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**Park District of Oak Park Board of Commissioners  
July 15, 2010**

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Present: President Gartland, Commissioners Bracco, Bullock, Graves, and Valentine, Executive Director Balling and Attorney Burkland.

Director Gary Balling reported that meetings have been held with Garapolo Maynard Architects, Terra Engineering, Altamanu, Inc. and members of the Pleasant Home Foundation to discuss plans for the restoration of the steel fence at Mills Park/Pleasant Home. While this project is due to go out to bid in August, it will depend on a review process with the Architectural Review Committee of the Historic Preservation Commission.

Work is proceeding on the Randolph Tot Lot, the Scoville Park War Memorial, and the Tropic Room Improvements and Rubinstein Memorial Garden at the Conservatory.

The planning process for Scoville Park consisted of 6 focus groups with 47 participants total, 4 community meetings with 70+ participants and 3 online questionnaires with a total of 181 completed forms submitted. Various aspects of the Park have been discussed in detail and ideas for future improvements presented.

Design Consultants for Scoville Park, Altamanu, Inc., presented the final draft recommendation and project cost estimates for the master plan. The plan was broken down into three sections for cost estimates. The northern part of the Park entails, among other things, a new playground, tennis courts and fencing along Ontario and Grove at an estimate of \$930,000. The central section includes plantings, benches, lighting for War Memorial, memorial plaques, among other improvements at an estimate of \$617,000. The southern end of the Park includes a permanent stage, seating, additional flowerbeds, and a new opening on the southwest corner, among others, at an estimate of \$530,000. The Park District will apply to the State for a park grant to help with costs.

A final vote on the Master Plan will take place at the Board's August 19 meeting.

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