

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE OAK BROOK PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
September 13, 2021 – 6:30 p.m.
Canterberry Room

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

President Knitter called to order the regular meeting of the Oak Brook Park District Board of Commissioners at the hour of 6:30 p.m. Commissioners Ivkovic Kelley, Suleiman, Trombetta, Truedson, and President Knitter answered "present" from the Oak Brook Park District Family Recreation Center, Canterbury Conference Room. Also present in Canterbury Conference Room, Laure Kosey, Executive Director; Marco Salinas, Chief Financial Officer; Dave Thommes, Deputy Director; Bob Johnson, Director of Parks and Planning; and Steve Adams, District Attorney.

2. OPEN FORUM

President Knitter asked if there were any public comments. No one addressed the Board.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

a. APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 13, 2021 AGENDA

b. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

i. August 16, 2021, Special Board Meeting Minutes

ii. August 16, 2021, Regular Board Meeting Minutes

c. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT ENDING AUGUST 31, 2021

i. Warrant 651

Motion: Commissioner Trombetta made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Truedson, to approve taking a single omnibus vote on the Consent Agenda as presented.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Ivkovic Kelley, Suleiman, Trombetta, Truedson, and President Knitter
Nays: None

Motion: Commissioner Trombetta made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Truedson, to approve the Consent Agenda.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Ivkovic Kelley, Suleiman, Trombetta, Truedson, and President Knitter
Nays: None

4. COMMUNICATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

a. Board of Commissioners to Share Communications

Commissioner Suleiman informed the Board she had an additional conversation with the gentleman selling the Forest Glen Property.

Commissioner Sulieman also informed the Commissioners a resident thanked her for Phase 1 at the North Area of Central Park.

Commissioner Ivkovic Kelley informed the Commissioners of an incident at the Tennis Center with improper mask-wearing. A resident of LaGrange, whose son takes lessons at the Tennis Center, brought this to her attention.

Dr. Kosey stated proper mask-wearing would be recomunicated to staff and members; there have been improvements.

b. Sports Core in 2022 Discussion

Dr. Kosey stated there must be a decision about the management of the Sports Core for the 2022 season before October 1, 2021.

President Knitter stated the Park District composed a letter in response to the situation to make sure the Village of Oak Brook upheld their end of the contract. The Park District did not file a lawsuit against the Village.

Commissioner Truedson stated he would like to reach out to the Village Trustees to get their point of view on the season. He would like to move forward in confidence, as the Park District has helped the Village manage the facility for two years.

Commissioner Trombetta would like to see if both parties were up to negotiation.

Commissioner Suleiman stated further exploration was needed.

Dr. Kosey informed the Board, team members who worked at the Sports Core overcame adverse challenges. Rob Bond, Superintendent of Aquatics and Maintenance; Allegra Wozniak, Aquatic Supervisor; and Dave Thommes, Deputy Director, worked through the majority of these challenges together.

5. STAFF RECOGNITION

a. None

6. REPORTS:

a. Communications, IT, and Administration Report

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

Dr. Kosey reported a proposal for a new employee referral program.

Dr. Kosey stated there are two new sponsors for the Winter Lights at Central Park, and she continues to receive positive reviews of the event.

b. Finance & Human Resources Report

Mr. Marco Salinas presented his report, which can be found in the Park Districts records.

Mr. Salinas reported on the completion of the first four months of the fiscal year.

Mr. Salinas stated the General and Recreation Funds have good surpluses. The Tennis Center suffers due to current membership revenue being low.

Mr. Salinas stated everything is looking financially standard. The Park District is not at the level of pre-pandemic. However, programming is going well, and the additional cost savings have continued benefits.

c. Recreation & Facilities Report

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

Mr. Thommes reported staff is seeking to hire a Facility Maintenance team member at the Tennis Center.

Mr. Thommes stated the roof is still under construction.

Commissioner Suleiman asked about the new track-only program.

Mr. Thommes stated they received a lot of feedback about the removal of the walking track punch card. They are creating a new program where residents and non-residents can sign up for the track at designated times for a discounted rate.

d. Parks & Planning Report

Mr. Bob Johnson presented his report, which can be found in the Park District's records.

Mr. Johnson reported the installation of the irrigation filtration system at the North Area of Central Park is working well.

Mr. Johnson stated the Parks Department has been updating signs throughout the parks.

Mr. Johnson submitted the OSLAD Grant for Phase 2 of the North Area.

Mr. Johnson stated the asphalt at Saddlebrook, and Central Park ended. The Parks Department is currently seeking to restore other portions of the path.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Designation of Staff to Serve as the Open Meetings Officer and to complete the Annual Electronic Training Curriculum Developed and Administered by the Illinois Attorney General's Public Access Counselor.

Motion: Commissioner Trombetta made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Truedson, to approve the designation of Dave Thommes to serve as the open meetings officer and to complete the annual electronic training curriculum developed and administered by the Illinois Attorney General's Public Access Counselor.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Ivkovic Kelley, Suleiman, Trombetta, Truedson, and President Knitter

Nays: None

- b. Designation of Staff to Serve as the Freedom of Information Officer and to complete the Annual Electronic Curriculum Developed and Administered by the Illinois Attorney General's Public Access Counselor.

Motion: Commissioner Trombetta made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Truedson, to approve the designation of Bonnie Gibellina to act as the Oak Brook Park District's Freedom of Information Officer and to complete the annual electronic training curriculum developed and administered by the Illinois Attorney General's Public Access Counselor.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Ivkovic Kelley, Suleiman, Trombetta, Truedson, and President Knitter

Nays: None

8. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Resolution 21-0913: A Resolution Authorizing and Approving a Change Order Involving an Increase in the Contract Price of \$10,000 or more with Accu-Paving Co., a division of Mertes Contracting Corporation, for the Asphalt Replacement Project (***)Requires waiving the Board's Rules to Approve at this meeting.)

Motion: Commissioner Trombetta made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Truedson to waive the Board rules to approve at this meeting Resolution 21-0913: A Resolution authorizing and approving a change order involving an increase in the contract price of \$10,000 or more with Accu-Paving Co., a division of Mertes Contracting Corporation, for the Asphalt Replacement Project.

Ayes: Commissioners Ivkovic Kelley, Suleiman, Trombetta, Truedson, and President Knitter

Nays: None

Motion: Commissioner Trombetta made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Truedson to approve Resolution 21-0913: A Resolution Authorizing and Approving a Change Order Involving an Increase in the Contract Price of \$10,000 or more with Accu-Paving Co., a division of Mertes Contracting Corporation, for the Asphalt Replacement Project.

Mr. Johnson stated the bid for Saddlebrook and Central Park came in underbid; they are seeking to use the additional improvements to the paths.

Ayes: Commissioners Ivkovic Kelley, Suleiman, Trombetta, Truedson, and President Knitter

Nays: None

- b. Approval of Employee Referral Incentive

President Knitter thinks this is a great idea.

- c. Resolution 21-1018: A Resolution Amending the Agreement Between the Oak Brook Park District and Davey Resource Group, Inc. for Natural Area Stewardship Services.

Mr. Johnson would like to extend the agreement with Davey Resource Group, Inc.

9. THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE OAK BROOK PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS WILL BE HELD ON OCTOBER 18, 2021

President Knitter announced the next Regular Meeting of the Oak Brook Park District Board of Commissioners would be held on October 18, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Commissioner Trombetta made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Truedson to adjourn, September 16, 2021, Regular Meeting of the Oak Brook Park District Board of Commissioners at the hour of 7:20 p.m.



Dr. Laure Kosey, Executive Director