



Oak Brook Park District

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**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE OAK BROOK PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
September 13, 2010 - 6:30 p.m.
Meeting Room 2 & 3**

The mission of the Oak Brook Park District is to provide the very best in park and recreational opportunities, facilities and open lands for our community.

1) CALL TO ORDER REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND ROLL CALL

President O'Brien opened the regular meeting of the Oak Brook Park District at 6:33 p.m. in the Family Recreation Center, Rooms 2 and 3. Commissioners Carson and Trombetta answered, "present". Commissioner Knitter was absent at the time of roll call and Commissioner Truedson was absent. Also present were Laure Kosey, Executive Director; Barbara Gosselar, Park District Attorney; Cathy Fallon, Director of Recreation; Nancy Strathdee, Director of Finance & Human Resources, Norm Russell, Director of Park & Facility Services & Mary Tansey, Corporate Relations.

2) APPROVAL OF September 13, 2010 AGENDA

Motion: Commissioner Trombetta made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Carson to approve the September 13, 2010 agenda.

There was no discussion and the motion passed by voice vote.

3) OPEN FORUM

Benita Kyros of 600 Lakewood Ct, Oak Brook, IL addressed the board regarding the poor condition of the ponds at Forest Glen. She said the ponds are unsightly, unsanitary, unfishable and are full of algae.

President O'Brien said the board is aware of the problem and will be addressing the issue later in the meeting.

Larry McKay, 602 Lakewood Court, Oak Brook, IL addressed the board regarding the poor condition of the ponds and the tennis and basketball courts at Forest Glen.

Joy Poulos, 210 Bridle Path Circle, Oak Brook, IL addressed the board regarding the fate of the tennis courts in Forest Glen and said she is in favor of renovating them rather than removing them.

Joe Rush, 3721 Spring Road, Oak Brook, IL addressed the board regarding four or five dead trees on Park District property located on Spring Road. He said he would like the Park District to have them torn down and removed.

Mike Long, 303 Hambletonian Drive, Oak Brook, IL addressed the board stating that he is in favor of maintaining the tennis and basketball courts. He said in the twenty-four years he has been living in Saddlebrook, he does not remember the courts ever being resurfaced. He said the courts are one of the amenities that attracted him to the subdivision and they give the neighborhood a sense of youth, energy, community spirit and increase property values.

Randall Chube, 731 Forest Glen Lane, Oak Brook, IL addressed the board stating that he has lived in Forest Glen for eleven years and said the tennis courts are an asset to the neighborhood. He said he plays competitive tennis and suggested resurfacing the courts with recycled materials. He noted that the courts at Central Park are also in need of resurfacing and offered the name of a friend who is an Oak Brook resident and owns a business which sells the recycled resurfacing material.

Chris Owen 105 Knollwood Ct., Oak Brook, IL addressed the board stating that he is in favor of the Park District keeping the tennis and basketball courts. He said he is a long term resident of Forest Glen, and noted that the courts are an amenity that attracted him and his family to the subdivision.

Bill Kenney, a resident who lives in Forest Glen addressed the board stating that he is in favor of keeping the tennis and basketball courts as they serve the kids in the subdivision.

Sharon Reif, 405 Royal Glen Ct., Oak Brook, IL, addressed the board stating that she has lived in Forest Glen for 5 years and has seen a dramatic decline in park maintenance. She said the ponds are in terrible shape.

Paul Grane and his young daughter, Lisa Grane, 610 Lakewood Court, Oak Brook, addressed the board regarding the poor condition of the ponds at Forest Glen.

Jan Dondlinger, 704 Forest Glen Lane, Oak Brook, addressed the board stating that he concurs with the comments made regarding the tennis and basketball courts. She said the bigger concern is the condition of the ponds and noted that it never seems that they have been properly maintained. She said landscaping that was installed several years ago has been let go and the current state of neglect is very disappointing.

Nancy Pritzel, 401 Hambletonian Drive, Oak Brook, addressed the board stating that she is a resident of Saddlebrook and is in favor of the tennis courts.

