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## **PARK DISTRICT/CITY JOINT PROJECTS COMMITTEE** **MINUTES**

Committee Date: October 8, 2019  
Location: Wood Dale City Hall  
404 N. Wood Dale Rd.  
Wood Dale, IL 60191  
Present: Mayor Nunzio Pulice, Alderman Art Woods, Board  
Commissioner Greg Stimpson, Board Commissioner Denice  
Sbertoli  
Absent: Alderman Peter Jakab  
Also Present Matt Ellmann, Ben Appler, Mike Bersani, Pat Bond, Kate  
Buggy

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

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

### **II. ROLL CALL**

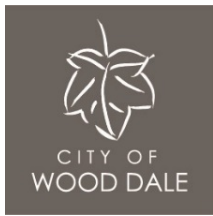
Attendance was taken at the door. A quorum was present.

### **III. BUSINESS ITEM**

- A. Approval of Minutes – September 10, 2019  
Motion by Commissioner Stimpson to approve the September 10, 2019  
Minutes. Second by Alderman Woods. Motion carried.

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

- A. Update on White Oaks Park Project  
Mr. Ellmann reported that construction is ahead of schedule and the building  
is expected to be completed by Halloween. Staff is preparing for a dedication  
ceremony on November 23.
- B. Discussion Regarding Park District Property  
The Committee extensively discussed possible options for the City to acquire  
Park District property located at Sievert and Wood Dale roads.  
Commissioner Stimpson expressed concern that a sale or exchange of land  
would result in the loss of two baseball fields or more which are used by  
teams and students at the adjacent junior high school. Alderman Woods  
asked whether the Park District would accept a proposal for a land swap, in



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which case the City could look for sites that could host baseball fields and other amenities. Mr. Ellmann stated that his staff does not have the resources needed to evaluate the site or options for a land swap and/or sale.

Motion by Alderman Woods to recess for five minutes. Second by Commissioner Stimpson. Motion carried. Mayor Pulice recessed the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Mayor Pulice called the meeting back to order at 7:25 p.m.

Mr. Bersani stated that for the project to move forward, the Park District would need to engage a land planner to evaluate whether park facilities and amenities could be reconfigured or relocated under a deal with the City. He asked that the City participate in the cost of securing a land use study. Mayor Pulice stated that matter of the City participating in the cost would be taken to the City Council for discussion and direction. Mr. Bond asked that the Park District speak with a land planner to get an estimate of what the land use study would cost. Mr. Ellmann stated that he would obtain more information and share it with City staff prior to the next City Council meeting in October.

C. Update on Joint Special Events

Ms. Buggy reported City staff continues to prepare for the next events. Trunk-or-Treat will be held on October 31. The Tree Lighting at City Hall will be held on December 7 and will feature Santa, entertainment, crafts, and fireworks.

D. Review of BBQ

Mayor Pulice stated that he thought the BBQ went well. Mr. Ellmann noted that he has only received positive feedback about the event.

E. Ward 1 Park

Mayor Pulice reported that the Bensenville Park District has applied for a KaBOOM! grant to build a playground on their property which is located in Ward 1 of the City of Wood Dale. KaBOOM! provides playground grants to help communities build safe places for kids to play. Mr. Ellmann stated that he provided some feedback on the project to the Bensenville Park District.

F. Future Items

1. Bocce Ball

Mr. Ellmann reported that the Wood Dale Park District plans to install two bocce ball courts at White Oaks Park and staff is currently working out the details.



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**V. OTHER BUSINESS**

A. Other Items

1. VFW Bingo at Salt Creek

Mayor Pulice informed the Committee that Dave Martin from the local VFW is interested in holding bingo at the Salt Creek Golf Club. Mr. Ellmann stated that this might be possible. Mayor Pulice stated he told the VFW to reach out to Mr. Ellmann or his staff.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Commissioner Stimpson to adjourn the meeting. Second by Commissioner Sbertoli. Motion carried. Mayor Pulice adjourned the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

Minutes taken by Kate Buggy, Management Analyst