

WOODRIDGE PARK DISTRICT
Fred C. Hohnke Community Center
Local Government Efficiency Committee
Meeting
September 26, 2023



President Cohen called the Decennial Committee Meeting pertaining to the Local Government Efficiency Act in accordance with 50 ILCS 70/ of September 26, 2023 to order at 6:36 p.m. Upon a roll of Commissioners and Committee Members being called, the following were Present: Cohen, Venouziou, Perry, Loane, Sampson Absent: Coleman, Mahoney Staff present: Knitter, Ravasio

PUBLIC COMMENT

None. Although agenda and notice were posted in advance, as required, no public participants attended this public meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

President Cohen, the Committee Chairperson, then deferred to the Director of Parks, Planning & Development, Jennifer Knitter, to provide an overview of the Committee and its purpose. Knitter shared the rules governing the committee, the specific types of agencies it applies to and the duties of the Committee, emphasizing the importance of providing transparency to the public. She then shared that the Committee is mandated to meet three times by November 2024. She reported that the next two meetings are scheduled for October 24, 2023 and November 28, 2023.

Knitter then began reviewing the first draft of the Woodridge Park District Efficiency Report noting that is required to be submitted to the County by November of 2024.

Knitter first provided a general overview of the District's governing statutes, ordinances, rules, procedures, powers and jurisdiction. She noted that as part of good governance and implementing best practices in the management of day-to-day operations, the Park District adopted a variety ordinances, rules, policies, and procedures for internal and external operations as well as manuals addressing facility operations, maintenance operations, employee/personnel handbooks and community surveys.

Knitter then reviewed the section of the report that addresses Shared Services and Partnerships. Discussion points included the Park District's membership in the South East Association for Special Parks and Recreation (SEASPAR) Special Recreation Association, Intergovernmental Agreements (IGA) with other park districts, forest preserve districts, conservation districts, or municipal recreation agencies and local units of government and partnerships or agreements with athletic or similar affiliate organizations that operate sports or other leagues, non-profits and for-profit organizations

Knitter next discussed Examples of Efficient Operations including participating in Joint Purchasing Groups, utilizing volunteers and collaborating with other park districts on best practices. She then briefly discussed Transparency to the Community which included what resources are accessible to the community both online and at the District's offices as well as community surveys and public hearings.

Knitter then reviewed the District's Awards and Recognitions and the benefits and services the District provides to the community including facilities and programming.

Knitter then discussed the last section of the report Recommendations for Increased Accountability and Efficiency. Points of discussion included the reduction of intergovernmental fees and charges, unfunded mandates, opportunities for increased transparency and opportunities for savings such as energy efficiency projects and joint purchasing.

President Cohen then opened the floor to the Committee for any feedback and/or input regarding the Draft Report.

President Cohen asked what DuPage and Will County will do with the report once it is complete. Knitter responded that they will keep it on file for public inspection, adding that the District will post the final report on its website.

Committee discussion ensued about how much information to include in the report, specifically regarding listing all of the District's IGAs, Grants, Awards and Staff Certifications, as well as the intent of the report and the best format to present the final report on the website.

After discussion There was Committee consensus on the following:

- The report will focus on the District's last ten years (2013 -2023)
- The most important IGAs will be summarized
- Stewarding resources practices should be included
- In lieu of listing the mission statement, core values and goals, only provide the highlights
- An Appendix will be added to include the complete lists of IGA, Grants, Awards and Staff Certifications
- Add the Park Matrix Graphic that is listed on the website to the Report

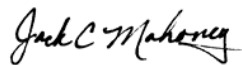
President Cohen then asked if there were any residents or members of the public in attendance wishing to provide input on the matters discussed at the meeting or Local Government Efficiency Draft Report. There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, President Cohen asked for a motion to adjourn. MOTION by Sampson, seconded by Loane to adjourn the regular board meeting at 8:01 p.m. Cohen requested a voice vote to adjourn the Local Government Efficiency Committee Meeting of September 26, 2023.

ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted.



Jack Mahoney, Secretary