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**Park District of Oak Park Board of Commissioners
November 17, 2011
7:30 PM**

Gwendolyn Meadows, Observer

Present: President Marty Bracco, Commissioners Paul Aeschleman (by phone), Jessica Bullock, Christine Graves, Victor Guarino and Executive Director Gary Balling.

Next year will be the 100th Anniversary of the Park District. A committee has been preparing for this event and presented Park District highlights and history starting of the creation of the District in 1910 to the present. There will be special events during 2012 along with an Anniversary Celebration on April 13 at Pleasant Home.

The Board approved the Professional Services Agreement with Williams Architects to perform a Phase II Pre-Design Validation of New Gymnastics and Yard Space for Buildings & Grounds at 25 Lake St. and Building & Grounds and Central Administration at 218 Madison St. for a fixed fee of \$13,000.

Also approved was an Agreement between the Park District of Oak Park and Nagle Hartray Architecture for Professional Architectural Design Services for the renovation of Ridgeland Common.

Christopher Wollmuth was appointed to the Greening Advisory Committee for a three year term.

President Bracco announced that Gary Balling, Executive Director of the Park District for the past 12 years, will be retiring effective April 30, 2012. Members of the Board all expressed appreciation for Mr. Balling's leadership. Mr. Balling thanked the Board and spoke for a few minutes about his tenure at the Park District.

The meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 9:10 p.m.

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