



## **Park District/City Joint Projects Committee** **Minutes**

Date:: February 15, 2022

Location: Wood Dale City Hall  
Executive Session  
404 N Wood Dale Rd  
Wood Dale, IL 60191

Present: Mayor Nunzio Pulice, Alderman Art Woods, Commissioner  
Greg Stimpson, Commissioner Denice Sbertoli

Absent: Alderman Sonny Sorrentino

Also Present: Matt Ellmann, Ben Appler, Kate Buggy

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Pulice called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

### **II. ROLL CALL**

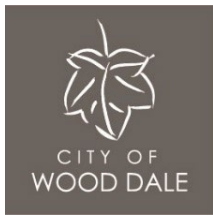
Attendance was taken at the door. A quorum was present.

### **III. BUSINESS ITEM**

- A. Approval of Minutes – October 20, 2021  
Motion by Commissioner Sbertoli to approve the October 20, 2021 Minutes.  
Second by Alderman Woods. Motion carried.

### **IV. REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION:**

- A. White Oaks Park Project  
Mr. Appler reported that the Park District hosted another community workday on November 6 where volunteers helped remove buckthorn from White Oaks Park. Mr. Appler also reported that per the City's Planned Unit Development requirements, the Park District had a wetland buffer monitoring report prepared in 2021 and all standards were met for the first year.
- B. Park District Property  
Mr. Ellmann reported that the Mohawk Manor Park annexation is in motion. Also, Mr. Ellmann informed the Committee that Hitchcock Design Group had prepared a Yield Study and two conceptual plans for Terrace Park, a park that is in the Village of Bensenville, but also in the Wood Dale Park District. The Park District Board of Commissioners reviewed the concept plans at its last meeting.



C. Joint Special Events

Ms. Buggy reported that planning is well under way for the Memorial Day Parade which will be held on Monday, May 30. Grant Paplauskas left the City in February for a position at another municipality, so Janelle Silva has been promoted to Communications and Special Events Manager.

D. Wayfinding Signs

Ms. Buggy reported that staff is working on a plan for signs in the community. In addition to a sign at Community Square, staff is working on additional wayfinding signs for the community and temporary event signs to post at the entrances of the City. Landmark is preparing a cost estimate for the Community Square sign.

E. Citizen Involvement Committee

Mayor Pulice reported that the Citizens Initiative Committee had several comments about the Park District at its last meeting. Participating residents noted that they don't feel their needs are being heard by the Park District. Additionally, participating residents suggested that the Park District should host more family-friendly events, like an outing to a Chicago Dawgs game at Rosemont or a hockey game at Allstate. Mr. Ellmann stated that the Park District does regularly provide trips like this, but it's primarily seniors who sign up. In addition, thanks to rising interest, the Park District has made pickleball available but there has been low resident participation. Alderman Woods suggested that if citizens reach out to their neighbors in addition to regular texts and emails, interest in Park District offerings may increase. Mayor Pulice offered to play a short video on pickleball at the next Citizens Initiative Committee.

F. Future Items

There were no future items.

**V. OTHER BUSINESS**

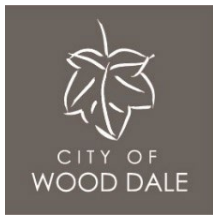
A. Other Items

1. Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting is March 15, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.

2. Movie Projector

Mr. Ellmann reported that the movie projector used for *Movies in the Park* is no longer reliable. The projector was bought by the Park District, City, and Itasca Bank in 2014. Mr. Ellmann asked if the City would be willing to chip in for a new projector. Alderman Woods and Mayor Pulice had no



objections. Mr. Ellmann will send a letter to the City Manager regarding the projector.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Alderman Woods to adjourn. Second by Commissioner Stimpson. Mayor Pulice adjourned the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

*Minutes taken by Kate Buggy, Director of Administrative Services*