



**Park District of Oak Park Board of Commissioners  
January 21, 2010**

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Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Commissioner Gartland, President. Also present were Commissioners Bracco, Bullock and Valentine and Executive Director Gary Balling. Commissioner Graves was not present.

Public comment ---A representative from OP Youth Baseball expressed concern over the location of the dog park at Ridgeland Commons. He felt that it was a health issue for players because of dog waste being left behind so close to the baseball fields. He also felt the location was an obstacle for players and parents, limiting access to the dugout. He suggested the dog park be relocated, instead of renovated. Commissioner Gartland stated a study was done in 2005 to find the best locations for the dog parks. Long term they may find another location, but for the immediate future the park would need to remain at its present location. There will be a new, additional dog park in Maple Park.

Reports and updates were given by Executive Director Balling and Park District staff. Training for Personnel and Master Plans for Scoville and Lindberg Parks are going well. Also he reported that Maple and Euclid Parks will begin construction soon. All departments are gearing up for summer.

There was some discussion with Board members and Mike Grandy, Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, about snow removal. The commissions implied they would like to see the snow removal improved. Mr. Grandy stated that there are 8.3 miles of sidewalks to be plowed and with the heavy snow and limited equipment it was a difficult job.

**Voting was done on the following proposals.**

The Buildings and Grounds Committee recommends that the Board accept the Cheney Mansion site Master Plan as proposed by Wolff Landscape Architecture. This proposal has been discussed at previous meeting and was unanimously passed with no additional discussion.

The Buildings and Grounds Committee recommends that the Board accept the bid submitted by Shaefges Bros., Inc. for a total award for contract of \$206,000 for pump, filter and motor for Rehm Pool filter. This proposal was unanimously passed with no additional discussion.

The Recreation and Facility Program Committee recommends the acceptance of PROS Consulting "Cost of Service/Pricing Policy Review" Study Proposal in the

amount of \$19,500. This proposal was unanimously passed with no additional discussion.

The Recreation and Facility Program Committee recommends the Board approve the Affiliate Agreement between Oak Park Festival Theater and the PDOP. Commissioners were concerned that because Festival Theatre has lost a substantial grant from another source that the Company would not have the funds to proceed with their scheduled performances. Festival Theater was requesting additional funding from the Park District. Commissioners decided to allocate \$6,000 to the Theatre—the same amount as 2009 with the thought of possibly allocating more at a later date. This proposal was unanimously passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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