

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH
OF THE
OAK BROOK PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
August 16, 2021**

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

President Knitter called to order the Special Meeting and Community Outreach of the Oak Brook Park District Board of Commissioners at the hour of 5:00 p.m. Commissioners Ivkovic Kelley, Trombetta, and President Knitter answered "present" from the Oak Brook Park District Family Recreation Center, Canterbury Conference Room. Commissioners Suleiman and Truedson were absent. Also present in the Canterbury Conference Room were Laure Kosey, Executive Director; Marco Salinas, Chief Financial Officer; Dave Thommes, Deputy Director; and Bob Johnson, Director of Parks and Planning. Also in attendance were members of the community. (Attendance sheet attached.)

2) APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 16, 2021 AGENDA OF THE SPECIAL MEETING

Motion: Commissioner Trombetta made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ivkovic Kelley to approve the August 16, 2021 Agenda of the Special Meeting.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Ivkovic Kelley, Trombetta, and President Knitter.

Nays: None.

Absent: Commissioners Suleiman and Truedson.

3) SPECIAL MEETING AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- i) Upland Design, Ltd. will report on the public input meeting and survey results to update the Central Park Master Vision for Phase 2 of the Central Park North Fields.

Michelle Kelly, from Upland Design Ltd., thanked everyone for participating in the Community Survey and said the most requested additions were for the Challenge Fitness area, restrooms, and game area for fifty and older.

Ms. Kelly stated ping-pong, chess, bocce, and the painted games such as foursquare and hopscotch would be great additions.

Ms. Kelly informed the residents there are options for shade shelters attached to the restrooms.

Ms. Kelly stated the survey results requested upgrades to Ginger Creek such as the removal of invasive plants, adding additional fishing options with ledge rock to keep people safe, and the inclusion of interpretive signage to share educational aspects.

Ms. Kelly shared images of outdoor amphitheatres. She discussed the benefits of placing a walking path around the perimeter of the amphitheater that will form an area which will properly fit crowds up to 1,000. Trees will be planted alongside of the of the walking path to provide a shaded area to prevent sun fatigue. The walking path will also provide accessibility to seating in the shade.

Dr. Kosey informed Commissioner Trombetta of the senior programming options and highlighted some of the plans which would include additional outdoor yoga classes, farmer's markets, and artisan markets for the community to enjoy.

Commissioner Trombetta noted that the programs not only create revenue but also benefit the Park District with positive exposure for the community of Oak Brook.

Commissioner Trombetta would also like to know when the bridge will be upgraded.

Dr. Kosey said the Park District cannot afford the bridge and restrooms at the same time. The Park District is applying for a couple of grants to aid in funding the project.

President Knitted expressed concern over the Challenge Course, stated it was expensive, and inquired about its usage.

Bob Johnson, Director of Parks and Planning, said the Challenge Course equipment is reasonably priced, however, the playground surface which is needed to be installed under the equipment is the expensive portion. We are planning for the Challenge Course surface to coordinate with the playground surfaces used throughout Central Park, such as what was used at the Sandlot Playground.

Ms. Kelly said the Challenge Course will be for teen and adult use.

President Knitter stated the project was still very pricey even with aid from grants.

Dr. Kosey said the survey results indicate the restrooms were the most requested amenity, which is the most expensive project.

Mr. Johnson stated construction would not begin until Fall 2022 or Spring 2023.

President Knitter asked if the Park District should develop other areas of Central Park as additional upgrades may be more valuable at this time. She proposed converting the ball fields into synthetic turf.

Dr. Kosey said the Park District continues to explore ideas as additional options may need to be considered, especially if the District does not receive grants for the second phase of the North area.

Commissioner Trombetta stated all of these options for Phase 2 look good and would be a benefit for the community, however, it was a lot of money.

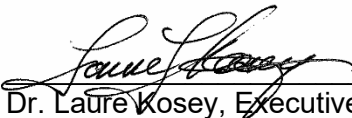
4) THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE HELD ON AUGUST 16, 2021, 6:30 p.m.

President Knitter announced the next Regular Meeting of the Oak Brook Park District of Park Commissioners will be held on August 16, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.

5) ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Commissioner Truedson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Trombetta to adjourn the August 16, 2021, meeting of the Oak Brook Park District Board of Commissioners.

The motion passed by voice vote and the meeting adjourned at the hour of 5:25 pm.



Dr. Laure Kosey, Executive Director