

TO: Dan A. Cermak, Administrator

FROM: Deborah Utecht, Director of Administrative Services

SUBJECT: Resolution #12-02 Authorizing Tentative Form of Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2012-2013 to be made available to Public Inspection and setting forth date for public hearing on the same

DATE: April 10, 2012

The following comments are made for the presentation of the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2012-2013. 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 February 2nd, February 16th, and March 1st. At the meeting of April 5th, 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 FY12-13 is \$18,703,908 including \$104,035 in transfers from the General Fund to the miscellaneous funds. This is a reduction of approximately \$1.6 million from last year's total. The budget as a whole is lower than last year due to reduced capital projects. However, with the addition of the possible bond refunding (\$3,260,000) the total is \$21,963,908. The Fiscal Year 2012-13 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.

Capital projects for FY 12-13 include the following:

- McCollum Park Renovation
- Memorial Sports Field Lighting (North and South fields)
- Hummer Park Parking Lot Renovation
- Doerhoefer Parking North Lot Renovation "Core Area" & Pathway Renovation
- Infrastructure Improvements
- Gilbert Park Playground Renovation
- Vehicle and Equipment Replacement
- Technology Improvements
- Open Space Master Plan and Needs Assessment

Green Initiatives for FY 12-13 include:

- Replacing 3 fleet vehicles with compressed natural gas vehicles
- Continue battery and gym shoe recycling

- Securing alternate bid pricing for possible permeable paver surface at Doerhoefer Park North Parking Lot Renovation
- Promoting reusable water bottles in camps and youth sports program
- Partner with local organizations who also show interest in environmentally friendly initiatives
- Creating a new prescribed burn exhibit for the Interpretive Center

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 12-13 is attached along with the certification of revenues which is based on budgeted numbers for FY 12-13.

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 48,000 participants in 2011. Over 37,000 rounds of golf and 13,104 buckets of balls were played in 2011. 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 2012-13 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 21, 2012 Board Meeting. The Budget and Appropriation Ordinance is filed with the DuPage County Clerk after passage and the public hearing.

Staff requests approval of Resolution 12-02 Authorizing Tentative Form of Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2012-2013 to be made available to Public Inspection and setting forth date for public hearing on the same.