



Oak Brook Park District

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MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE OAK BROOK PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

March 18, 2013 6:30 p.m.

Meeting Room 2 & 3

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

Acting-President Carson opened the regular meeting of the Oak Brook Park District at 6:30 p.m. in the Family Recreation Center, Rooms 2 and 3. Commissioners Trombetta and Truedson answered, "present". Commissioner Knitter and President O'Brien were absent. Also present were Laure Kosey, Executive Director; Barb Gosselar, Park District Attorney; Nancy Strathdee, Director of Finance & Human Resources; Dave Thommes, Director of Recreation; Clint Lauderdale, Director of Facility Services and Norm Russell, Director of Parks and Planning.

- a) Approval by a majority of the Commissioners present to allow President O'Brien to attend the meeting by audio conference, as he is unable to physically attend because of employment purposes as provided in section I-G-1 of the Board Rules.

Motion: Commissioner Trombetta made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Truedson, to approve allowing President O'Brien to attend the meeting by audio conference because of employment purposes as provided in section I-G-1 of the Board Rules.

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

Ayes: Commissioners, Trombetta, Truedson and Acting-President Carson

Nays: None

Absent: President O'Brien and Commissioner Knitter

APPROVAL OF March 18, 2013 AGENDA

Commissioner Knitter entered the meeting at 6:33 p.m.

Motion: Commissioner Trombetta made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Carson to approve the March 18, 2013, regular meeting minutes.

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

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

Nays: None

2) OPEN FORUM

President O'Brien asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to address the board.

Bill Lindeman, an Oak Brook resident, addressed the board and asked if he could delay his comments until after Mr. Bush presented his thoughts on the recent referenda during the communications portion of the meeting.

President O'Brien declined Mr. Lindeman's request.

Mr. Lindeman said the board's discussion regarding the recent referenda dealing with board size and tenure has taken too long. He said it is impossible to comprehend why the board feels it must bring in a professional to assist them in deciding what is right. He also said it was the decision of the residents via these referenda to reduce the board tenure and increase the number of commissioners serving, and believes that the current six year tenure makes board members feel invulnerable.

No one else wished to address the board and President O'Brien closed open forum.

3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a) Approval of February 18, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion: Commissioner Trombetta made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Knitter, to approve the February 18, 2013 regular meeting minutes.

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

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

b) Approval of February 20, 2013 Special Meeting Minutes

Motion: Commissioner Trombetta made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Carson, to approve the February 20, 2013 special meeting minutes.

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

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

5) APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT ENDING February 28, 2013

Motion: Commissioner Trombetta made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Knitter, to approve the financial statement ending February 28, 2013 special meeting minutes.

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

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

6) APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

a) Approval of Warrant No. 549

Motion: Commissioner Trombetta made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Knitter, to approve Warrant No. 549.

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

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

Nays: None

7) COMMUNICATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

a) Board of Commissioners to share communications

There were no shared communications.

b) Discussion of Term of Office for Park Commissioners and the Number of Commissioners Serving on the Board of Park Commissioners with Attorney Robert Bush, Illinois Association of Park Districts Representative

Robert Bush, of the firm Ancel Glink addressed the board and offered his professional advice regarding the recent advisory referenda on board size and tenure. He also clarified to the board that he is not a representative from IAPD, but rather an attorney who works with several local park districts of varying sizes.

After Mr. Bush offered what he sees as the pros and cons of having a larger board with four-year terms, there was a lengthy discussion among board members with questions for Mr. Bush.

Commissioner Truedson said what concerns him the most about a four year tenure which would follow a 3/2 election schedule is that a faction can easily take over a board, noting that there has been a history of this happening with the Village board.

It was clarified that the Park District board follows a 2/2/1 election schedule for its five six-year tenure commissioner positions.

Mr. Bush said if the board is worried about a possible faction taking over the board, it should stay with the current six-year term.

Commissioner Knitter said she has found that when talking with residents about running for Park Board, they are more turned off by the political process rather than the length of tenure.

Mr. Bush said it has been his experience with advisory referenda that many times the voters do not fully comprehend the issue when casting their votes.

