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Regular Board Meeting, January 26, 2017

Joan Fiscella, Observer

The meeting was held at the Hedges Administrative Center.

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

Also present: Bobbi Nance, Senior Manager of Strategy & Innovation.

President Paul Aeschleman 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 Motion of the Board for approval of the Consent Agenda, which includes the Cash and Investment Summary and Warrants and Bills for the month of December, 2016; approval of minutes from the Committee of the Whole Meeting December 1, 2016, and Regular Board Meeting December 15, 2016; and approval of Disposal Ordinance 2017-01-01 was approved by all present.

Staff Reports:

Executive Director's Report.

At the February Regular Board Meeting on February 16, outstanding service awards were given to McLouis Robinet for energy savings and to the Friends of the Oak Park Conservatory for the Ellie Jacobsen Discovery Garden.

Jan Arnold and other staff members attended the Illinois Association of Park Districts / Illinois Park & Recreation Association (IAPD/IPRA) conference in January and will incorporate what they learned into the work of the Park District.

Although warmer weather during WinterFest prevented use of the outdoor ice rink, other activities took place.

In general the budgets were up. Expenses were up too because of more usage. Cheney Mansion use showed growth. The largest growth was for camps. Staff have worked very hard to have a positive cash balance.

Old Business

- A. Recreation and Facility Program Committee: None
- B. Building and Grounds/Facility Maintenance Committee: None
- C. Administration and Finance Committee: None

New Business – Commissioner Porreca

Bobbi Nance reported on the use of space/rooms. Use has increased almost across the board for all days and all week. The opening of the Environmental Education Center provided needed space. In addition, there was more balanced usage in some rooms. If some buildings become unavailable due to renovation, there will be a lack of needed space. If a community education center is approved, it will help provide the space. The District, however, has begun renting other places.

2016 Performance Measures

The 2016 Park Report Card summary chart shows organization initiatives and performance indicators covering the Park District's mission, its focus on community and customer, its financial strength, its infrastructure preservation and development, staff excellence and organizational excellence. The chart shows 2013-2016, with the 2016 target.

The Park District staff record how often it must give refunds, what happens to that funding and what changes should be made.

The Park District also prepared a field utilization report that includes the fields used by the Park District and organizations not part of the Park District that pay fees for use of the fields. The report compared 2016 with 2015 for each field, based on the purpose of the field, the permitted hours, game hours and number of permits used for games.

The report helps the Park District maintain the fields to keep playing conditions at a high level.

Commissioners' Comments

President Aeschleman

Thanked staff members for their presentations.

Commissioner Wick

Reported on the Conference round-table meeting of various Illinois park district commissioners. There seemed to be a high regard for the Oak Park Park District, and Wick encouraged dissemination of some of the discussion points.

Commissioner Lentz

Mentioned the Conference roundtables and her appreciation of the Park District of Oak Park.

Attorney Mark Burkland announced that his legal firm hosts seminars for clients, with one scheduled for April 21. More information will be given to the OPPD Board.

Adjourn Meeting

Commissioner Aeschleman adjourned the meeting at 8:20 pm.