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

Committee Date: December 9, 2020  
Location: Wood Dale City Hall  
Zoom Teleconference  
Present: Mayor Nunzio Pulice, Alderman Art Woods, Alderman Peter Jakab, Commissioner Greg Stimpson, Commissioner Denice Sbertoli  
Absent: None  
Staff 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 – September 9, 2020  
Motion by Alderman Jakab to approve the September 9, 2020 Minutes.  
Second by Commissioner Sbertoli. Motion carried.

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

#### **A. Operations Status Update**

Ms. Buggy reported that the City continues to operate in a “soft close”, with residents being served by appointment if their issue can’t be resolved by staff via phone or other electronic means. At this point in time, the City does not know when it will reopen to the public.

Mr. Ellmann reported that some Park District staff members are working remotely. The Fitness Center is operating at 25% capacity and by appointment only. The Park District also continues to offer childcare programs in conjunction with the School District.

#### **B. Update on White Oaks Park Project**

Mr. Ellmann reported that the buckthorn clearing is happening faster than expected. This accounts for the piles of foliage that can be seen by residents. These piles will be chipped as soon as the Park District can borrow the chipper from the City. Mr. Appler reported that the Park District held its first Community Work Day on October 24. Approximately 20 members of the

public and 5 staff members attended. The day included a discussion about why invasive plants were being removed from White Oaks Park.

C. Update on Park District Property

Mr. Ellmann reported that the Park District Board of Commissioners held a public meeting on the land exchange and approved the agreement last night. In exchange for 4.91 acres of Mohawk Park, 2.68 acres, or 5 parcels, along Hawthorne and Foster will be conveyed to the Park District. The Park District will be retaining the ¼ acre and easements protecting the cell tower at Mohawk Park. The closing is scheduled for May 31, 2021. The Park District plans to put in a soccer field, expand their parking lot, and add a playground for school age children. Alderman Woods complimented the Park District on the hard work they have put in on this project.

D. Update on Joint Special Events

Ms. Buggy reported that the Santa Parade was a large success. The City is hoping to continue the event and possibly build on it in the future. Mr. Ellmann asked whether the City and Park District should consider whether they're going to hold the Memorial Day Parade now that the local VFW is closing. Mayor Pulice informed him that the City Special Events Committee will be discussing this issue at its next meeting.

E. Future Items

Mayor Pulice stated that a resident approached him regarding the issue of water conservancy and butterfly gardens. The resident is currently out of town, but will be invited to a future meeting of the Joint Projects Committee.

**V. OTHER BUSINESS**

A. Other Items

1. Meeting Schedule for 2021

Ms. Buggy informed the Committee that there has been a member inquiry about changing the standing date for meetings. The Committee members indicated that they are open to switching dates. Mr. Ellmann stated that he will send the Park District's Board meeting schedule to Ms. Buggy. Ms. Buggy will then survey members to determine if there is an alternative meeting date that will work for the Committee.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Alderman Jakab to adjourn the meeting. Second by Commissioner Stimpson. Motion carried. Mayor Pulice adjourned the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

*Minutes taken by Kate Buggy, Management Analyst*