Cathy Giangrasso, 33 Steeple Ridge Ct. Oak Brook addressed the board stating that she is the president of the Saddlebrook Homeowner's Association and presented the total tax dollar figures of Saddlebrook residents and other Oak Brook subdivision residents who use the courts noting that this tax income alone can easily cover the cost of these needed renovations. She also said the courts at Saddlebrook are the only ones in Oak Brook that are located west of Route 83, are free to the user and accommodate many Oak Brook residents, not just those living in Saddlebrook.

Harry Peters, 808 Wildwood Court, Oak Brook, IL and president of the Forest Glen Homeowner's Association addressed the board. He said he and his family have used the courts many times during the time they have lived in Forest Glen and said it was a mistake for the Park District to remove the nets at the tennis courts. He said he is disappointed that the board has used up the entire summer talking about the issue rather than fixing the courts. He also said the pond issue is terrible and said if

the staff cannot fix the problem, then an outside contractor should be sought. Mr. Peters did note to the Forest Glen residents present that they are responsible for the grounds maintenance right up to the edges of each pond.

President O'Brien thanked everyone for coming to the meeting to share their comments. He said it is important for the board to hear from the community.

Commissioner Knitter entered the meeting during the open forum.

4) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a) Approval of August 9, 2010 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion: Commissioner Trombetta made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Carson, to approve the August 9, 2010 regular meeting minutes.

There was no discussion and the motion passed by roll call vote.

Ayes: Commissioners, Knitter, Carson, Trombetta and President O'Brien

Nays: None

Absent: Commissioners Truedson

5) APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT ENDING August 31, 2010

Motion: Commissioner Carson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Knitter to approve the financial statement ending August 31, 2010.

There was no discussion and the motion passed by roll call vote.

Ayes: Commissioners, Knitter, Carson, Trombetta and President O'Brien

Nays: None

Absent: Commissioners Truedson

6) APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

a) Approval of Warrant No. 519

Motion: Commissioner Carson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Trombetta, to approve Warrant 519.

President O'Brien noted that staff must stop using different vendors to get various odds and ends.

There was no discussion and the motion passed by roll call vote.

Ayes: Commissioners Knitter, Carson, Trombetta and President O'Brien

Nays: None

Absent: Commissioners Truedson

7) COMMUNICATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

- a) Board of Commissioners to share communications

President O'Brien stated that the Park District received a notice of commendation for Andrea who did an outstanding job in overseeing a recent theme party.

8) STAFF RECOGNITION

- a) Alin Pop, Racquet Club Manager

President O'Brien introduced Mr. Pop to the board and audience. He said Mr. Pop will be in charge of revitalizing tennis programs at the racquet club facility.

9) REPORTS:

- a) Executive Director
- b) Finance & Human Resources Director
- c) Director of Recreation
- d) Director of Parks & Facility Services
- e) Corporate Relations

The board had various questions regarding the department reports.

Norm Russell addressed the pond issue stating that the maximum amount of algaecide is being applied to the ponds. He said the problems leading to the poor condition of the ponds are that they are very shallow and consequently get warm as well as run-off from adjoining residential properties which contain lawn fertilizers. Mr. Russell said that he is currently considering the installation of air diffusers with dredging being a final resort as it is very costly.

10) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a) Membership Categories

Motion: Commissioner Carson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Trombetta, to approve the membership categories as presented to the board.

There was no discussion and the motion passed by roll call vote.

Ayes: Commissioners Knitter, Carson, Trombetta and President O'Brien

Nays: None

Absent: Commissioner Truedson

- b) Donation Policy

Motion: Commissioner Trombetta made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Knitter to approve the donation policy as presented to the board.

There was no discussion and the motion passed by roll call vote.

Ayes: Commissioners Knitter, Carson, Trombetta and President O'Brien
Nays: None
Absent: Commissioner Truedson

b) RFP for Brochure Printing

Motion: Commissioner Trombetta made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Knitter to award the contract for brochure printing to Superior Print Services in the total amount of \$26,487.00 annually for seasonal and summer camp brochures.

There was no discussion and the motion passed by roll call vote.

Ayes: Commissioners Knitter, Carson, Trombetta and President O'Brien
Nays: None
Absent: Commissioner Truedson

d) Bid for Refuse and Recycling

Motion: Commissioner Trombetta made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Knitter to table bid approval until the October 11, 2010 board meeting as recommended by the Executive Director.

There was no discussion and the motion passed by roll call vote.

