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Regular Board Meeting, May 18, 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); David Wick (Treasurer); Kassie Porreca. Mark Burkland, Attorney. Jan Arnold (Executive Director).

President Paul Aeschleman opened the meeting at 7:30 pm.

Approval of the Agenda:

The Board approved the agenda.

Visitor/Public Comments

Visitor, Marty Berstein, spoke in favor of protecting Austin Gardens; does not want the new building at the northwest corner of Lake and Forest to be put up and wants the Park District to speak out against it.

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 April 2017; approval of minutes from the Continued Regular Board Meeting, April 6, 2017; Committee of the Whole Meeting April 6, 2017; Regular Board Meeting, April 20, 2017; approval of minutes from Closed Session, April 6, 2017, and approval of Disposal Ordinance 2017-05-01.

The items for disposal were a Dodge Dakota truck and a Ford F150 truck, both of which are being replaced.

Staff Reports

A. Executive Director's Report

The recommendation to allow attendees to bring beer or wine to Festival Theatre performances was to be discussed at the Village Board meeting May 18.

The regular OP Park Board meeting of June 15, 2017, at Hedges Administrative Center will begin at 6:00 pm.

B. Updates and Information

Park District staff members did brief reports on concerns about the new buildings' effects of shade on lawn areas of Austin Gardens. wind effects and effects on trees. Their reports were based on their regular working in the Gardens and consulting with 3rd party experts. Studies are still in progress.

Old Business

A. Recreation and Facility Program Committee: none.

B. Buildings and Grounds/Facility Maintenance Committee

1. Taylor Field Master Site Plan Approval

The Board of Commissioners approved the Taylor Park Master Plan.

2. Conservatory Heat Contract Approval

The Board of Commissioners approved a contract with Core Mechanical, Inc., Chicago, IL, for an amount not to exceed \$135,295.

(This is under budget by approximately \$64,000. The work is to replace piping to stabilize heating.)

C. Administration and Finance Committee:

Executive Director Arnold will update the Board on Austin Gardens.

New Business:

1. Audit Report

Auditors were very positive about the audit and said that the Park Board staff did a very good job. Operationally, everything looks good. All funds are positive. Auditors' comments will be reviewed for next year's audit.

Commissioners Comments

Commissioner Lentz said she was pleased to see collaboration of Austin Gardens and the Festival Theatre.

Commissioner Wick: Asked how many adult events in Oak Park take place at night? He has noticed a number of violations of posted warnings in parks. Should there be follow-up? He also announced that on June 10, 3:00-9:00 pm at Mills Park, there will be a celebration of children and families sponsored by Hephzibah Children's Association.

Commissioner Guarino: Nothing to add.

Commissioner Porreca: The West Suburban Special Recreation gala was a good event. It helps to raise funds for the organization.

President Aeschleman: Thanked everyone for his/her contributions to the issue of Albion development. He is happy that the Park District will have responsibility for memorial trees in the parks.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.