

**Minutes**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE OAK BROOK PARK DISTRICT**  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**November 14, 2022 – 6:30 p.m.**  
**Canterberry Room**

1. CALL TO ORDER THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE OAK BROOK PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND CONDUCT THE ROLL CALL

Commissioner Suleiman called to order the regular meeting of the Oak Brook Park District Board of Commissioners at the hour of 6:39 p.m. Commissioners Ivkovic Kelley, Trombetta, and Suleiman answered "present" from the Oak Brook Park District Family Recreation Center, Canterberry Conference Room. Also present in Canterberry Conference Room was 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.

- a. Approval by a majority of the Commissioners present to allow President Sharon Knitter to attend the meeting by audio conference, as she is unable to physically attend because of employment purposes as provided in section I-G-1 of the Board Rules.

Motion: Commissioner Trombetta made a motion, seconded by Ivkovic Kelley, to allow President Sharon Knitter to attend the meeting by audio conference, as she is unable to physically attend because of employment purposes as provided in section 1-G-1 of the Board Rules.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Ivkovic Kelley, Trombetta, and Suleiman

Nays: None

Absent: Commissioner Truedson

President Knitter entered at 6:40 p.m.

- b. Approval by a majority of the Commissioners present to allow Commissioner Tom Truedson to attend the meeting by audio conference, as he is unable to physically attend because of employment purposes as provided in section I-G-1 of the Board Rules.

Motion: Commissioner Trombetta made a motion, seconded by Ivkovic Kelley, to allow Commissioner Tom Truedson to attend the meeting by audio conference, as he is unable to physically attend because of employment purposes as provided in section 1-G-1 of the Board Rules.

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

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

Nays: None

Commissioner Truedson entered at 6:40 p.m.

2. Public Hearing Concerning the Intent of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Oak Brook Park District, DuPage and Cook Counties, Illinois, to sell not-to-exceed \$3,060,000 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds.

Motion: Commissioner Trombetta made a motion, seconded by Ivkovic Kelley, to Convene to the Public Hearing Concerning the Intent of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Oak Brook Park District, DuPage and Cook Counties, Illinois, to sell not-to-exceed \$3,060,000 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds.

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

(Notice of Public Hearing was published October 27, 2022, in The Doings- Oak Brook/Elmhurst Newspaper)

a. Call to Order the Public Hearing

President Knitter called to order the Public Hearing Concerning the Intent of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Oak Brook Park District, DuPage and Cook Counties, Illinois, to sell not-to-exceed \$3,060,000 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds at the hour of 6:44 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 was 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.

b. Public Hearing Concerning the Intent of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Oak Brook Park District, DuPage and Cook Counties, Illinois, to Sell not to exceed \$3,060,000 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds.

President Knitter announced, "The Notice of the Public Hearing was published October 27, 2022, in The Doings- Oak Brook/Elmhurst Newspaper. The public hearing is being held to receive public comments on the proposal for the Oak Brook Park District to sell not to exceed \$3,060,000 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds (the "Bonds"). The bonds will provide the District with funds which will be used, together with certain other moneys, for the purpose of building, maintaining, and improving the land and facilities located at the District's Central Park, including building an amphitheater, a shelter, an outdoor challenge course, and a structure housing restrooms, storage and concessions, replacing synthetic soccer field turf, building an additional bridge spanning Ginger Creek, replacing HVAC and pool tile deck at the Aquatic Center and painting at the Aquatic Center and for the payment of the expenses incident thereto."

President Knitter asked the Board if they had any questions.

No one addressed the Board.

c. Open Forum for the Receipt of Public Comments and Questions

President Knitter asked whether there were any public comments or questions concerning the Bonds. President Knitter announced that all persons desiring to be heard had been given an opportunity to present oral and written testimony with respect to the proposed issuance of the bonds.

No one addressed the Board.

d. Adjournment of Public Hearing

Motion: Commissioner Trombetta made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ivkovic Kelley, to adjourn the Public Hearing. The motion passed by voice vote, and the meeting adjourned at the hour of 6:44 p.m.

3. Public Hearing (the "TEFRA Hearing") Concerning the Intent of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Oak Brook Park District, DuPage and Cook Counties, Illinois, to sell not to exceed \$2,500,000 of Limited Tax Park Bonds.

Motion: Commissioner Trombetta made a motion, seconded by Ivkovic Kelley, to Convene to the Public Hearing Concerning the Intent of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Oak Brook Park District, DuPage and Cook Counties, Illinois, to sell not to exceed \$2,500,000 of Limited Tax Park Bonds.

