

Welcome! The Board of Commissioners appreciates your interest in the operations of the Oak Brook Park District. All Park Board meetings are open to the public.

PARK DISTRICT STATUS

The Oak Brook Park District was incorporated in 1962. It is a local government entity completely separate from any other governmental authority. The Park District has the power to levy taxes within its prescribed limits and possesses all of the powers of a public corporation.

BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

The Park Board is the legal governing authority through which the business of the District is conducted. The Park Board consists of five commissioners who are elected by the residents of the District and serve a six-year term without pay. It is only the Park Board acting as a legally constituted body, which has the authority to establish or change policy, adopt agreement, or award contracts.

The Park Board has appointed a professional staff to manage the operation of the District on a daily basis. Citizen complaints should be directed to the staff and only if the problem cannot be resolved at this point, should the citizen approach the Park Board at a legally constituted meeting.

MEETINGS

The Oak Brook Park District Board of Commissioners regularly meets once a month to conduct the business affairs of the District. These meetings are held at 6:30PM, generally on the third Monday of the month at the Oak Brook Park District Family Recreation Center, 1450 Forest Gate Road, Oak Brook, IL 60523.

From time-to-time, special meetings of the Board may be called. Notices of all meetings, regularly scheduled or special, are given in accordance with all provisions of the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

THE ROLE OF STAFF

The Executive Director and the Department Directors attend Board meetings to discuss agenda items with the Park Board. Other Park District staff frequently attend the meetings to be of assistance when various topics are discussed.

ADDRESSING THE BOARD

The Park Board, in its regular or special meetings, is a deliberative body assembled to serve the patrons of the Oak Brook Park District by understanding the needs of the community and by providing strategic direction and support to staff to meet those needs.

A Park Board meeting is a meeting held in public, not a public meeting. The Park Board invites both oral and written communications from its residents.

On behalf of the Oak Brook Park District Board of Commissioners, we welcome you and thank you for attending tonight's meeting. Before the meeting gets started, please review the procedures for public comment. Board members may not address or respond to your comment this evening. If follow-up communication is necessary, an Oak Brook Park District staff member will contact you. We do appreciate you coming out this evening.

To facilitate the conduct of Park Board meetings, the following procedures will be followed:

1. The beginning of each Board meeting is set aside for *Open Forum*. Any member of the public may address the Board; providing that all speakers shall comply with these Rules and with any rulings of the presiding officer.
2. No person who is not a Commissioner shall address the Board at any meeting without the consent of the majority of Commissioners present, except during the "Open Forum" portion of the agenda. The presiding officer may, without consent of the Board, recognize the Executive Director, any staff member, or the District's attorney who is present at such a meeting to authorize him/her to speak to an issue then under consideration.
3. Any person invited to appear before the Board, including, but not limited to, a consultant or contractor, may address the Board in accordance with these Rules.
4. Any person wishing to address the Board must provide their contact information on the sign in sheet provided before the start of the meeting so that the Board or the Board's designee may provide a response, if required, to the comments and/or questions presented by the speaker.
5. During "Open Forum", the President of the Board shall extend an invitation to individuals wishing to address the Board. Individuals desiring to speak shall seek to be recognized then, upon recognition, approach the podium in an orderly fashion, one speaker at a time, stating their name and the subject matter or issue concerning which the person wishes to address the Board.
6. Speakers will not be required to state their home address; however, the Presiding Officer may ask the speaker to state whether or not they are a resident of the Village.
7. All comments must be directed only to the Presiding Officer
8. In no event shall any person addressing the Board be permitted to speak for more than five (5) minutes without the express permission of a majority of the Board.
9. A speaker that is representing, or speaking on behalf of, an individual, group, or association will not be allocated additional time regardless of whether they are speaking for or on behalf of multiple people.
10. A speaker may not yield time to another speaker.
11. All speakers should be respectful of the Public Body and the audience members, and should be courteous, polite, and civil.
12. No speaker may engage in conduct or speech that is imminently threatening to any person, that incites violence, or that is obscene.
13. No speaker may engage in conduct that is disorderly and that disrupts or interferes with the ability of the Public Body to conduct the public meeting.
14. The speaker must speak only from the specific location in the public meeting room designated by the Presiding Officer.

16. Any person that the Presiding Officer determines is violating any of these rules may be required to terminate their comments and vacate the podium or be subject to other action as deemed necessary by the Presiding Officer. Additionally, the Presiding Officer or a majority of the members of the Public Body may require that person to leave the premises of the meeting.
17. The Presiding Officer may interrupt a speaker in order to enforce these Rules, and may limit the comments or take the floor from any speaker who the Presiding Officer determines is violating these Rules.
18. Before any member of the public addresses the Board during “Open Forum”, the presiding officer may impose reasonable time limits on the time allowed for “Open Forum”, and for each speaker who takes part therein, giving consideration to the probable number of speakers and to the hour.
19. The presiding officer may limit repetitive statements. Whenever possible, groups seeking to address the Board shall consolidate their comments and avoid repetition by using representative speakers on their behalf.
20. During the presentation and discussion of agenda items, the President will not recognize speakers in the audience unless the Board desires additional information from an audience member.
21. The presiding officer may limit irrelevant, immaterial, or inappropriate comments of statements, and shall have the right to halt or suspend public comments if the rules are not being followed.
22. Robert’s Rules of Order, as amended by the Park Board, is the recognized parliamentary authority of all Park Board meetings.

BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS:

Ron Gondek	President	Term Ends 2029
Sharon Knitter	Vice President	Term Ends 2027
Ivana Ivkovic Kelley	Treasurer	Term Ends 2027
Mario Vescovi	Commissioner	Term Ends 2029
Tina Chan	Commissioner	Term Ends 2031

LEADERSHIP TEAM

Laure Kosey (630) 645-9535	Executive Director and Board Secretary
Bob Johnson (630) 645-9540	Deputy Director
Marco Salinas (630) 645-9536	Chief Financial Officer
Robert Pechous (630) 645-9570	Director of Recreation and Communications
Amanda Woods (630) 645-9539	Superintendent of Marketing and Communications
Brian DeWolf (630) 645-9527	Superintendent of Recreation
Valerie Louthan (630) 645-9534	Superintendent of Facilities
Jake Stachowiak (630) 645-9575	Superintendent of Parks and Maintenance
Alin Pop (630) 645-9510	Superintendent of Enterprise Operations

ATTORNEY: David J. Freeman – Robbins Schwartz

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE:

Oak Brook Park District Family Recreation Center
1450 Forest Gate Road, Oak Brook, IL 60523
Monday through Friday from 9AM – 5PM

WEBSITE: obparks.org

OUR MISSION:

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

OUR VISION:

To provide a diverse, inclusive and holistic range of opportunities designed to keep the community happy, fit and active.

OUR CORE VALUES:

*Holistic Wellness Environmental Stewardship Inclusion
Teamwork Community Engagement Open Communication*



**Oak Brook
Park District**
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Guidelines for Participation in Park Board Meetings