passed with a roll call vote of 5:0.**

At 9:01pm a motion was made by Commissioner Wick and seconded by Commissioner Lentz to adjourn the Closed Session. **The motion passed a voice vote of 5:0.**

X. ADJOURN REGULAR BOARD MEETING

At 9:01p.m. a motion was made by Commissioner Wick and seconded by Commissioner Lentz to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting. **The motion passed a voice vote.**

Secretary
Board of Park Commissioners

September 9, 2021
Date

President
Board of Park Commissioners

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Executive Director's Report

From the desk of Jan Arnold

Friday, September 3, 2021

1. **Upcoming Board Meetings** – The September Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 9, 2021, beginning at 7:30pm. The October Committee of the Whole Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 7, 2021, beginning at 7:30pm. The October Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 21, 2021, beginning at 7:30pm. All meetings are being held at the Hedges Administrative Center unless otherwise noted. At the end of my report are some events you may consider stopping by.
2. **GFOA** – We are happy to report that the PDOP was informed we received the GFOA Award, the distinguished budget presentation award, awarded for the highest form of recognition in governmental budgeting. In addition, this year we also received special recognition with the Special Performance Measures Recognition. A great job by our finance team which can be found on our webpage.
3. **Budget Meetings** – The 2021 Park District Budget Meetings will take place on September 30, 2021, and October 14, 2021.
4. **CRC Donation Press Release** – The Park District issued a press release celebrating the \$1M donation from Ken and Patty Hunt for the construction of the Community Recreation Center. They will be naming both the walking track and the Esports room as part of their donation.
5. **Ellis Audit** – The final Ellis Audit was conducted and I am pleased to share that the team did great and again received an overall score of Exceeds! Kudos to Josh and Abby for an outstanding job on training, scheduling, and providing staff oversight and to the lifeguards that executed their skills on demand.
6. **CRC Mosaic Pieces** – The mosaic pieces have been picked up and delivered to the Carroll Center. The *Off the Wall* kids started work on them at Carroll Center. The Wednesday Journal has a nice article on the mosaics in the June 23, issue.
7. **Gold Medal Finalist** – The Park District of Oak Park was named as one of the four finalist for Class V, communities 30,001-75,000. The award winner will be announced at the NRPA Conference on September 21, in Nashville.
8. **Holiday Event Registration** – Registration for our holiday events will begin on October 2, for residents and on October 9, for non-residents.
9. **Splash Pads** – All four splash pads opened on Friday, May 28, for the summer and have been thoroughly enjoyed. They will remain operational until late September.
10. **Hiring** – The Park District is hiring a variety of positions both full-time and part-time. Some positions continue to prove difficult to fill this year. Multiple marketing avenues are taking place by staff from holding job fairs to holding drop-in interviews. Staff are also relooking at our hiring/interview process for different positions.
11. **Fall Brochure** – The fall brochure was delivered to homes on July 24, and registration was held on July 31, for residents and August 7, for non-residents. We had 6,698 registrations this fall compared to 6,608 from the fall of 2019, a nice bounce back in program demand.
12. **Community Service Awards** – The Community Service Award is awarded for recognition of ongoing support, outstanding contributions of time, money, services, volunteer work or the advancement of parks and recreation. Honorees might include a group, an organization, an individual, an elected official,

governing body, local business, church, or school district. **Staff and the Board have begun discussions about individuals to nominate for the 2021 Community Service Awards.**