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

(Notice of Public Hearing was published October 27, 2022, in The Doings- Oak Brook/Elmhurst Newspaper)

a. Call to Order the Public TEFRA Hearing

President Knitter called to order the Public Hearing Concerning the Intent of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Oak Brook Park District, DuPage and Cook Counties, Illinois, to sell not to exceed \$2,500,000 of Limited Tax Park Bonds at the hour of 6:44 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 was 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.

b. Public TEFRA Hearing being held pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, to receive public comments on the proposal to sell bonds in an amount not to exceed \$2,500,000 limited tax park bonds.

President Sharon Knitter announced, "The public TEFRA Hearing is being held pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, to receive public comments on the proposal to sell bonds in an amount not to exceed \$2,500,000.

President Knitter presented a copy of the publisher's affidavit, with a newspaper clipping attached and stated: "The publication of the Public TEFRA Hearing was published on the 27th day of October 2022, in The Doings–Oak Brook/the Daily Herald, a newspaper of general circulation in the District, which affidavit is on file in the office of the District as part of the permanent record of the District."

President Knitter stated Federal tax law provides that interest on the Bonds would be tax-exempt.

The Bonds, however, cannot be tax-exempt if more than 10% of the Property is expected to be used or is used for private business use. Private business use means use by someone other than a state or local government unit for a business purpose. For entities other than individuals, that would include almost any use (other than use as a member of the general public).

If the Bonds are issued as Qualified 501(c)(3) Bonds under federal law, the use of the Property by such 501(c)(3) organizations would not be considered private business use.

Prior to the issuance of the Bonds as Qualified 501(c)(3) Bonds, federal law requires that the Bonds be approved by the Park Board following a public hearing conducted by the Park Board. Staff published the notice of the hearing [The Doings–Oak Brook/the Daily Herald] at least 14 days before the hearing.

President Knitter asked for additional comments from the Park Commissioners.

c. **Open Forum for the Receipt of Public Comments and Questions**

President Knitter asked whether there were any public comments or questions concerning the Bonds. President Knitter announced that all persons desiring to be heard had been given an opportunity to present oral and written testimony with respect to the proposed issuance of the bonds.

No one addressed the Board.

d. **Adjournment of Public TEFRA Hearing**

Motion: Commissioner Trombetta made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ivkovic Kelley, to adjourn the Public Hearing and Reconvene the November 14, 2022, Regular Board Meeting. The motion passed by voice vote, and the meeting adjourned at the hour of 6:50 p.m.

4. **OPEN FORUM**

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

5. **CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. **APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 14, 2022, AGENDA**
- b. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
  - i. October 17, 2022, Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- c. **APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT ENDING OCTOBER 31, 2022**
  - i. Warrant 665

Motion: Commissioner Trombetta made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ivkovic Kelley, 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

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

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

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

Nays: None

6. **STAFF RECOGNITION**

- a. None

7. **COMMUNICATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS**

- a. Board of Commissioners to share communications.

There was no communication between Board Members.

b. Oak Brook Park District Annual Report

Dr. Kosey stated that the Annual Report captures highlights from the 2021-2022 fiscal year. The Park District accomplished the creation of the outdoor pickleball courts and the Winter Lights at Central Park. Additionally, they received the Champions for Change and the Best of the Best Awards.

8. 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 on the proposed dates for the board meetings in 2023. All will be held on the third Monday of every month, except November, due to the holiday.

Dr. Kosey stated the referral program has been very successful in the aquatic center, preschool, and camp departments. Staff is recommending the Referral Program become part of the onboarding process permanently.

President Knitter stated the Referral Program was a great idea.

Commissioner Suleiman clarified the program would be for part-time and full-time staff.

b. Finance & Human Resources Report

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

Mr. Salinas reported on completing the first six months of the fiscal year. The General Fund is in surplus with a decrease over last year. However, this was an expected decrease as they positioned the tax levy differently to help accommodate the Recreation Fund, which took heavy losses due to programming restrictions caused by the pandemic.

Mr. Salinas stated the Recreation Fund had seen programming and memberships increase.

Mr. Salinas stated a posting error was recorded in the Tennis Center's net surplus. The correction has been made. Their net surplus is lower than last year, but with the correction, they are doing better than previously disclosed.

c. Recreation & Facilities Report

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

Mr. Thommes reported that Malena and Max Lindburg taught about inclusion to our ABC preschoolers. Their mother, Megan, has been a supporter of the Sandlot Playground, and her daughter's book about inclusion depicts illustrations of the playground.

