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Regular Board Meeting, April 20, 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). Absent: Kassie Porreca.

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 Board approved the Consent Agenda, which included the Cash and Investment Summary and Warrants and Bills for the month of March, 2017; approval of minutes from the Continued Regular Board Meeting March 2, 2017; Committee of the Whole Meeting March 2, 2017, and Regular Board Meeting March 16, 2017; approval of Closed Session Minutes March 2, 2017 and March 16, 2017; approval of Festival Theatre 2017-2019 Agreement; approval of 4th of July Gala; approval of Cook County Resolution for Property ID Data; and approval of Park District Citizen Committee New Appointment – Garth Katner .

Staff Reports

A. Executive Director's Report.

The Park District continues to work with the Village regarding a liquor license for wine and beer during Festival Theatre performances beginning in 2017. If the Village does approve, then the Park District will revise the agreement with the Festival Theatre.

The spring tour of the parks for the Commissioners will take place as soon as they can establish a date.

The June meeting may be earlier when a convenient date is found.

Work on Pleasant Home continues on the 2nd and 3rd floors. There will be a report in July.

An 8-day course for tree keeper training will be held with Openlands in June at Austin Gardens Environmental Education Center.

The Annual Conservatory Plant Sale will be held May 6, 7. Members of the Friends of the Oak Park Conservatory can shop on Friday, May 5.

The Park District is taking a new approach to hiring interns. One intern will be hired for both the summer and year around; the intern will have opportunities to work in all areas of the Park District, thus providing good training for his/her career.

B. Updates and Information

C. Revenue/Expense Status Report

Old Business

A. Recreation and Facility Program Committee: None

B. Building and Grounds/Facility Maintenance Committee: Commissioner Guarino

1. Field Cistern Contract Approval

GLI was the lowest responsible bidder. The cost will be \$150,000 or less. The Park District has had previous experience with company. All Commissioners voted in favor.

C. Administration and Finance Committee: None

New Business

1. Cheney Mansion Annual Report

Susan Crane reported. This is the second year that the green house has been available for rentals, and it is doing well. Cheney Mansion's website has a virtual tour: the website is being updated. More of the Mansion's renters are coming from Chicago for weddings and corporate meetings. Among organizations that have used the Mansion are WSSRA for summer camps, although most interest is in weddings. More programs are also being offered such as cooking classes for teens, garden club meetings, and fitness classes.

2. First Quarter Performance Review

Kyle reported that the new computer program did not capture 2016 first quarter. For the portion of the year where there is comparative data, there are upward trends. Changes in demographic groups are also influencing the comparative statics.

3. Pool Collaboration Discussion Update

Although the referendum for the school pool did not get voters' support, there seems to be more opportunity for collaboration among more groups. The Park District arranged a meeting with the Oak Brook district to learn possibilities for using facilities by multiple groups. The staffs of the Park District and the School District are talking about how to make a collaboration work by sharing facilities. It might be possible to come to a decision in fall of 2017.

4. Stevenson Center Lease for TASC (Treatment Alternatives for Safe Communities). TASC is clients. TASC is affiliated with the Oak Park Mental Health Board. The Park District holds other activities there at other times. The vote will take place in a closed meeting.

Commissioners Comments

Commissioner Lentz

Pleasant Home is doing fundraising to restore the stained glass in the home.
Festival Theatre may use Pleasant Home for an added production this year.

Commissioner Wick

He attended the Park Foundation meeting, which was good. There is a new person on the Board. Commissioner Wick will attend the upcoming Illinois Association of Park Districts in January 2018; his proposal for a conference presentation about the role of iGov in Oak Park River Forest has been accepted. Board President Paul Aeschleman and Jim Gates will work with him.

Commissioner Guarino

He mentioned that conversations with iGov and about the pool are encouraging.

President Aeschleman

He appreciated the willingness of Commissioners to attend the long meeting Monday evening. He complimented the banners at Scoville Park.

Continue Meeting to May 4, 2017 Committee of the Whole Meeting