13. **Elected Officials Barbeque** – The Elected Officials Barbecue is planned for Wednesday, October 13, taking place at Pleasant Home, beginning at 5:30pm. If you see your counterparts out and about in town, make sure to remind them of this collaborative event.
14. **Rehm Park Playground** – Altamanu (Landscape Architect). Integral Construction (Contractor). This project was originally planned for 2020, and due to COVID impacts, the start date was moved to the spring of 2021. The project went out to bid on November 16, 2020, with nine bids received on December 17. This project started on April 1, and is planned to be completed by September 1, 2021. The playground is installed and the crews are working on the playground turf safety surfacing. The picnic shelter structure is installed with the electrical and roofing completed. The Portland Loo restroom is installed and will open to the public when the fence comes down. Park District staff is doing the landscaping restoration as it was pulled from the contract early on. This work will be ongoing until the fencing is removed in mid-September pending weather and turf restoration. The final concrete work will be completed this week. The grand opening ceremony will be held on September 26, at 10:00am.
15. **Pleasant Home Geothermal HVAC - Museum Grant** – Architectural Consulting Engineers, Inc. (Design Engineer). The Park District received the Museum Grant for \$421,500, to assist in the installation of geothermal at Pleasant Home. The Park Board approved a contract with Architectural Consulting Engineers (ACE) on January 21, to serve as the system design professional. On March 17, the Park District completed an air leakage and thermal imaging diagnostic test that will guide the direction for a few in-house improvements to improve on the insulation and air leakage. The project went out to bid on July 22, and a contract was approved at the August Regular Board Meeting. This project is expected to start in September, and have wells dug in November, and is projected to be completed by April 1, 2022.
16. **Stevenson Solar PV Array** – The Park District has awarded the contract to Windfree Solar for installation of a 9.4 kW solar array on the Stevenson Center flat roof. The install took place in May. ComEd has approved the interconnection and the system is live and producing electricity.
17. **Kenilworth Property** – The Park District has engaged BlueEarth Deconstruction to repurpose most of the building materials before removing the foundation and garage. Once the structures are removed, the space will be converted into a green space with grass restoration, fencing, pavers, plantings, benches and baggoss. A Cook County Demo permit has been received along with a Village demo permit. The main structure was removed on August 27, with foundation demolition and site prep work starting in September. The remaining work will take place in October. Over 90% of the materials of the home were salvaged and most sent to the Re-use Depot only two miles away in Maywood.
18. **228-230 Madison Demo** – The Park District purchased this site for future parking needs with the loss of the vehicle parking across the street for the development of the CRC. This parking is for PDOP vehicles and buses, not for staff personal parking. The building has been in severe disrepair over the years and is causing damage to the PDOP's Administration building, so the demolition has been moved up to now. The demolition was put out for public bid on July 22, with bids received on August 13. Milburn, LLC is the awarded contractor and a site meeting is set for next week to discuss schedule. We will work to obtain permits and schedule asbestos abatement prior to demolition. The actual demolition is scheduled to take place in September and October pending permits.

Calendar of Events

- **September 9 – Regular Park Board Meeting – Hedges Administrative Center, 7:30PM**
- **September 18 – Parks Foundation Community Recreation Center Kickoff, Lot 56, 3:30PM**
- **September 26 – Rehm Park Ribbon Cutting, Rehm Park, 10:00AM**
- **September 26 – Fall Fest, Rehm Park, 11:00AM**
- **September 30 – Budget Meeting, Hedges Administrative Center, 7:30PM**

Please visit the PDOP Website for online activities and programming.



Updates & INFORMATION

V.B

September

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

Mitch Bowlin, Director of Finance

- ◆ Work continues on the 2022 Budget. Staff have submitted their budgets for review and are now preparing to present a draft budget to the Board on September 30, and October 14.
- ◆ The District received the Government Finance Officers Association's Distinguished Budget Award for the 11th year in a row. This year is the first year the District has received special recognition for its use of performance measures. Congratulations to both Illiana De La Rosa and Greg Stopka for their hard work in this area.
- ◆ Staff are working on completing the 2021 Parks Report card. Initial visits have been made and follow up visits will continue

Ann Marie Buczek, Communication and Community Engagement Manager

- ◆ Exploration has commenced for next year's website redesign. We are exploring the competitive landscape, discussing opportunities to working with Noventech, and soliciting feedback from the PDCC and the community to identify wants, needs, and improvements.
- ◆ PCI reports continued gains in social media engagement, indicating our new strategy is working well. Park news and staff profiles are particularly well received. We continue to make incremental gains in followers and will continue to explore opportunities to reach new and underserved audiences.
- ◆ PCI reports that Enews communications metrics including Open Rate and Click Through Rate are stable this month and continue to be far above industry standards.

Scott Sekulich, Registration and Customer Support Manager

- ◆ Scholarships used in August were \$3,220.52. A total of seven additional scholarship applications have been received in the month of August, making for a total of 174.
- ◆ 52 dog park memberships were purchased of which 15 were renewals.
- ◆ The scholarship donation campaign that started in June, utilizing Amilia to provide a donation add-on when reviewing your registration in your shopping cart, has now totaled 102 donations equaling \$2,020.25 to date.

