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FROM: Deborah Utecht, Director of Administrative Services

SUBJECT: Resolution #11-01 Authorizing Tentative Form of Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2011-2012 to be made available to Public Inspection and setting forth date for public hearing on the same

DATE: April 13, 2011

The following comments are made for the presentation of the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2011-2012. The budget is based on efforts to increase program revenues and reduce costs while at the same time generating funding for needed capital initiatives.

Background

As you are aware, the Board has discussed the budget and capital improvements at the meetings of January 13th, February 3rd, February 17th, and March 3rd. At the meeting of April 7th, the Board and staff reviewed and discussed the budget plan in its entirety. The Budget and Appropriation Ordinance is now in its tentative form.

Overview

The budget for FY11-12 is \$20,254,318. This is a reduction of approximately \$1.4 million from last year's total. The budget as a whole is lower than last year due to reduced capital projects. The Fiscal Year 2011-12 budget includes \$6.8 million from property taxes flat from the previous year. The District's revenues are received from fees and charges for pass memberships; registrations; facility rentals and daily admissions; interest income, miscellaneous receipts and property taxes. The Park District does not receive dollars from sales taxes, utility taxes, or gasoline taxes.

Major Activities for the new budget year:

- Completion of the Patriots Park/Barth Pond shoreline engineering and steel edge/trail improvements
- Completion of the Fishel Park Bandshell
- McCollum Park Master Plan Renovation
- Expansion and implementation of "green" initiatives
- Phased implementation of ADA transition plan for the District's parks and facilities
- Implementation of Capital Projects Program

Green Initiatives for FY 11-12 include:

- Establish a new volunteer program--the Green thumbs to maintain native plant gardens at Lyman Woods
- Continue battery and gym shoe recycling
- Working green campaign

- Bid proposed McCollum Park parking improvements with eco-friendly pavers as substitute for asphalt
- Partner with local organizations who also show interest in environmentally friendly initiatives
- Investigate options for solar and wind powered light fixtures for new parking lot lights at McCollum Park
- Upgrade irrigation system on McCollum ball fields and soccer fields with moisture sensing technology, allowing better control of irrigation applications
- Purchasing using green guidelines
- Increase use of organic fertilizers at the golf course
- Conduct audit of irrigation system at the golf course to find inefficiencies

Capital projects for FY 11-12 include the following:

- Fishel Park Bandshell
- Patriots Park Pond Shoreline Restoration
- McCollum Park Master Plan Renovation
- Infrastructure Improvements
- Vehicle and Equipment Replacement
- IGA Improvements
- Hummer Park Parking Lot Renovation
- Technology Improvements

Benefits for the Community

- Free Family Concert Series
- No cost recreation experiences at 49 parks
- Need based scholarships available
- Fee waivers for rentals and park permits for local non profit agencies
- Pool Pass Exchange Program with Butterfield, Lombard and Woodridge Park Districts

The resolution authorizing the tentative budget and appropriation ordinance for FY 11-12 is attached along with the certification of revenues which is based on budgeted numbers for FY 11-12.

The District maintains 49 park sites containing over 600 acres and also School District 58's school sites. The District is also responsible for 20 softball/baseball fields, 17 tennis courts, and 13 soccer fields and numerous paths throughout the parks. The Park District offered over 1,100 programs with over 51,000 participants in 2010. Over 46,000 rounds of golf and 17,586 buckets of balls were played in 2010. This budget will help maintain the facilities of the Park District and provide needed leisure opportunities for both passive and active recreation.

Recommendation

According to the budget schedule, the Park District Board will place the 2011-12 Budget on file after passage of a Resolution authorizing the placement of same. This will allow the documents to be “conveniently available to public inspection for at least 30 days prior to final action thereon.” The draft budget will be on file at the library, Lincoln Center and the Administrative office and a summary will be on the web site. The formal public hearing and final approval of the budget is scheduled for the June 16, 2011 Board Meeting. The Budget and Appropriation Ordinance is filed with the DuPage County Clerk after passage and the public hearing.

Staff requests the Board consider passage and the authorization of the signatures for Resolution 11-01 Authorizing Tentative Form of Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2011-2012 to be made available to Public Inspection and setting forth date for public hearing on the same.