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Regular Board Meeting, October 20, 2016

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). Absent: Victor Guarino (Vice President).

Present: Executive Director Jan Arnold; Mark Burkland, Attorney.

Treasurer David Wick opened the meeting at 7:30 pm.

Approval of the Agenda:

The Board approved the agenda.

Visitor/Public Comments:

Jim B., a resident of Oak Park, spoke in praise of Taylor Park. He suggested, however, that permits for the pavilion should not be given on weekends; he suggested more planned activities for children who could attend with family members should be scheduled. There are times when residents are hesitant to go to the park when large groups of people are using the pavilion.

Consent Agenda - Commissioner Wick

The Board of Commissioners approved the Consent Agenda, which included the Cash and Investment Summary and Warrants and Bills for the month of September 2016; approval of minutes from the Committee of the Whole minutes September 1, 2016; Regular Board Meeting, September 15, 2016; and Budget Meetings held on September 22 and September 29, 2016.

Staff Reports:

A. Executive Director's Report.

The Frank Lloyd Wright race is scheduled for Sunday, Oct 2. Approximately 2400 people have registered for the race. The race has been certified as "green"; ads and other information can be picked up after the race.

The fall tour will take place on Saturday, November 5, beginning at 8:30 am; the tour will visit Maple Park, Euclid Park and Pleasant Home.

The Illinois Association of Park Districts has awarded OP Park District two Best of the Best awards for best green practices and for best intergovernmental collaboration with D97 schools. The awards are being given on Oct 21.

The next IGOV (elected bodies of OP) meeting is Saturday, October 29. Residents are welcome.

Old Business

A. Recreation and Facility Program Committee: None

B. Building and Grounds/Facility Maintenance Committee:

The Park Board of Commissioners approved the amended agreement with Realgy, LLC for an eight and half year initial term.

There is a reporting system as part of the technology to enable monitoring of energy usage.

C. Administration and Finance Committee: None

New Business

Performance Measure 3rd Quarter Presentation:

Bobbi Nance, Senior Manager of Strategy and Innovation, presented the report on the newer measures of Park District performance, in part coming out of the District's strategic plan (Park District Mission, Customer Focus, Financial Strength, Infrastructure Preservation and Development, Staff Excellence, and Organizational Excellence). One of the new measures concerns energy usage. Another area considers supports needed to help residents who are offered scholarships but do not use them.

Commissioners' Comments

Commissioner Porreca

She will be attending the Friends of the Conservatory meeting on Oct 10; the organization is considering how to raise more funds. The gala yielded good results.

She also attended the West Suburban Special Recreation Association meeting, which has held two events.

Commissioner Lentz

The Chicago Architecture Association open houses last weekend brought about 2000+ people to Pleasant Home. The Festival Theatre is having a radio play "The Mousetrap" this weekend as a fundraiser.

Commissioner Wick

The Park Foundation is looking for ways to increase funding. A new art piece has to be acquired for the Gymnastics and Recreation Center. Commissioner Wick is running the FLW race on Sunday.

President Aeschleman

He is preparing a presentation for the IGOV meeting.

Closed Session

The Commissioners voted to adjourn to closed session for the discussion of the purchase or lease of real property for use of the District.

Adjourn Meeting