Paula Bickel, Director of Human Resources

- ◆ Four staff completed CPR/AED and First Aid certification tests.
- ◆ Actively recruiting for a full-time Program Supervisor for Early Childhood and Afterschool/Teens, a Horticultural Specialist, and General Maintenance Worker.
- ◆ Off-boarding 200+ summer seasonal staff members.
- ◆ Promoted Kaitlyn Walsh to full-time Buildings Specialist.
- ◆ Attended Career Pathways monthly meeting.
- ◆ Participated in a Paycom's Best Practice Meeting to review system updates and evaluate current processes within Payroll and HR.

PARKS AND PLANNING

Chris Lindgren, Superintendent of Parks and Planning

- ◆ Made/installed nine memorial plaques.
- ◆ Repaired concrete handrail footings at Barrie and Fox Centers.

- ◆ Chris McKinney was hired as a full-time General Maintenance Worker.
- ◆ 16 soccer fields have been measured and painted for the fall soccer season.
- ◆ Baseball fields have been groomed and prepped for fall baseball.
- ◆ Lawn renovation has begun along the perimeter of the new Rehm playground.
- ◆ Synthetic turf fields have been groomed and vacuumed.
- ◆ Athletic fields have been aerated to prep them for the fall soccer season.
- ◆ The batting cage at Lindberg has been taken down. It suffered total loss during a thunderstorm with high winds.
- ◆ Soil has been added to the drainage lines at Taylor Park to make them level with existing surface. Over time, the drainage trenches have settled causing a rut.

Susan Crane, Historical Properties & Special Events Manager

Cheney Mansion

- ◆ August was our busiest month of events since 2019. Many re-booked weddings occurred along with newly booked events and programs; ten weddings and five special events. Cheney also ran a two-week cooking camp for teens which was at full capacity both weeks. Appointments for future rentals also remained brisk with 20 appointments throughout the month, 20% of those visits resulting in bookings, primarily for 2022. Rentals for 2021, continue to look to achieve and exceed budgeted numbers for weddings and special events. Wedding rentals for 2022, are also brisk with only two Saturday evening dates left available for the year.

Pleasant Home

- ◆ Weekly camps continued through the first three weeks of August along with two special events and one corporate event. CBS Studios rented the house for the last week of August, as Pleasant Home will be the back drop for an upcoming show on the CBS network. A lot of prep, a lot of people, and one late night shoot. We appreciate the care they took in protecting all areas of the house and what we agreed would not be allowed, we look forward to the debut---stay tuned!

Special Events

- ◆ We wound up summer concerts this month. Each concert was well received with over 200 patrons attending each week to enjoy a wide variety of bands. The weather held up for the month all except for the last concert when a downpour made the stage area too wet for the band to set up. Local singer, Jamie Clay will return next year! Our movie for August was Black Panther and this too was well attended.

Patti Staley, Director of Horticulture and Conservatory Operations

- ◆ The Conservatory welcomed 1,872 visitors during the month of August.
- ◆ Story time at the Conservatory, held every Wednesday, totaled 136 participants.
- ◆ Year of the Butterfly took place on August 14, with over 74 in attendance.
- ◆ Taste of Uncorked occurred August 27, with 100 in attendance.
- ◆ The Conservatory's Fall Mum & Bulb Sale kicked off August 27.
- ◆ The Conservatory team planted pollinator perennials at Rehm playground in preparation for the grand opening in the fall.

SPECIAL FACILITIES

Bill Hamilton, Superintendent of Special Facilities

Camps/RCRC

- ◆ We served over 1,550 individuals in group swim lessons this summer, many of which participated in multiple sessions during the summer and we served 25 individuals in private or semi-private swim lessons.
- ◆ We had 150 campers attend Ridgeland Camp; they were able to enjoy one hour of ice skating each day and 96 campers were able to enjoy two hours of swimming each week. 76 additional campers spent the summer working on their hockey skills and had a blast. Another 100 campers spent their mornings improving their figure skating skills and performing mini exhibitions for their families and

friends. There was a full camp water balloon fight the first week of camp and popsicle treats for the last day of camp. Hundreds of games were played and hundreds more crafts were created. Masks were worn again but countless more friends and memories were made.

