



LOCAL GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY MEETING
DECENNIAL COMMITTEE
ARLINGTON HEIGHTS PARK DISTRICT
Administration Center
410 N. Arlington Heights Road
June 25, 2024 at 5:00pm

President Leno called the Local Government Efficiency Meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

President Leno led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Committee Members Present

M. Leno, Park Board President
B. Owen, Park Board Commissioner
J. Supplitt, Park Board Commissioner
C. Fullerton, Executive Director
R. Whisler, Resident
T. Schultz, Resident
T. Gelinias, Park Board Vice President (arrived 5:09 p.m.)

Committee Members Absent

R. Nesvacil, Park Board Commissioner

Staff Present: Jason Myers, Director of Finance and Personnel; John Kramer, Director of Parks and Planning; and Kathy Lydon, Recording Secretary.

Others in Attendance: None

President Leno thanked Bob Whisler and Theresa Schultz for volunteering to be on the Decennial Committee, and stated this is the first of three required meetings.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS & CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

None

DISCUSSION ON DRAFT LOCAL GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY REPORT

Executive Director Fullerton explained the purpose of this committee is to determine if there are efficiencies that can be made to the Park District's operations. The committee will determine this by studying the District's governing statutes, ordinances, rules, procedures, shared services, intergovernmental agreements as well as relationships with other government agencies in the state of Illinois. Once the report is complete, it will be filed with both Cook and Lake Counties. Staff will also provide a copy of the report to IAPD. A drop box of key agency documents and agreements was provided to all committee members prior to this first meeting for their review. Copies were also available at the meeting for review.

As the committee reviewed various sections of the draft report, they gave input on the information already provided in the draft report, as well as gave suggestions of other items they felt should be added or moved to another section. President Leno asked if any committee members had questions regarding any of the intergovernmental agreements listed. Commissioner Supplitt wanted more information about the agreement with School District 214 to assist in building concessions, restrooms and storage at Hersey High School. President Leno explained the Park District agreed to contribute \$250,000 to build these amenities because the District has an agreement with School District 214 to use their artificial turf. Hersey did not have outdoor restrooms, and the bleachers were not ADA accessible.

Commissioner Supplitt asked if the District had any agreements with Cook County for natural disasters. Executive Director Fullerton said ordinance 260 states that police have authority over park district property, but she will look into whether there is any agreement with the county. President Leno added that the Village would have to have an agreement stating they agree to enforce the District's ordinance. Executive Director Fullerton said the Village does not currently have anything in writing stating they will enforce our ordinance, but that is being discussed at the staff level.

Section VI asks for other examples of efficient operations. Executive Director Fullerton said that last year 240 individuals volunteered service hours to the District. Staff is looking to increase that number using marketing avenues. The District employs the largest number of youth in the community which is not only efficient, but also provide the youth in our community their first experience working while teaching them teamwork, and responsibility. President Leno would like to include an actual age bracket for this section. Vice President Gelinis suggested collecting stories from past employees to share their experience as a part of the 100th anniversary celebration.

President Leno explained what Joint Purchasing is as well as the acronyms of grants the District has received to the committee members that were not familiar with it.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Commissioner Supplitt inquired if there was anything more comprehensive in regards to DEI. Executive Director Fullerton replied the District has a DEI Committee that has initiatives. There is currently not a web page committed to DEI but staff can possibly create one.

President Leno would like a list of internal staff committees and task forces be included in this report. Executive Director Fullerton said that will be added prior to the next meeting.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Executive Director Fullerton surveyed the residents for input near the end of the meeting. Bob Whisler commented that he is very impressed with how much efficiency the District has stating it is much more than he knew about. He added that it is enlightening to see how much the District does with other organizations within Arlington Heights and surrounding communities. Theresa Schultz agreed with Bob Whisler's comments, and appreciates the effort put into the draft report so far.

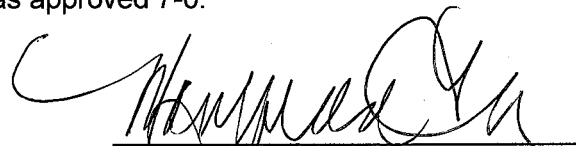
At the next meeting scheduled for August 13, 2024, the committee will review the changes made based on what was discussed tonight before moving on to additional sections of the draft report.

ADJOURNMENT

Robert Whisler moved, seconded by John Supplitt to adjourn the Local Government Efficiency Meeting at 6:14 p.m. On a voice vote, the motion was approved 7-0.



Carrie A. Fullerton, Secretary
Board of Commissioners
Arlington Heights Park District



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Board of Commissioners
Arlington Heights Park District

8/13/24

Date Approved