Ayes: Commissioners Knitter, Carson, Trombetta and President O'Brien
Nays: None
Absent: Commissioner Truedson

e) Bid Central Park Pavement and Drainage Improvements

Norm Russell presented the bids for central park pavement and drainage improvements.

Motion: Commissioner Trombetta made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Knitter to reject the bid from Dominic Fiordiroso Construction Company.

There was no discussion and the motion passed by roll call vote.

Ayes: Commissioners Knitter, Carson, Trombetta and President O'Brien
Nays: None
Absent: Commissioner Truedson

Motion: Commissioner Trombetta made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Knitter to direct staff to prepare the bid documents for the drainage improvements portions of the project only.

There was no discussion and the motion passed by roll call vote.

Ayes: Commissioners Knitter, Carson, Trombetta and President O'Brien
Nays: None
Absent: Commissioner Truedson

f) Saddlebrook Park Tennis Courts

Motion: Commissioner Knitter made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Trombetta to approve repairs of the Saddlebrook Tennis Courts and to accept the lowest responsible quote from Cardinal Fence for the fence replacement for an amount not to exceed \$19,999.00 and the lowest responsible quote from First Impression, Inc. for court resurfacing for an amount not to exceed \$14,000.00 with the work to commence in the Spring of 2011.

There was no discussion and the motion passed by roll call vote.

Ayes: Commissioners Knitter, Carson, Trombetta and President O'Brien

Nays: None

Absent: Commissioner Truedson

g) Forest Glen Park Tennis Courts

Motion: Commissioner Knitter made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Carson approve the resurfacing of the Forest Glen tennis and basketball courts and to direct the Staff to go out for bids for such work, with the work to commence in the Spring of 2011.

There was no discussion and the motion passed by roll call vote.

Ayes: Commissioners Knitter, Carson, Trombetta and President O'Brien

Nays: None

Absent: Commissioner Truedson

h) Chillem Park Tennis Courts

Motion: Commissioner Trombetta made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Carson to approve the repair and repainting of the Chillem Park tennis courts and to accept the lowest responsible quote from Tennis Surface Company for an amount not to exceed \$7,500.00, with the work to commence in the Spring of 2011

Ayes: Commissioners Knitter, Carson, Trombetta and President O'Brien

Nays: None

Absent: Commissioner Truedson

i) Demolition of Dean Nature Sanctuary House

Motion: Commissioner Trombetta made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Knitter to approve the demolition of the Dean Nature Sanctuary House and to direct the staff to proceed to obtain bids for such demolition.

Ayes: Commissioners Knitter, Carson, Trombetta and President O'Brien

Nays: None

Absent: Commissioner Truedson

11) NEW BUSINESS

A Employee Recognition Plan/Policy

Ms. Kosey stated that she has eliminated the employee of the quarter program and has developed a recognition program that is more tangible which will be effective January 1, 2011,

The board concurred and President O'Brien directed Ms. Kosey to have this issue added to unfinished business on the October agenda for board approval.

b) Purchasing Policy

President O'Brien again noted that staff must reduce the number of vendors used whenever possible.

There were no further board questions or comments regarding this proposed policy and it will be added to next month's agenda under unfinished business for board approval.

c) Appointment of Authorized IMRF Agent

There were no board questions or comments regarding this appointment and the issue will be added to next month's agenda under unfinished business for board approval.

12) ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: Commissioner Knitter made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Trombetta to adjourn to executive session at the hour of 7:40 p.m. for:

- Discussion and approval of minutes for the closed meeting held on June 14, 2010; and
- Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal of Specific Employees of the District]

There was no discussion and the motion passed by voice vote.

13) EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a) Discussion and Approval of Closed Meeting Minutes, June 14, 2010
- b) Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal of Specific Employees of the District

14) RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

Motion: Commissioner Trombetta made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Knitter to reconvene open session at the hour of 8:03 p.m.

There was no discussion and the motion passed by voice vote.

15) POTENTIAL ACTION ON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no action taken on items discussed in executive session.

16) NEXT REGULAR MEETING: October 11, 2010, 6:30 p.m.

President O'Brien announced the next meeting date and time.

17) ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Commissioner Trombetta made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Knitter to adjourn at the hour of 8:07 p.m.

There was no discussion and the motion passed by voice vote.