

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

Committee Date: July 8, 2020
Location: Wood Dale City Hall
Community Room
404 N. Wood Dale Rd.
Wood Dale, IL 60191
Present: Mayor Nunzio Pulice, Alderman Art Woods, Alderman Peter
Jakab, Commissioner Greg Stimpson
Absent: Commissioner Denice Sbertoli
Also Present: Matt Ellmann, Ben Appler, Kate Buggy

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pulice called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

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

III. BUSINESS ITEM

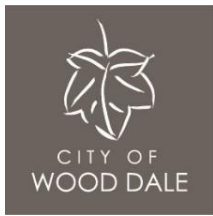
- A. Approval of Minutes – May 13, 2020
Motion by Commissioner Stimpson to approve the May 13, 2020 Minutes.
Second by Pulice. Motion carried.

IV. REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION:

A. Reopening Status

Ms. Buggy reported that City Hall reopened to the public on June 29. All staff who were working from home during the pandemic returned to the office and normal shift hours resumed for all departments. The City is resuming in-person meetings this week, with the Committee of the Whole scheduled to meet tomorrow. The City has taken extra precautions to protect both the public and staff by placing social distancing stickers on the grounds, covering holes in the plexiglass windows at main counters, installing hand sanitizers in main areas, requiring masks upon entrance to the building, and providing the appropriate PPE to staff.

Mr. Ellmann reported that over 50 Park District employees have been furloughed and the remaining staff is spread thin. The pool is not going to



reopen this summer and the fitness center will be available to use by appointment only. A majority of the playgrounds have been inspected and reopened, only three playgrounds remain closed. The basketball courts are open, but the tennis courts have deteriorated and will not be reopened at this time. Baseball field have also opened and the Park District is working with Wood Dale Baseball to ensure they follow appropriate regulations. The golf course is open and has seen an increase of 30% from last year in rounds of play. The Park District has placed portalets on the course and invested in foggers. Mr. Ellmann also reported that the Park District may look at offering childcare if there is a need. A meeting is upcoming with John Corbett, Superintendent of Wood Dale School District 7.

B. Update on White Oaks Park Project

Mr. Appler reported that Phase II construction has begun on the White Oaks Park project. Work will focus on the play area, playground, bocce courts, exercise trail, and wetland boardwalk. The trail has been closed to the public while work is ongoing. The construction should be complete by December.

Alderman Jakab expressed concern that the next phase was starting, but the Park District has not yet held an education campaign for residents. Mr. Ellmann stated that staff has been very busy due to the pandemic. They had planned to hold an educational meeting for the community, but COVID-19 disrupted those plans. The Park District still plans to put something together for residents, but safety must be a consideration. Alderman Jakab suggested that the Park District send an informative piece of literature to residents.

C. Update on Park District Property

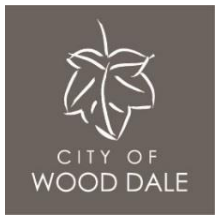
Mr. Ellmann reported that many projects were delayed due to COVID-19, but the Park District has resumed discussions with developers.

D. Update on Joint Special Events

Ms. Buggy reported that the City Council had voted to cancel all special events through August 1. Mr. Ellmann stated that the Park District has partnered with Wood Dale Bank & Trust to hold a drive-in movie on September 12 at Salt Creek.

E. Future Items

Mr. Ellmann reported that Top Golf has moved out and the Park District now owns the venue. Work will be performed on the infield in the fall. The Park District anticipates opening the venue to the public May 1, 2021.



V. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Other Items

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Joint Projects Committee is August 12, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Alderman Woods to adjourn. Second by Alderman Jakab. Mayor Pulice adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Minutes taken by Kate Buggy, Management Analyst