



EFFICIENCY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
January 16, 2024
6:00 P.M.

Board Members Present: President Mike Reid
Vice President Minal Desai
Commissioner Susan Aberman

Others Present: Executive Director Michelle Tuft
Mr. Ross Mathee
Mr. Richard Witry
Executive Administrative Assistant Ann Perez

Absent: Commissioner Ezra Jaffe

Ms. Tuft explained the purpose of the report and that it was mandated by the state. She explained that Illinois Association of Park District (IAPD) provided the report template and that she compiled the pertinent information. Ms. Tuft said the committee needs to meet three times and the report is due by December 2024.

Commissioner Aberman said the report was very informative.

The committee went through the report page by page and made suggestions and corrections.

The tax bill is included in the report and Mr. Witry suggested identifying the fiscal year represented.

Under Membership/ Main Niles Association of Special Recreation - Mr. Witry asked to clarify the last paragraph and President Reid agreed that it was confusing. Ms. Tuft will rewrite it.

Under Intergovernmental Agreements/School District 65 - Commissioner Aberman said Timber Ridge playground should be added as a shared playground.

Under Intergovernmental Agreements/State of Illinois - Mr. Witry said DCEO should be written out as Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

The Loyola Academy/Dammrich Rowing Center agreement was listed under Partnerships with for Profit Organizations and Mr. Witry asked that it be moved into Partnerships or Other Interrelationships with Non-profits as they were not a profit organization.

Under Joint Purchasing - Ms. Tuft said the district may be part of another coop and she will ask the Superintendent of Parks Corrie Guynn for that information.

Ms. Tuft mentioned that she will continue to update the public hearing dates on the list as they occur. There is a public hearing for Pooch Park on January 23.

Under District Awards and Recognition - Mr. Witry asked Ms. Tuft to define IPRA, IAPD and GFOA.

Under Other Benefits - Mr. Witry said there was no mention of how the Park District beautifies neighborhoods. The District has done good work with gardens and flowers. Ms. Tuft will write a paragraph about the flowers and trees.

Under Intergovernmental Changes - Mr. Witry said the governmental charges were listed and asked if the cost of the services could be added.

Under Governmental Units - Mr. Witry asked to clarify the wording regarding reduced administrative costs. Ms. Tuft will rewrite the paragraph.

Under Inefficiency of Other Governments - Ms. Tuft will write out DCEO and MWRD. Ms. Tuft explained that grants provided by the legislators take a long time to receive. The district was notified of a grant over three years ago and still has not received the funding for the projects.


Under Non-resident FOIA Requests - Ms. Tuft explained that out of 43 FOIA requests for the year only three were from Skokie Residents. Most FOIA requests are for bids and projects.

Mr. Witry suggested that anywhere in the report where it says our Park District, that it be changed to say Skokie Park District.


Ms. Tuft will make the corrections and revise the report for the next meeting. She thanked Mr. Mathee and Mr. Witry for their assistance on the committee.

The next two meeting dates of February 20, 2024, at 6 p.m. and September 17, 2024, at 6 p.m. were selected. The meetings will be at the Weber Leisure Center.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.



Mike Reid
President



Michelle J. Tuft
Secretary

February 20, 2024