

TO: Dan A. Cermak, Administrator

FROM: Deborah Utecht, Director of Administrative Services

SUBJECT: Resolution #10-01 Authorizing Tentative Form of Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 to be made available to Public Inspection and setting forth date for public hearing on the same

DATE: April 7, 2010

The following comments are made for the presentation of the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2010-2011. 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, staff has been accumulating suggestions and comments from residents as well as members of the Board to incorporate into the budget document. The Board has discussed budget and capital at the meeting of January 9th. In addition, the Board received the draft budget at their March 4th meeting. At the meeting of April 1st, 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 operating budget for FY10-11 is lower than last year by approximately 2%. The budget as a whole is higher than last year due to additional capital projects. The Fiscal Year 2010-11 budget includes \$6.7 million from property taxes a reduction of nearly \$300,000. In addition to the dollars received from property taxes, revenues are received from fees and charges for pass memberships; registrations; facility rentals and daily admissions; interest and miscellaneous receipts. The Park District does not receive dollars from sales taxes, utility taxes, or gasoline taxes.

Major Activities for the new budget year:

- 2nd year of the Maple Hill Pool Pass Program
- Patriots Park/Barth Pond shoreline engineering and steel edge/trail improvements
- Replacement of the Fishel Park Bandshell
- McCollum Park Master Plan Renovation
- Expansion and implementation of "green" initiatives
- Implementation of ADA transition plan for the District's parks and facilities
- Intergovernmental agreements with the Village of Downers Grove and School District 99
- Implementation of Capital Projects Program

Green Initiatives for FY 10-11 include:

- Arbor Day Celebration for the second year
- Research District-wide energy audit
- Continue battery, gym shoe and cell phone recycling and introduce Styrofoam recycling
- Working green campaign
- Bid proposed Doerhoefer/Venard parking improvements with eco-friendly pavers as substitute for asphalt
- Request vendors/concessionaires incorporate District's Environmental Guidelines into operations
- Streambank Stabilization Projects—ongoing maintenance, monitoring and reporting
- New summer conservation camps and after school programming based on Nature Neighbors model
- No “idling” policy for park district fleet vehicles
- Purchasing using green guidelines
- New Bees exhibit with an observation hive
- Create a new “wild place” for unstructured nature play at Lyman Woods

Capital projects for FY 10-11 include the following:

- Fishel Park Bandshell replacement
- Patriots Park Pond Edge Engineering
- McCollum Park Master Plan Renovation
- Venard parking lot construction
- Vehicle and Equipment Replacement
- Watershed Infrastructure Improvement done through the Village of Downers Grove at McCollum Park, Sterling North and Washington Park
- ADA Evaluation for parks and facilities

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
- Free Admission to Plowboys Vintage base ball home games
- Skate Park punch cards for use of Westmont Park District skate park
- Pool Pass Exchange Program with Butterfield, Lombard and Woodridge Park Districts

Per the prior Board meeting, the budget has been revised as follows:

- Addition of Walnut property improvements TBD
- Addition of McCollum Park re-master plan improvements \$3,860,000
- Increase budget for bandshell to \$1.4 million
- Increase in limited tax general obligation bond issue to \$6 million

Also attached is the certification of revenues which is based on budgeted numbers for FY 10-11.

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 2009. Over 44,000 rounds of golf and 16,377 buckets of balls were played in 2009. 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 2010-11 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 May 20, 2010, 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 10-01 Authorizing Tentative Form of Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 to be made available to Public Inspection and setting forth date for public hearing on the same.