

Minutes
PUBLIC HEARING AND
REGULAR MEETING OF THE OAK BROOK PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
December 13, 2021 – 6:30 p.m.
Canterberry Room

1. PUBLIC HEARING – TRUTH IN TAXATION ACT - For the Levying of Taxes and Assessing of Taxes for the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 of the Oak Brook Park District, DuPage and Cook Counties, Illinois
(Notice of the Public Hearing was Published on December 2, 2021, in the Daily Herald Newspaper and on the District's Website.)

- a. Call to Order the Public Hearing

President Knitter called to order the Public Hearing for the Truth in Taxation Act – For the Levying of Taxes and Assessing of Taxes for the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 of the Oak Brook Park District, DuPage and Cook Counties Illinois, at 6:30 p.m. Commissioners Ivkovic Kelley, Suleiman, Truedson, and President Knitter answered, "present" from the Oak Brook Park District Family Recreation Center, Canterberry Conference Room.

- b. Open Forum for the Receipt of Public Comments and Questions Regarding the Levying of Taxes and Assessing Taxes for the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 of the Oak Brook Park District, DuPage and Cook Counties, Illinois.

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

Discussion pursued among the Commissioners to increase the Special Recreation Tax Levy for one year to assist in benefiting the community with inclusive bathrooms, and playground resurfacing.

- c. Adjournment of Public Hearing

Motion: Commissioner Truedson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Suleiman, to adjourn the Public Hearing for the Truth in Taxation Act – For the Levying of Taxes and Assessing Taxes for the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 of the Oak Brook Park District, DuPage, and Cook Counties Illinois, at the hour of 6:41 p.m.

2. 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 6:42 p.m. Commissioners Ivkovic Kelley, 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.

3. OPEN FORUM

President Knitter asked if there were any public comments.

Nick Castaldo, an Oak Brook Resident, voiced concerns about increased crime at the Dean Nature Sanctuary during the night.

President Knitter informed Mr. Castaldo; staff would look into alternative security measures.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 13, 2021 AGENDA
- b. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - i. November 15, 2021, Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- c. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT ENDING November 30, 2021
 - i. Warrant 654

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 Ivkovic Kelley, Suleiman, Truedson, and President Knitter

Nays: None

Absent: Commissioner 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 Ivkovic Kelley, Suleiman, Truedson, and President Knitter

Nays: None

Absent: Commissioner Trombetta

5. COMMUNICATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

- a. Board of Commissioners to share communications

There were no communications between the Board Members.

6. STAFF RECOGNITION

- a. None

7. 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 amending the FOIA and OMA representatives to clarify which representatives would be assigned by designated job titles.

Dr. Kosey informed the Board of the continued staffing shortages and the Park District's difficulty hiring full and part-time staff.

Dr. Kosey stated staff would be looking at security options at the Dean Nature Sanctuary.

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 seven months of the fiscal year, the General, Recreation, and Tennis Center funds are doing well, with expenses being down and revenues being up.

c. Recreation & Facilities Report

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

Mr. Thommes reported on the hiring of an Aquatic Manager. Additionally, the Park District is interviewing for an Aquatic Supervisor.

Mr. Thommes stated additional interviews were being conducted at the Tennis Center and other promising areas.

Mr. Thommes stated the Cocoa Cabin, in conjunction with the Winter Lights, has been going well; the Holiday Express is sold out. The upcoming Triathlon has good attendance.

d. Parks & Planning Report

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

Mr. Johnson reported final paperwork and auditing are being prepared for the OSLAD Grant submittal of phase 1 of the North Athletic Fields project.

Mr. Johnson stated lighting in the parking lots throughout Central Park has been upgraded to LED. The project was partially funded through the ComEd Energy Efficiency Program.

8. UNFINISHED 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

Motion: Commissioner Truedson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Suleiman, to approve the conference travel for Commissioners Ivkovic Kelley, Suleiman, and President Knitter.

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

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

Nays: None

Absent: Commissioner Trombetta

- b. IAPD Annual Business Meeting Credentials

Motion: Commissioner Truedson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Suleiman, to delegate Bob Johnson, Director of Parks and Planning, to attend the Annual Business Meeting of the Illinois Association of Park Districts.

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

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

Nays: None

Absent: Commissioner Trombetta

- 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.

Motion: Commissioner Truedson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Suleiman, to approve the amend 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.

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

The Commissioners decided to amended Ordinance No 21-1213 to include and update playground surfacing to be inclusive, all would benefit the community.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Commissioner Trombetta

d. 2022 Board Meeting Dates

Motion: Commissioner Truedson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Suleiman, to approve the 2022 Board Meeting Dates.

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

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

Nays: None

Absent: Commissioner Trombetta

9. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Ordinance 22-0117: An Ordinance Declaring Surplus Personal Property and Authorizing Conveyance or Sale Thereof

Dr. Kosey and Mr. Thommes stated the Recreation Department found surplus in the storage areas and preschool.

- b. New Policy - Administrative Policies and Procedures Manual: Section 6.16 Vehicle Idling Policy

- c. New Policy - Personal Policy Manual Section 4.29 Whistleblower Protection (SAFE-T Act)

Dr. Kosey stated this was a new state law.

- d. Designation of Staff to Serve as the Open Meetings Act Officers of the Oak Brook Park District and to Complete the Annual Electronic Training Curriculum Developed and Administered by the Illinois Attorney General's Public Access Counselor. (***)Requires waiving the Board Rules to approve at this meeting.)

Motion: Commissioner Truedson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Suleiman, to waive the Board Rules to approve at this meeting the designation of the Executive Director and the Deputy Director to serve as the Open Meetings Act Officers of the Oak Brook Park District 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, Truedson, and President Knitter

Nays: None

Absent: Commissioner Trombetta

Motion: Commissioner Truedson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Suleiman, to approve the Board Rules to approve at this meeting the designation of the Executive Director and the Deputy Director to serve as the Open Meetings Act Officers of the Oak Brook Park

District 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, Truedson, and President Knitter

Nays: None

Absent: Commissioner Trombetta

- e. Designation of Staff to Serve as the Freedom of Information Act Officers of the Oak Brook Park District and to Complete the Annual Electronic Training Curriculum Developed and Administered by the Illinois Attorney General's Public Access Counselor (***)Requires Waiving the Board Rules to approve at this meeting.)

Motion: Commissioner Truedson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Suleiman, to waive the Board Rules to Approve at this Meeting the Designation of the Finance Manager and the Administrative Services Specialist to serve as the Freedom of Information Act Officers of the Oak Brook Park District 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, Truedson, and President Knitter

Nays: None

Absent: Commissioner Trombetta

Motion: Commissioner Truedson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Suleiman, to approve the designation of the Finance Manager and the Administrative Services Specialist to serve as the Freedom of Information Act Officers of the Oak Brook Park District 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, Truedson, and President Knitter

Nays: None

Absent: Commissioner Trombetta

10. THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE OAK BROOK PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS WILL BE HELD ON JANUARY 17, 2022, 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 January 17, 2022.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Commissioner Truedson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Suleiman, to adjourn, December 13, 2021, Regular Meeting of the Oak Brook Park District Board of Commissioners at the hour of 7:30 p.m.



Dr. Laure Kosey, Executive Director