

**Minutes**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE OAK BROOK PARK DISTRICT**  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**November 15, 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 6:30 p.m. Commissioners Suleiman, Truedson, and President Knitter answered, "present" from the Oak Brook Park District Family Recreation Center, Canterberry Conference Room. Also present in Canterberry Conference Room, Laure Kosey, Executive Director; Marco Salinas, Chief Financial Officer; Dave Thommes, Deputy Director; and Bob Johnson, Director of Parks and Planning.

2. OPEN FORUM

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

3. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 15, 2021 AGENDA
- b. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
  - i. October 18, 2021, Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- c. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT ENDING OCTOBER 31, 2021
  - i. Warrant 653

Motion: Commissioner Truedson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Suleiman, 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 Suleiman, Truedson, and President Knitter

Nays: None

Absent: Commissioner Ivkovic Kelley, Trombetta

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

Motion: Commissioner Truedson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Suleiman, to approve the Consent Agenda, and the motion passed by roll call vote.

Ayes: Commissioners Suleiman, Truedson, and President Knitter

Nays: None

Absent: Commissioner Ivkovic Kelley, Trombetta

4. COMMUNICATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

- a. Board of Commissioners to share communications  
President Knitter mentioned hearing from various residents the grounds looked beautiful.

- b. Strategic Plan update

Dr. Laure Kosey shared a highlight from the Communications and Technology Department, who have added QR codes on the Parks signs linked to a campus map.

Dr. Kosey also notified the Board of a new Bee Sponsor at the Dean Nature Sanctuary, Millennium Trust Company.

Commissioner Suleiman noted liking the one-page snapshot of the plan.

- c. Annual Report

Dr. Kosey stated the Annual Report will be revamped and will show May of 2020 through April of 2021, the last fiscal year.

5. STAFF RECOGNITION

- a. Nicole Lawler, Finance Manager

The Board welcomed Nicole Lawler.

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 the Annual Board Meeting dates had adjustments around the holiday weeks and NRPA meeting.

Dr. Kosey stated the Winter Lights in Central Park signage and creation of the scenes were underway.

- 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 last six months of financials.

Mr. Salinas noted the General, Recreation, and Tennis Center funds were in surplus. Revenues are increasing but not where they were two years ago.

c. Recreation & Facilities Report

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

Mr. Thommes reported that the Family Aquatic Center was busy and needed staff, both part-time and full-time positions were available.

Mr. Thommes stated the annual Turkey Dri Tri would be well attended, and the Series is doing well.

d. Parks & Planning Report

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

Mr. Johnson reported on filling the full-time position. Staff is working on fall clean-up, tree-trimming, the sled hill, the ice rink, and planting new trees.

Mr. Johnson stated the honey from the Dean Nature Sanctuary will be in before the holidays.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Personnel Policy Manual – New Section 4.28 Work-Related Expense Reimbursement Policy

Motion: Commissioner Truedson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Suleiman, to approve Personnel Policy Manual – New Section 4.28 Work-Related Expense Reimbursement Policy.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Suleiman, Truedson, and President Knitter

Nays: None

Absent: Commissioner Ivkovic Kelley, Trombetta

8. NEW BUSINESS

a. Approval of a Travel Expense for Commissioner Attendance at the 2022 IAPD/IPRA Annual Conference, January 27-29, 2022, at the Hyatt Regency Chicago

Dr. Kosey stated Commissioner Trombetta would be unable to make it. Commissioner Ivkovic Kelley will be there, and President Knitter will attend Saturday only.

b. IAPD Annual Business Meeting Credentials

Dr. Kosey stated she would be unable to make the meeting, and someone would be going in her place.

c. Ordinance No 21-1213: An Ordinance Levying Taxes and Assessing Taxes for the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 of the Oak Brook Park District of DuPage and Cook Counties, Illinois.

A Public Hearing is scheduled to commence at the beginning of the December 13, 2021, Regular Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners, 6:30 p.m. The Public Hearing is held to receive public comment regarding the levying taxes and assessing of taxes for the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 for the Oak Brook Park District, DuPage and Cook Counties, Illinois.

Mr. Salinas stated this would be the first reading published for the December meeting.

d. 2022 Board Meeting Dates

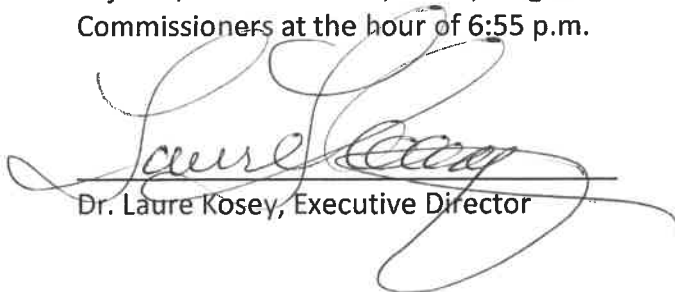
Dr. Kosey stated three of the dates have been moved to the second Monday in the months of September, November, and December.

9. THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE OAK BROOK PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS WILL BE HELD ON DECEMBER 13, 2021, 6:30 p.m.

President Knitter announced the next Regular Meeting of the Oak Brook Park District Board of Commissioners would be held on December 13, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Commissioner Truedson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Suleiman, to adjourn, November 15, 2021, Regular Meeting of the Oak Brook Park District Board of Commissioners at the hour of 6:55 p.m.



Dr. Laure Kosey, Executive Director