- ◆ We held three special event nights this summer (one in each month of June, July, and August) at Ridgeland pool. Over 400 people registered to attend these three nights of fun: the Ultimate Aquatics Challenge, Under the Sea Night, and Inflatable Raft Night.
- ◆ Through August 31, the pools have seen over 90,000 in attendance for all lap, pass holder, and public swims. Over 9,600 passes have been sold. The pools were very popular with the community this summer and we received many compliments for the quality of the guards and support staff.
- ◆ On August 11, the guard staff and facilities were audited by Ellis and Associates for the third and final time of the season. The staff received an “Exceeds”, the highest score for the third time this year; staff were well trained by Kayla Lindgren, Abby Sacks, and Josh Gronwold.
- ◆ The pools went to part-time hours on August 16; even with the limited hours, attendance has remained high.

Customer Service

- ◆ Five Customer Service Specialists were hired over the summer. In August, we expanded registration hours by staffing limited hours at the Gymnastics and Recreation Center.

Maintenance

- ◆ Staff is preparing to start pool preparation work for 2022, in September. We have contracted to have the Rehm drop slides refinished, they will look brand new for next season. Concrete repairs will be made to the diving well including repairing gutters and cracks. Staff will be painting the Ridgeland Common main pool and painting the locker rooms at Rehm.

Jamie Lapke, Program and & Operations Manager – Gymnastics

- ◆ Available fall session class offerings were 89% filled by the end of registration day.
- ◆ Summer classes ended with a total of 688 participants enrolled in Session 1 and 671 in Session 2.
- ◆ Two weeks of Gymnastics Camp were held August 9-13, from 9am – 3pm and August 16-20, from 9am to 3pm. In addition, extended camp for both weeks of camp was held from 3:00-6:00pm. There were 55 kids in first camp, with 14 kids staying for extended camp and 56 kids in the second, with 9 kids staying for extended camp.
- ◆ The 17-week fall class schedule began on August 23, and will run through December 19, with 721 participants enrolled. Class offerings are 91% filled. Due to the lack of gymnastics coaches, 18 classes printed in the brochure are not being offered and a few had to be cancelled after registration took place.

RECREATION

Mike Loszach, Program Manager

School Age/Day Camp/Teens

- ◆ The Clubhouse afterschool program is underway at eight sites with over 270 kids currently enrolled.
- ◆ We have two E-Sports events coming up for our teens: Fornite on September 11, and Among Us on October 9.

Early Childhood

- ◆ Our Pre-K, Preschool, and Playschool programs are set to start on Tuesday, September 7.
- ◆ We are actively recruiting a full-time Early Childhood Program Supervisor to replace Barb Grooms.

Arts/Special Interest/Active Adults

- ◆ We are excited to offer a wide variety of one-day intergenerational art programs in September including: Chicago Skyline Painting, Animal Watercolor Portraits, and Midcentury Modern Painting.
- ◆ Our Active Adults weekly “Friends and Flicks” programs continue this month with Supernova, Judas and the Black Messiah, Schmigaddon, and Another Round being shown in September.

Nature/Adventure

- ◆ Our Spooky Stroll event is set to take place at Austin Gardens on Friday, October 8; both sessions are currently full.
- ◆ Our youth and adult monthly archery classes are set to return on Tuesday, September 7.

Chad Drufke, Program Manager**Fitness/Sports/Dance/Races**

- ◆ We are offering a free fitness boot camp on Labor Day. The boot camp will showcase some of our new instructors and the classes they teach.
- ◆ We are offering new early developmental music and dance classes to our performing arts portfolio this fall. These classes are for ages two months to four years and introduces toddlers to the world of music and dance.
- ◆ Adult Circus Aerial Arts fall session I is already full with 14 participants.

Sports/Martial Arts

- ◆ The fall youth soccer league begins September 11; we have 206 participants thus far who will be participating.
- ◆ We have 585 youth enrolled so far in our sport specific partnered programs including: soccer, football, fencing, ninja warriors, lacrosse, field hockey, baseball/softball, boxing, and golf.
- ◆ We have 153 participants already enrolled for the fall karate program which is the highest session number since the pandemic hit.
- ◆ Communication and schedules for facility attendants will get a boost with the use of an app called Band. This app will help to streamline all communication between the supervisor and the facility attendants.