PARK DISTRICT OF OAK PARK

Special Meeting of the Park Board

Hedges Administration Center
218 Madison Street
Oak Park, IL 60302
Thursday, June 15, 2006, 7:30pm

Minutes

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 7:36 pm.

Commissioners Present: President Kindler, Commissioners Gartland, Philion and Bracco.

Staff Present: Gary Balling, Executive Director; Mike Grandy, Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds; Kent Newton, Superintendent of Business Operations; Matt Ellmann, Superintendent of Recreation; Lisa Lightcap, Business Operations/HR Assistant; Lorie Reid Fuller, Accounting Manager, John Seaton, Manager of Conservatory Operations; Linda Peterson, Manager of Cheney Mansion.

II. OSLAD - (Open Space Land Acquisition and Development) Grant Authorization – Field Park - Director Balling explained that the OSLAD programs can provide up to 50% funding for the development of land used for public outdoor recreation. The grant reimbursement is limited to 50% of the actual eligible project costs or the approved grant amount, whichever is less. The Field Park master planning process concluded in May of this year and the Capital Improvement Plan calls for improvements to the Park and Center in 2007. Project applications must be received no later than July 1 of each year and except for jurisdictions with a population exceeding two million residents approved development projects are limited to $400,000. After meeting with Park District grant consultants and Altamanu on Friday, June 9 we recommend developing a grant application for Field Park. Our project budget for this phase would be approximately $797,000 and would cover elements only on Park District property at Field Park (west side of Woodbine Avenue). Review of the applications takes place in Springfield in September/October. We would provide a match of $398,500 and seek the IDNR 50% match of $398,000. Grant announcements are typically made in January and are subject to the Governor's approval. The outdoor recreation elements of this project would include: replacement of the 22 year old playground, water playground (splash pad), outdoor chess tables with a covered shelter, ball diamond, trail system, jr. soccer field, trees and landscaping and amenities such as bike racks and a drinking fountain. A tentative timeline would be:

Grant Application due:	July 1, 2006
Presentation on grant by invitation	September or October 2006
Grant Announcements	January or February 2007
Hire Landscape Architect	February or March 2007
Construction Documents	60-90 days
Bid Project	30 days
Project could begin	August 2007

In order to submit the grant application to the IDNR, the Board must adopt a resolution of authorization stating the Park District has the funds necessary to complete the project.

A motion was made by Commissioner Philion and seconded by Commissioner Gartland to accept the OSLAD Grant Resolution of Authorization for Field Park. The motion passed by a roll call vote of 4:0. Commissioner Graves was absent.

III. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:44 pm a motion was made by Commissioner Philion and seconded by Commissioner Bracco to adjourn. Motion carried in a voice vote of 4:0.

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Secretary	**President**
Board of Park Commissioners	**Board of Park Commissioners**
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