



**August 17, 2026 Regular Board Meeting
Follow-Up: Clarifying Information**

Municipality or Park District

Under Article VII of the Illinois Constitution, municipalities are limited to cities, villages, and incorporated towns. A park district is instead a special district and a separate unit of local government created under the Park District Code. The Oak Brook Park District has Park Bonds, not Municipal Bonds.

Purchasing Cooperative

For some purchases and services, Park Districts and other public entities may utilize cooperative purchasing contracts. These contracts are competitively bid, sometimes nationwide, which allows the district to leverage better purchasing power, often at significantly lower prices. Cooperative purchasing also helps speed up the purchasing process, and creates reduced administrative work and costs associated with the purchase, including legal fees that would otherwise be required to evaluate, negotiate, and revise contract documents. Illinois specifically recognizes cooperative purchasing as a means of procurement through the Governmental Joint Purchasing Act.

Attorney Invoices

All Commissioners have the right to review the District's attorney invoices. However, because the unredacted invoices contain attorney-client privileged information, the District requests that Commissioners receiving copies acknowledge their obligation to maintain the confidentiality of those materials and not disclose them to the public, the press, or others outside the privileged relationship. Commissioners who choose not to sign the acknowledgment may still review the unredacted invoices at District offices but will not be provided copies for retention.

Waiving Board Rules

Over the last 18 months, the Board voted five times to suspend Board Rule 1.1/VI/B, which establishes a first-reading process requiring matters to be introduced at a prior meeting before Board action is taken.

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Outdoor Tennis Court Project

September 2024

The District applied for a \$600,000 Open Space Land Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) grant to help fund a \$6 million Central Park improvement project, including playground replacements, tennis court renovations, pickleball court enhancements, and parking lot improvements.

Original Budget (Prior to Value Engineering):

Pickleball Project: \$2,647,000

(8 pickleball courts, expanded parking, trails, playground replacement, and community shelter)

Tennis Court Project: \$3,500,000

(12 tennis courts)

January 2025

The District was notified that it was not selected to receive OSLAD funding. As a result, the project was revised and scaled down to focus on the tennis courts, pickleball courts, and Central Park West parking lot.

December 2025

The Board approved obtaining bids.

March 16, 2026

The Board reached consensus on Plan C, placing pickleball improvements on hold and prioritizing improvements and expansion of the Baseball Field parking lot to help offset parking spaces lost along Forest Gate Road. The Tennis Court project was scaled back to 8 courts from 12.

July 20, 2026

The Board reviewed the project breakdown details on pages 208-212 of the [July 20 Board Packet](#) and approved the Base Bid, authorizing a contract with Abbey Construction Company. The approved project included the Tennis Center improvements and the Ball Field (Southeast) Parking Lot

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