



**Park District of Oak Park
Regular Board Meeting
Held Via Zoom Meeting**

Thursday, June 18, 2020, 7:30pm

Minutes

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

President Lentz informed everyone that the restrictions from Covid 19 has caused the Park District to hold their Board Meetings electronically. She then confirmed that all the Board Members could hear each other clearly and the meeting commenced.

I. ROLL CALL

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

Park District Staff present: Jan Arnold, Executive Director; Maureen McCarthy, Superintendent of Recreation, and Karen Gruszka, Executive Assistant.

Others Present: None.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made to approve the agenda. **The motion was passed by a roll call vote 5:0.**

III. VISITOR/PUBLIC COMMENTS

Aidan Spangler – Entered his public comment via the PDOP Public Comment on the web page due to Covid 19 and the virtual meeting requirements and stated - I think we should look to reopen the sand volleyball courts at Rehm Park. I do not see the importance of banning the use of these courts as we are now in phase 3. The fact that we are allowed consume alcohol with a small group at a bar, but cannot participate in athletics with that same small group shows where your motives lie, “You care more about money than the fitness of your people.” Commissioner Lentz stated that they have received the comment and he would be contacted, which Executive Director Arnold confirmed would happen the next day by Diane Stanke, Director of Communications and Marketing.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Porreca and seconded by Commissioner Wick to approve the Consent Agenda, which includes the approval of Cash and Investment Summary and Warrants and Bills for the month of May 2020; approval of minutes from the Annual Board Meeting, May 28, 2020, and the Regular Board Meeting, May 28, 2020; approval of the 2019 Audit Report; and approval and authorization of the release of closed session minutes from February 13, 2020, February 20, 2020, and March 5, 2020. **The motion passed by a roll call vote 5:0.**

V. STAFF REPORTS

A. Director’s Report

Jan Arnold, Executive Director, informed the Board that Day Camp has begun and is completing its first week; serving approximately 200 kids while meeting CDC and State of Illinois COVID guidelines. At the Board Retreat scheduled on July 14, Reesheda Graham-Washington will be providing a 4-hour workshop of the Park Board and Leadership Team on racism. Based on information received for Covid 19, phase 4, the playgrounds will be allowed to open on June 26, and we are excited there will be three playground updates for our residents: Carroll,

Randolph and Wenonah. The Park District is still awaiting information on water fountains, splash pads, and restrooms, as well as awaiting information on contact sports and game play for youth and adults. If the Governor does not extend the emergency order, then virtual meetings may not be allowed to continue and the Park Board would need to resume in-person meetings. The 6' social distancing and face-coverings as well as the no larger than 50 person gatherings are expected for phase 4. This reduces the number of individuals the PDOP can serve indoors for many of our programs including fitness, pre-school, after-school, etc. The senior Leadership Team spent the afternoon cleaning and getting the Carroll building ready for programming to begin June 29. The CRC virtual meeting was held last evening and had over 200 registered with 105 participating. Video is now available at www.oakparkCRC.com for residents to view. Commissioner Lentz confirmed that masks and 6' social distances which was still needed which was confirmed by Executive Director Arnold. Commissioner Wick asked if the corners of the roof on the new CRC would be green roofs which was confirmed by Executive Director Arnold. He also questioned if the gym was on the second floor if there would be sound barriers so you would not hear activities going on underneath. Executive Director Arnold informed him that the majority of the gym is over the covered garage and Commissioner Wollmuth also stated that the architects were on top of this and will address it where needed, but that it is also was over the loading dock and the equipment rooms which helped with sound. Commissioner Wick stated that he feels showers should be in Phase 1. Commissioner Wollmuth stated that with watching the budget and not competing with other fitness businesses, they were not necessarily needed. Executive Director Arnold confirmed she believed that there would be some showers in Phase 1, but they would be looking at the results of the meeting for more information. Commissioner Worley-Hood asked if they would be able to create a break-even building if they didn't have amenities such as showers. Commissioner Porreca asked that we think of equity with the showers, as there are many people that will need to shower after working out on the way to work and this could be the only fitness center they can afford. Commissioner Worley-Hood also stated that we need to make sure we are looking at the needs of our target groups.

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 – None

C. Administration and Finance Committee –

1. 201 Budget Timeline/Guidelines

Commissioner Porreca motioned and Commissioner Wick seconded for the Park Board of Commissioners to approve the 2021 Budget Guidelines and Timeline. Executive Director Arnold reminded the Board that staff will begin working on their budgets in early July with meetings presenting them to the Board on October 8 and 15, and once approved, we will hold a hearing in December. She reminded the Board that the current recommendation for the tax levy would be not to exceed the CPI which is 2.3%, as well as fees being frozen through 2021. Part-timers will be brought up to \$13 an hour during 2021, which is still on track to reach the state mandate of \$15 by 2025. The merit increases pool will be 2.3%, the union agreement is 2.5%, only if expectations are met. The CIP will brought to the Board at the July 16, Regular Board Meeting and Mitch will be there to answer questions regarding the CIP and budget questions. The Board had no further questions and are looking forward to the CIP presentation and discussion. **The motion passed with a roll call vote of 5:0.**

VII. NEW BUSINESS - None

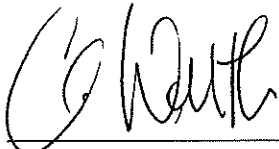
VIII. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

- **Commissioner Worley-Hood** – Stated it was good to see things opening up and people out and about. He also said how good the article from Parks and Recreation magazine was stating Park Districts were moving more into public health and it made him look at his role with a new light.
- **Commissioner Wick** – Attended the IGOV virtual meeting where each entity did updates with Covid 19. They also had a very in depth discussion on racial equality with many good ideas. This discussion will be continued at an IGOV meeting in July. He also said he was wondering when the volleyball courts would be opened as he noted River Forest opened one of their courts. Executive Director Arnold informed him that they were informed by IAPD to not open the volleyball courts nor the basketball courts until phase 4. He then stated he was very disheartened by emails coming in regarding the pool and stated the senders are not considering all the viewpoints and facts. He finished saying how good it was to have electronic packets compared to the old paper packets; savings in both costs and environmentally.
- **Commissioner Wollmuth** – None.
- **Commissioner Porreca** – She agreed with Commissioner Wick that the entities at the IGOV were all very engaged and thoughtful with racial equality discussion. She was very surprised to find out that the VOP does not hold any Board retreats nor any type of trust/bonding/team building and feels that it is something that would greatly benefit the community. She thanked Commissioner Wick for chairing the IGOV meetings. She also stated she is sad to see the emails coming in on the pools as it is one group and that one group is not looking at the whole community. She then said the CRC virtual Community Meeting last night was great and hopes the information gets out to the community and thanked Commissioner Wollmuth for his expertise in the CRC meetings.
- **Commissioner Lentz** – Stated she also thought the CRC meeting went very smoothly. She attended the COG meeting which is attended by the Board Presidents and Executive Directors of each entity and informed the Board that President Anan stated he is 100% behind the CRC and feels it will be great for the community. She also thanked the staff for all the work they are doing and their constant flexibility.

IX. CLOSED SESSION - None

X. ADJOURN REGULAR BOARD MEEETING

At 8:14pm the Regular Board meeting was adjourned. **The motion passed with a voice vote.**



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