Mr. Thommes stated that the Halloween events had commenced. The Halloween Trick-or-Treat Trail, Pumpkin Swim, and Eggtober Egg Deliveries were well attended.

Mr. Thommes stated that Rob Bond, Superintendent of Aquatic and Maintenance Operations, and his team had painted the bottom of Splash Island pool blue to better reflect off the sun in order to help the Lifeguard staff maintain safety for the swimmers.

d. Parks & Planning Report

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

Mr. Johnson reported the OSLAD Phase II project at the north athletic fields has been submitted for permitting. The project, along with the restroom, concession, and storage facility, will go to bid in January 2023.

Mr. Johnson stated the Saddle Brook playground replacement is underway. The old equipment has been removed, and the new pieces are being installed. The new poured-in-place surfacing will be installed in the spring.

Mr. Johnson stated the new LED lighting upgrade is taking place throughout the Family Recreation Center. Existing lighting is to be replaced with Smart LED technology that includes motion sensing and dimming features to reduce energy consumption. The project is being substantially funded through the ComEd Energy Efficiency Program.

Mr. Johnson stated the installation of the Winter Lights at Central Park is going well and will be completed on time.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Approval of a Travel Expense for Commissioner Attendance at the 2023 IAPD/IPRA Annual Conference, January 26 - 28, 2023, at the Hyatt Regency Chicago

Motion: Commissioner Trombetta made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ivkovic Kelley, to approve Travel Expenses for President Knitter, Commissioner Ivkovic Kelley, and Commissioner Suleiman to attend the 2023 IAPD/IPRA Conference, January 26-28, 2023, at the Hyatt Regency Chicago.

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

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

10. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Purchase of Playground Equipment Fitness Course through the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Group. (\*\*\*)Requires Waiving the Board's Rules to Approve at this Meeting.)

Motion: Commissioner Trombetta made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ivkovic Kelley, to waive the Board's rules to accept at this meeting, the proposal from Landscape Structures, Inc. through the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Group and authorize the purchase of the fitness challenge course equipment as itemized in the proposal for a not to exceed the cost of \$77,947.

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

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

Motion: Commissioner Trombetta made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ivkovic Kelley, to accept the proposal from Landscape Structures, Inc. through the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Group and authorize the purchase of the fitness challenge course equipment as itemized in the proposal for a not-to-exceed cost of \$77,947.

President Knitter stated it is good staff is planning ahead.

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

Nays: None

- b. Resolution 22-1116: A Resolution Authorizing and Approving a Change Order Involving an Increase in the Contract Price with Anthony Roofing – A TECTA America Company, for the Family Recreation Center Roof Replacement Project 2022 (\*\*\*)Requires Waiving the Board's Rules to Approve at this Meeting.)

Motion: Commissioner Trombetta made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ivkovic Kelley, to waive the Board's Rules to approve, at this meeting, Resolution 22-1116: A Resolution Authorizing and Approving a Change Order Involving an Increase in the Contract with Anthony Roofing – a TECTA America Company, for the Family Recreation Center Roof Replacement Project 2022.

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

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

Nays: None

Motion: Commissioner Trombetta made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ivkovic Kelley, to approve the Board's Rules to approve, at this meeting, Resolution 22-1116: A Resolution Authorizing and Approving a Change Order Involving an Increase in the Contract with Anthony Roofing – a TECTA America Company, for the Family Recreation Center Roof Replacement Project 2022.

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

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

Nays: None

- c. Ordinance No 22-1212: An Ordinance Levying Taxes and Assessing Taxes for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 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 12, 2022 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 Fiscal Year 2023-2024 for the Oak Brook Park District, DuPage and Cook Counties, Illinois.

Dr. Kosey stated that this is completed annually and will be on the agenda to be approved in December.

- d. Purchase of Amphitheater through the Good Buy Purchasing Cooperative

Dr. Kosey informed the Board the amphitheater is a prefabricated shelter, which they are seeking to purchase beforehand in anticipation of additional price increases.

President Knitter stated the amphitheater resembled a picnic shelter and inquired how it would be used.

Dr. Kosey stated it would be used for a band or farmers market-type events.

- e. 2023 Board Meeting Dates

Dr. Kosey stated the dates are every third Monday of the month except for November due to the holiday.

- f. IAPD Annual Business Meeting Credentials

Dr. Kosey stated the IAPD Annual Business Meeting Credentials need to be approved.

g. Employee Referral Incentive

Dr. Kosey stated that the Employee Referral Incentive had become an intricate part of the hiring process.

