

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE OAK BROOK PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
March 25, 2020**

Please Note: Due to the shut-down of all Park District facilities in response to COVID-19, the Oak Brook Park District will be using Zoom conferencing for a Special Meeting of the Oak Brook Park District Board of Commissioners on March 25, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend the Special Meeting and instructions are provided below.

AGENDA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special meeting of the Oak Brook Park District Board of Commissioners will be held on Wednesday, March 25, 2020 at the hour of 6:00 p.m. The Special Meeting will be held by video conference as permitted by the Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation in Response to COVID-19 (COVID-19 Executive Order 5) exempting the requirement of the Open Meetings Act for the physical presence of the Commissioners at the meeting and permitting Commissioner attendance by video, audio, or telephone access.

1. CALL TO ORDER THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE OAK BROOK PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND ROLL CALL

President Knitter called the Special Meeting of the Oak Brook Park District to order at 6:00 p.m. Commissioners Truedson, Suleiman, Tan, and President Knitter answered, "present". Commissioner Trombetta was absent. Also present were Laure Kosey, Executive Director.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 25, 2020 AGENDA OF THE SPECIAL MEETING

Motion: Commissioner Truedson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Tan, to approve the March 25, 2020, Agenda of the Special Meeting.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Truedson, Suleiman, Tan and President Knitter.

Nays: None

Absent: Commissioner Trombetta

3. OPEN FORUM

President Knitter stated that individuals wishing to speak during the Open Forum should indicate their interest by typing in the Zoom Meeting Chat Box of their desire to speak, at which point their microphone will be unmuted." If necessary, the President may advise speakers to observe the rules set forth in Section 1.1VII B of the Rules of the Board of Park Commissioners.

There were no public comments.

4. REPORT OF THE PARK DISTRICT BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Laure Kosey thanked the board for their assistance during the COVID 19 crisis and for attending this special meeting. She provided an update on the current situation for Park District operations. She said of the approximately 35 full-time employees, 25 of them are working remotely.

Ms. Kosey thanked President Knitter for her invaluable leadership. She also said Marco Salinas has been instrumental in keeping her well informed regarding the Park District financial health and for also keeping us on track.

President Knitter said reserves are kept for use at times like this. She said if the closure continues after April 30th, we will have to reassess our situation moving forward from there. She said we may have to consider not completing some projects and some going

Commissioner Truedson agreed with President Knitter and stated that our staff is our most important asset and we must do everything we can within our means to support them. He thanked Ms. Kosey and her staff for their hard work.

Commissioner Suleiman also agreed and also said our priority must be to keep our employees safe.

Ms. Kosey said she is considering a soft opening on April 13th but said there are still many unknowns and that we must remain flexible.

Ms. Kosey said staff has been doing an exceptional job getting projects done now while the facilities are closed including the refinishing of the gym floors and work on the pools which will reduce the annual pool closure in August from three weeks to two.

5. SPECIAL MEETING BUSINESS

- a. Approval of Compensation of all Oak Brook Park District Employees to Be Paid as a Benefit During the Period of March 28, 2020 – April 30, 2020 due to the Emergency Shut Down of Park District Services in response to COVID-19 once the available additional Families First mandatory reimbursed sick leave is exhausted. (Requires waiving the Board Rules to approve at this meeting.)

Motion: Commissioner Truedson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Tan, to waive the Board Rules to approve at this meeting the compensation of all Oak Brook Park District Employees to be paid as a benefit during the period of March 28, 2020 – April 30, 2020 due to the emergency shut down of park district services in response to COVID-19 once the available additional Families First mandatory reimbursed sick leave is exhausted.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Truedson, Suleiman, Tan and President Knitter.

Nays: None

Absent: Commissioner Trombetta

Motion: Commissioner Truedson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Tan, to approve the compensation of all Oak Brook Park District Employees to be paid as a benefit during the period of March 28, 2020 – April 30, 2020 due to the emergency shut down of park district services in response to COVID-19 once the available additional Families First mandatory reimbursed sick leave is exhausted.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Truedson, Suleiman, Tan and President Knitter.

Nays: None

Absent: Commissioner Trombetta

6. THE NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD ON APRIL 20, 2020, 6:30 p.m.

President Knitter announced the next Regular Meeting of The Oak Brook Park District Board of Park Commissioners will be held on April 20, 2020.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Commissioner Truedson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Tan, to adjourn the March 25, 2020, special meeting at the hour of 6:10 p.m.

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



Laure L. Kosey, Executive Director