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Regular Board Meeting, March 16, 2017.

Joan Fiscella, Observer

The meeting was held at the Hedges Administrative Center.

Present: Commissioners Paul Aeschleman (President); Victor Guarino (Vice President); Sandy Lentz (Secretary); Kassie Porreca; David Wick (Treasurer). Absent:

Vice-President Victor Guarino opened the meeting at 7:30 pm.

Approval of the Agenda:

The Board approved the agenda.

Visitor/Public Comments: None

Consent Agenda - Commissioner Wick

The Board approved the Consent Agenda, which included the Cash and Investment Summary and Warrants and Bills for the month of February, 2017; approval of minutes from the Committee of the Whole Meeting February 2, 2017; and the Regular Board Meeting December 17, 2017; approval of the Travel Reimbursement Ordinance 2017-03-01; and approval of the Purchase Card Agreement.

Staff Reports:

A. Executive Director's Report.

The Park District of Oak Park continues to work with the Village of Oak Park on a liquor license that would permit use of beer and wine during Festival Theatre performances during 2017.

B. Updates and Information

C. Revenue/Expense Status Report

Jewel's is being used for preschool snacks.

Old Business

A. Recreation and Facility Program Committee: None

B. Building and Grounds/Facility Maintenance Committee: None

C. Administration and Finance Committee: Commissioner Wick

1. Donation of Solar Panels by National Resources Defense Council

The Park Board of Commissioners voted to accept this generous gift from the National Resource Defense Council in an amount of \$9,085 to help continue its sustainability initiatives.

A plaque will be put up acknowledging the donation.

2. Austin Gardens Update

1000 Lake property and Austin Gardens

Discussion continues.

## New Business

### 1. WSSRA Annual Update

Mary Ann Birko summarized ongoing activities. It is the 40th anniversary of the organization. It has had much collaborative participation with the Oak Park Park District.

Facilities are still a challenge, and Oak Park has been supportive.

Ricky Smith has been named Athlete of the Year in Special Olympics.

The budget will be affected by both state and federal problems. Impact on scholarships will be strong.

### 2. Greening Advisory Committee (GAC) Annual Update

Information is on the Park District website. Volunteers to help care for a local park are being sought. The Park District Greening Advisory Committee initiated a Carry In/Carry Out program with two of the youth sport groups to help reduce trash, keep parks cleaner and increase environmental awareness. All park patrons are now asked to participate by taking out any trash they have brought in.

## Commissioners' Comments

### Commissioner Lentz

Spoke of the work of the Pleasant Home Foundation. The Mystery Night at the Home was run an extra day; more people attended, but it was unable to bring in more money. It is planning a new fund raising project in order to complete windows for the building.

### Commissioner Wick

Mentioned that he was out on the south side of the train tracks in the evening. Maple Park looks very good. At the Democratic Party meeting, people indicated interest in the Park District – participating and volunteering.

### Commissioner Guarino

The new signs are up in Euclid Park. He mentioned that dogs do impact the parks and mentioned that residents of the Vantage building use Austin Gardens regularly.

### President Aeschleman

He mentioned wanting more dialog with District 200 about the pool.

## Executive Session

The Board of Commissioners approved the motion to convene in closed session for the discussion of the performance of a specific employee of the District.

The Commissioners voted to continue the meeting to April 6, 2017.

## Attachments area