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

Committee Date            July 9, 2019

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

Present:                     Mayor Nunzio Pulice, Alderman Peter Jakab, Board  
                                     Commissioner Greg Stimpson, Board Commissioner Denice  
                                     Sbertoli

Absent:                      Alderman Art Woods

Also Present:                Matt Ellmann, Ben Appler, Kate Buggy, Maribeth Lezsano

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Pulice called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Attendance was taken at the door.

**III. BUSINESS ITEM**

- A. Approval of Minutes – May 14, 2019  
Motion by Alderman Jakab to approve the May 14, 2019 Minutes. Second by  
Commissioner Sbertoli. Motion carried.

**IV. REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION:**

- A. Update on White Oaks Park Project  
Mr. Ellmann reported that the project is two and a half months in, on  
schedule, and on budget. He noted that the Park District would like to begin  
programming in January 2020 and plans to hold the grand opening of the new  
building in December or January.
- Mr. Appler reported that 45 non-residents and 18 residents have registered  
for the dog park so far. The Park District has hired a dog friendly ambassador  
to check the permits of those using the dog park at certain hours.
- B. Update on Park District Property  
Ms. Buggy reported that per the City Council's direction, the City Attorney has  
reached out to the Park District Attorney to open discussions regarding the



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potential acquisition of land located at the corner of Wood Dale Road and Sievert Drive. Alderman Jakab noted that the City Council has not approved purchasing the property, but is investigating the matter for further consideration. Mr. Ellmann reported that he is meeting with the Park District Attorney to discuss this matter.

C. Update on Joint Special Events

Ms. Buggy reported that summer events were well underway, with Aquaman scheduled to be played at The Beach Water Park on July 12, 2019. The month of July is rounded out with a Cruise Night on July 15 and Prairie Fest on July 25 through July 28.

D. Future Items

Alderman Jakab suggested the Committee discuss potentially sharing a pool with several entities including other municipalities and park districts. Mr. Ellmann reported that he has discussed this briefly with the Bensenville Park District. He noted that pools are expensive to build and are not a moneymaker. He anticipates talking some more with the Bensenville Park District about this matter in the future.

**V. OTHER BUSINESS**

A. Other Items

i. Bensenville Park District Property – Ward 1

Mr. Ellmann reported that the Bensenville Park District is planning to further evaluate possibly building a park in Wood Dale Ward 1.

ii. BBQ

Mr. Ellmann reported that the CAC discussed holding a barbecue for the various Wood Dale taxing bodies. The CAC expressed general support for the idea. A date for the event will be sent out shortly. The barbecue will be for strictly social purposes.

iii. Bird Sanctuary

Alderman Jakab informed the Committee that a petition has been sent by residents to the City Manager regarding the state of the trail in the bird sanctuary located at the end of Tioga Trail. The Bensenville Park District is looking into the matter as the land was donated to them several years ago.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Commissioner Sbertoli to adjourn. Second by Commissioner Stimpson. Motion carried. Mayor Pulice adjourned the meeting at 6:51 p.m.

Minutes taken by Kate Buggy, Management Analyst