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**Park District of Oak Park Board of Commissioners
June 18, 2009**

Gwendolyn Meadows, Observer

Present: President Gartland, Commissioners Bracco, Bullock, Valentine and Executive Director Gary Balling.

The meeting began at 7:30 p.m. Phase One of the Conservatory Master Plan is the Garden located on the Clarence Ave. frontage and the area southwest of the building and is due to be completed in October 2010. This Garden will be dedicated in memory of Herbert Rubinstein, a long time Conservatory supporter, along with his wife, Elvira. Funds for the project will come from the Park District, \$30,000; Friends of the Oak Park Conservatory (FOPCON), \$124,292; and donor fund of up to \$60,000. The total cost estimate for the project is \$179,000 - \$212,000.

Preliminary approval was given for the installation of a tent pavilion located at the back of Pleasant Home. The pavilion proposal will be continued to the July 16 Board meeting to provide time for further Board consideration as well as public review and comment on the proposal. The pavilion will be used for rentals and will save some wear and tear of the home. If approval is reached at the July 16 meeting, authorization for requests for proposals will be considered.

Bids were received for demolition of 1140 S. Kenilworth. Through demolition of the existing single family residence and garage, the property will be returned to green space and parkland for the community. Site Recovery Services, Inc. was the low bidder at \$13,835.00. Work will begin on July 20.

The Park District's current overall park areas equal about 80 acres total, well below the guideline established in 2006 which is 2.0 acre per 1,000 population.

Transfer of a parcel of property at 301 S. Oak Park Ave. (the southwest corner of Oak Park Ave. and Randolph St.) from the Village of Oak Park to the Park District was approved. The Park District attorney will proceed as required to accomplish the transfer.

The meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 8:45 p.m.

(online minutes: www.oakparkparks.com/currentevents/currentevents_minutes.htm)