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

Committee Date: January 19, 2021  
Location: City of Wood Dale by Remote Participation due to COVID-19 and in Accordance with the Governor's Executive Order 2020-10  
Present: Mayor Nunzio Pulice, Alderman Peter Jakab, Commissioner Greg Stimpson, Commissioner Denice Sbertoli  
Absent: Alderman Art Woods  
Staff Liaison: Matt Ellmann, Ben Appler, Kate Buggy

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

Mayor Pulice, in accordance with the Meeting Notice for a Zoom Teleconference Meeting, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

### **II. ROLL CALL**

Upon roll call, the following were:

Present: Mayor Pulice, Alderman Jakab, Commissioner Stimpson, and Commissioner Sbertoli

Absent: Alderman Woods

Whereupon the Mayor declared a quorum present.

### **III. BUSINESS ITEM**

#### **A. Approval of Minutes – December 9, 2020**

Motion by Commissioner Stimpson to approve the December 9, 2020 Minutes. Second by Alderman Jakab. When the question was put, a roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Ayes: Alderman Jakab, Commissioner Stimpson, Commissioner Sbertoli, and Mayor Pulice

Nays: None

Whereupon the Mayor declared the motion carried.

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

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

Ms. Buggy reported that the City continues to operate in a "soft close". After a brief adjustment period, residents appear to have adjusted to the change. Staff continues to provide service via phone, email, and in-person appointment as is necessary. It is not known at this time when the City will reopen to the public.



Mr. Ellmann reported that the Park District staff is reviewing mitigations now that Tier 3 mitigations have been lifted for the DuPage region. The move to Tier 2 mitigations means that group fitness classes will be permitted with a 25% capacity limit. The Park District continues to look for a fitness instructor following the tragic loss of Sue Turco.

Mr. Ellmann also reported that the Park District continues to run a successful children's program, but due to a positive case and possible contamination over the weekend, the program has been temporarily suspended. The program will resume in another week. The Park District is also analyzing whether the pool will reopen this coming summer. Staff has heard that other districts are working to open their pools. This issue will be discussed by the Park District Board of Commissioners at its February meeting.

B. Update on White Oaks Park Project

Mr. Appler reported that the Park District continues to remove buckthorn from White Oaks Park. A majority of the buckthorn has been removed along the existing trail and halfway down Montrose Ave. The Park District was able to borrow a chipper from the City, so most of the piles are now gone.

Mr. Appler informed the Committee that Grand Opening was supposed to be held on December 16 but had to be postponed due to employee COVID-19 exposure. Mr. Ellmann stated that the Grand Opening will likely be rescheduled to springtime.

Mr. Ellmann reported that the Park District must tie up one loose end to meet the grant requirements. A section of trail needs to be converted to make it ADA accessible. The needed material is not available this time of year, but the Park District anticipates pre-purchasing the material so it is high on the list when the material is finally released. The material will be laid in the spring; once it's done, the Park District will submit pictures so the grant can be closed out.

Mr. Ellmann also reported that staff is making plans for organized groups to use the campfire area once the weather improves. Only organized groups will be permitted to use the campfire area and they will first be required to obtain a permit by paying a small fee which will cover firewood and administrative costs.

C. Update on Park District Property

Mr. Ellmann reported that the Board of Commissioners approved an agreement to work with TransWestern for the trading of property at Mohawk Manor Park for property next to the Park District's Recreation Center, as well as some funding to develop the site. The Park District held a public meeting



on this matter as required by law and did not receive any objections. The Park District anticipates closing in May before starting plans for development.

D. Update on Joint Special Events

Ms. Buggy reported that staff from the City and Park District met earlier today to start planning events for later this year. The City is looking at holding the event season from July to September as COVID-19 is expected to prevent events from being held in June. Possible events that were discussed include Memorial Day, a Drive-Thru Food Drive to benefit the Wood Dale Food Pantry, movies, and the small concert series. Additional details will be forthcoming.

E. Future Items

Ms. Buggy reported that the resident who approached the Mayor regarding water conservancy will be invited to a future meeting.

V. **OTHER BUSINESS**

A. Other Items

1. Next Meeting – February 16, 2021, 6:30 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. This meeting will be held via Zoom teleconference; Ms. Buggy will inform the Committee members if this changes.

VI. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Alderman Jakab to adjourn the meeting. Second by Commissioner Stimpson. When the question was put, a roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Ayes: Alderman Jakab, Commissioner Stimpson, Commissioner Sbertoli, and Mayor Pulice

Nays: None

Whereupon the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

*Minutes Taken by Kate Buggy, Management Analyst*