

## POL.A.02.02 - Cooperation with Community Organizations Policy

To promote and enhance efficient use of tax dollars and effective delivery of park, facility and recreation services, the Board shall strive to develop cooperative inter-agency agreements with other public and private entities, and especially intergovernmental cooperation agreements with local, state, and federal governmental agencies including the following:

- a. Relationships with Particular Groups; Liaisons. The Board desires to maintain its valuable relationships with the Memorial Trust Committee, the Pleasant Home Foundation, the Friends of the Oak Park Conservatory, and various sports and civic groups. Board members may be appointed to serve as liaisons between the District and some of these organizations.
- b. School Districts 97 and 200. The Board encourages cooperation between the Park District and the Oak Park School Districts 97 and 200 in the development and use of facilities and equipment, when such cooperation results in efficient and effective programming that is beneficial to the Park District, the school district, and residents. Such cooperation may be memorialized in letters of agreement between the Park District and a school district.
- c. West Suburban Special Recreation Association. The Board is committed to helping provide for the recreation needs of special populations within the Park District, including individuals with special needs or disabilities. In furtherance of that commitment, the Park District shall remain an active member of the West Suburban Special Recreation Association.
- d. Council of Governments. The Executive Director and at least one Board member should attend the meetings of the Oak Park Council of Governments.

### **Development and Management of Land & Facilities**

The Park District will strive to work with other governmental entities including local municipalities, forest preserves, and school districts in the development and use of land and facilities when practical and when such cooperation produces mutually beneficial results such as increased efficiencies and/or increased recreational opportunities for residents. Park District staff should be aware of and participate, when appropriate, in governmental planning efforts for the community.

### **Lending of Equipment**

Lending and borrowing of equipment are common among governmental entities such as Districts, Municipalities, and School Districts. Department heads of the District are empowered to both loan and/or borrow equipment when determined necessary and approved by the Executive Director. The Department Head with approval of the Executive Director is granted the authority to waive or establish a fair and equitable rental rate on specialized pieces of equipment.