There were no further discussion and the board thanked Mr. Bush for offering his expertise regarding this issue.

4) STAFF RECOGNITION

a) None

9) REPORTS:

a) Executive Director & Marketing Department Report

Laure Kosey presented her report, which can be found in the Park District records.

There were no questions or comments regarding Ms. Kosey's report.

b) Finance & Human Resources Director

Nancy Strathdee presented her report, which can be found in the Park District records.

Ms. Strathdee noted that the Notice of the Budget Hearing will be published in the April 5th edition of Suburban Life.

There were no questions or comments regarding Ms. Strathdee's report.

c) Director of Recreation

Dave Thommes presented his report, which can be found in the Park District records.

Mr. Thommes noted that Alin Pop achieved \$1,000,000.00 in programming revenue so far, which is way ahead of projections.

d) Director of Parks & Planning

Norm Russell presented his report, which can be found in the Park District records.

Commissioner Truedson excused himself at 7:18 p.m.

There were no questions or comments regarding Mr. Russell's report.

e) Director of Facility Services

Commissioner Truedson re-entered the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Clint Lauderdale presented his report, which can be found in the Park District records.

There were no questions or comments regarding Mr. Lauderdale's report.

10) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a) Term of Office for Park Commissioners and the Number of Commissioners Serving on the Board of Park Commissioners

President O'Brien stated that the Board of Commissioners may wish to consider the four options outlined below and make a decision as to the term of office for Park Commissioners and the number of Commissioners serving on the Board of Park Commissioners. If any change is desired, he said a motion should be made to direct Attorney Gosselar to prepare the appropriate Resolution for the next Board Meeting. The four possible motions are:

1) Motion (and a second) to maintain the status quo as to the number of Commissioners (5) and the terms of office for Commissioners (6 years).

2) Motion (and a second) to direct Attorney Gosselar to prepare a Resolution to increase the number of Commissioners to seven but maintain the status quo as to the terms of office for Commissioners at six years.

3) Motion (and a second) to direct Attorney Gosselar to prepare a Resolution to increase the number of Commissioners to seven and a Resolution to reduce the term of office for Commissioners to four years.

4) Motion (and a second) to direct Attorney Gosselar to prepare a Resolution to reduce the term of office for Commissioners to four years, but maintain the status quo as to the number of Commissioners at five.

If the Board prefers not to consider a Resolution to change the term of office and/or the number serving on the Board, the Board may consider initiating a binding referendum concerning these questions. If the Board determines to initiate a referendum, the decisions will be determined solely by the District's voters.

Motion: Commissioner Trombetta made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Truedson, maintain the status quo as to the number of Commissioners (5) and the terms of office for Commissioners (6 years).

Commissioner Knitter said that she was concerned about the long tenure when she first started her term as a Board Commissioner, but now that things are running smoothly with staff having more control and the budget on track, she cannot see the benefit in reducing the tenure to four years. She also noted that she does not think that more people would be interested in running if the tenure were reduced to four years.

President O'Brien said he also prefers a six-year tenure and is fully supportive of this motion.

Commissioner Carson said she also had once favored a four-year term, but now that things are really moving forward, she said she feels reducing the term to four years would destroy the progress made. She said with a six-year term, you begin to feel a passion for the Park District. She noted that she believes the referenda were misleading, were based on misinformation, and were not representative of what the residents really want.

Commissioner Trombetta said his largest concern with a four-year term is that you could attract people who know nothing about the Park District as well as having a quorum elected. Commissioner Trombetta, with President O'Brien's approval, asked Mr. Lindeman if he would like to speak on this issue for two minutes.

Mr. Lindeman said a four-year term would be good because it would provide new and different ideas. He said with a six-year term, the board gets into a harmony but it stops it from getting new ideas.

Commissioner Truedson said he actually lost the first time he ran for the Park Board by four votes, but he ran again because he felt compelled that his time is valuable enough to spend with the Park District as a way to give back to the community. He said there is a lot to be said about the level of experience a six-year tenure brings to a board and said it also stops a quorum from taking over. He agreed with Commissioner Carson that the referenda were not clear and said many residents thought they were brought forth by the Park District.