- h. Resolution 22-1115: Resolution Approving The Conduct Of The TEFRA Hearing Pursuant To Section 147(F) Of The Internal Revenue Code Of 1986, As Amended, With Respect To The Issuance Of Limited Tax Park Bonds By The Oak Brook Park District, DuPage and Cook Counties, Illinois, To Provide The District With Funds To Be Used, Together With Certain Other Moneys, for The Purpose Of Building, Maintaining And Improving The Land And Facilities Located At Said Park District's Central Park, Including Building An Amphitheater, A Shelter, An Outdoor Challenge Course, And A Structure Housing Restrooms, Storage And Concessions, Replacing Synthetic Soccer Field Turf And Building An Additional Bridge Spanning Ginger Creek And Approving The Proposed Plan Of The Financing Of The Same Through The Issuance Of 501(C)(3) Bonds. (\*\*\*)Requires Waiving the Board's Rules to Approve at this Meeting)

Motion: Commissioner Trombetta made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ivkovic Kelley, to waive the Board's rules to approve at this meeting Resolution 22-1115: Resolution approving the conduct of the TEFRA Hearing pursuant to section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, with respect to the issuance of Limited Tax Park Bonds by the Oak Brook Park District, DuPage and Cook Counties, Illinois, to provide the District with funds to be used, together with certain other moneys, for the purpose of building, maintaining and improving the land and facilities located at said Park District's Central Park, including building an amphitheater, a shelter, an outdoor challenge course, and a structure housing restrooms, storage and concessions, replacing synthetic soccer field turf and building an additional bridge spanning Ginger Creek and approving the proposed plan of the financing of the same through the issuance of 501(c)(3) bonds.

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

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

Motion: Commissioner Trombetta made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ivkovic Kelley, to approve Resolution 22-1115: Resolution approving the conduct of the TEFRA Hearing pursuant to section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, with respect to the issuance of Limited Tax Park Bonds by the Oak Brook Park District, DuPage and Cook Counties, Illinois, to provide the District with funds to be used, together with certain other moneys, for the purpose of building, maintaining and improving the land and facilities located at said Park District's Central Park, including building an amphitheater, a shelter, an outdoor challenge course, and a structure housing restrooms, storage and concessions, replacing synthetic soccer field turf and building an additional bridge spanning Ginger Creek and approving the proposed plan of the financing of the same through the issuance of 501(c)(3) bonds.

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

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

11. ENTER CLOSED SESSION: For the purpose of discussing and approving Closed Meeting Minutes pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21); and for the Semi-Annual Review of Closed Meeting Minutes pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21) and 5 ILCS 120/2.06(d); and for Discussion of Pending, Probable, or Imminent Litigation pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11) of the Open Meetings Act



Motion: Commissioner Trombetta made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ivkovic Kelley, to enter closed session for the purpose of discussing and approving Closed Meeting Minutes pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21); and for the Semi-Annual Review of Closed Meeting Minutes pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21) and 5 ILCS 120/2.06(d); and for Discussion of Pending, Probable, or Imminent Litigation pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11) of the Open Meetings Act.

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

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

Nays: None

The Board entered the closed session at 7:09 p.m.

## 12. CLOSED SESSION

- a. Discussion and Approval of Closed Meeting Minutes, July 18, 2022
- b. Semi-Annual Review of Closed Meeting Minutes for Release
  - i. Resolution 22-1213: A Resolution Regarding the Review of Minutes for Closed Meetings January 1989 through October 31, 2022
- c. Discussion of Pending, Probable, or Imminent Litigation

## 13. ARISE FROM CLOSED SESSION AND RESUME THE OPEN SESSION

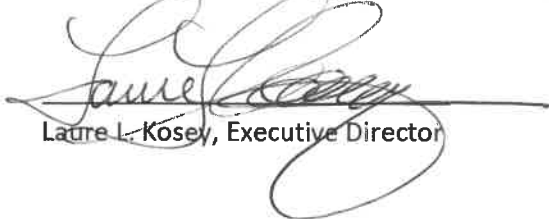
Motion: Commissioner Trombetta made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ivkovic Kelley, to arise from the closed session and resume the open session. The motion passed by voice vote at 7:24 p.m.

## 14. THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE OAK BROOK PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS WILL BE HELD ON DECEMBER 12, 2022, 6:30 P.M.

Commissioner Suleiman announced that the next Regular Meeting of the Oak Brook Park District of Park Commissioners would be held on December 12, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.

## 15. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Commissioner Trombetta made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ivkovic Kelley, to adjourn the November 14, 2022, regular meeting of the Oak Brook Park District Board of Commissioners. The motion passed by voice vote, and the meeting adjourned at the hour of 7:25 p.m.



Laure L. Kosey, Executive Director