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

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

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

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

b) Budget for Fiscal Year 2013 - 2014

Nancy Strathdee presented this issue and related materials, which can be found in the Park District records.

Ms Strathdee said the tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance 13-0417 for Fiscal Year May 1, 2013 – April 30, 2014 has been placed on public display for thirty days following the publication notice in the Liberty Suburban Newspapers on February 15, 2013. The budget and Appropriation Ordinance encompasses all previous reviews by the Board of Commissioners. A Public Hearing will be scheduled to occur at the April 15, 2013 regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the purpose of receiving public comment on the Budget and Appropriation Ordinance. A Legal Notice of the Public Hearing will be published in the Suburban Life newspapers on April 5, 2013.

Ms. Strathdee noted the additional changes to the budget that were made since the budget meeting last month. She said staff is still refining some numbers but that the budget would be ready for board approval at the April regular board meeting.

There were no questions or comments regarding this issue.

c) Resolution 13-0318 A Resolution Approving An Agreement For Naming Rights Between The Oak Brook Park District And The Cori Sikich Foundation

Motion: Commissioner Trombetta made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Knitter, to approve Resolution 13-0318, A Resolution approving an agreement for naming rights between The Oak Brook Park District and the Cori Sikich Foundation.

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

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

d) Proposed Tennis Court Fees

Motion: Commissioner Trombetta made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Carson, to approve the increase in tennis court Fees as presented.

Commissioner Knitter asked how staff polices the outdoor courts for any non-paying users.

Ms. Kosey said there are cameras that the staff regularly monitors.

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

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

e) Proposed Soccer Field Light Fees

Motion: Commissioner Carson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Trombetta, to approve the reduction in soccer field light fees as presented.

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

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

f) Amendment to Executive Director's Contract to approve the "2013 Amendment to Oak Brook Park District Executive Director Employment Agreement".

Motion: Commissioner Carson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Knitter to approve the "2013 Amendment to Oak Brook Park District Executive Director Employment Agreement."

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

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

11) NEW BUSINESS

a) Seasonal Brochure Printing and Mailing Preparation Services Bid

Ms. Kosey presented this issue for review and discussion only.

Ms. Kosey said there will be more information available on this issue at the April regular meeting when the bidding process is complete.

Commissioner Trombetta said if you have a supplier that bends over backwards with satisfying your needs and is offering a fair price as the current vender is doing, the Park District should stay with them.

Commissioner Carson said by going out to bid, it keeps the current vendor on its toes.

President O'Brien agreed.

b) Central Park Monument Sign Bid

Ms. Kosey presented this issue for review and discussion only.

Ms. Kosey said staff is currently working with the Village and everything seems to be on track to be approved.

c) Telephony Solution Request for Proposal

Ms. Kosey presented this issue for review and discussion only.

Ms. Kosey said RFP's went out today and there will be more information to present at the April regular meeting.

- d) Ordinance 13-0415: An Ordinance Declaring Surplus Personal Property and Authorizing the Conveyance or Sale Thereof

Ms. Kosey presented this issue for review and discussion only.

Ms. Kosey said staff will soon be ready to declare the surplus and the ordinance will be ready for board approval at the April regular meeting.

- e) Ordinance 13-0416: An Ordinance For Transferring Anticipated Unexpended Funds From Certain Appropriation Items To Other Items Of Appropriation

Ms. Strathdee presented this issue for review and discussion only.

Ms. Strathdee said staff department heads are currently working on this issue with the Park District accountant and the ordinance will be presented for board approval at the April regular meeting.

- f) Naming Rights Policy

Ms. Kosey presented this issue for review and discussion only.

Ms. Kosey said five policies are in the board packet, and the goal is to narrow the number down to at least three policies.

Commissioner Knitter asked if this policy will be separate from the Foundation.

Ms. Kosey said the Foundation should adopt a naming policy as well.

12) NEXT REGULAR MEETING: April 15, 2013

President O'Brien announced that the Next Regular Meeting of the Board will be on April 15, 2013, at 6:30 p.m.

13) ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Commissioner Carson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Truedson, to adjourn at the hour of 7:46 p.m.

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

Laure Kosey, Executive Director