MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE OAK BROOK PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
July 20, 2026 – 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

   President Gondek called to order the Regular Meeting of the Oak Brook Park District at the hour of 6:30 p.m. Commissioners Chan, Knitter, Vescovi, and President Gondek 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; Bob Johnson, Deputy Director; Robert Pechous, Director of Recreation and Communications; and David Freeman, District Attorney.

   a. Approval by a majority of the Commissioners present to allow Commissioner Ivana Ivkovic Kelley to attend the meeting by audio conference, as she is unable to physically attend because of personal illness as provided in section 1-I-1 of the Board Rules.

      A clerical error was identified regarding Commissioner Ivkovic Kelley's remote attendance. The motion incorrectly stated that her attendance was work-related; the minutes were corrected to reflect that she participated by telephone due to illness.

      Motion: Commissioner Knitter made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Vescovi, to approve Commissioner Ivkovic Kelley to attend the meeting by audio conference, as she is unable to physically attend because of personal illness as provided in section 1-I-1 of the Board Rules.

      The motion passed by roll call vote. Commissioner Ivkovic Kelley was present to attend the meeting by audio conference.
      Ayes: Commissioners Vescovi, Knitter, Chan, and President Gondek
      Nays: None

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. OPEN FORUM

   Amy Jacobsen, a Park District employee and Oak Brook resident, stated that she had voted for Commissioner Chan, however, she is disappointed with Commissioner Chan's treatment of the staff and requested that staff be treated with respect.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA, MINUTES, AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT

   a. APPROVAL OF THE JULY 20, 2026 AGENDA

      Motion: Commissioner Knitter made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ivkovic Kelley, to approve the July 20, 2026 Regular Board Agenda.

      The motion passed by roll call vote.
      Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Ivkovic Kelley, Knitter, Vescovi, and President Gondek
      Nays: None

b. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

i. June 15, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Motion: Commissioner Chan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Vescovi, to approve the June 15, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Minutes as amended.

Commissioner Chan explained her reasons for amending the minutes. Commissioner Chan's amendments have been shared with the commissioners.

The motion did not pass by roll call vote.
Ayes: Commissioners Vescovi and Chan
Nays: Commissioners Knitter, Ivkovic Kelley, and President Gondek

Motion: Commissioner Knitter made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ivkovic Kelley, to approve the June 15, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Minutes as presented.

The motion passed by roll call vote.
Ayes: Commissioners Ivkovic Kelley, Knitter, and President Gondek
Nays: Commissioners Chan and Vescovi

ii. Rescind Approval of May 18, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Motion: Commissioner Knitter made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ivkovic Kelley, to rescind approval of the May 18, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

Commissioner Chan explained why the May 18, 2025 Regular Board Meeting Minutes was being rescinded and stated for the record that she was correct in her understanding of Robert's Rule of Order.

Commissioner Knitter stated that she believed it was an "honest mistake." Dr. Kosey commented that due to previous confusing protocol process, it has been changed.

The motion passed by roll call vote.
Ayes: Commissioners Vescovi, Knitter, Ivkovic Kelley, Chan, and President Gondek
Nays: None

iii. Approval of May 18, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Motion: Commissioner Chan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Vescovi, to approve the May 18, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Minutes as amended.

Commissioner Chan reexplained her reasons for amending the minutes. Commissioner Chan's amendments had been shared with the commissioners.

The motion did not pass by roll call vote.
Ayes: Commissioners Chan and Vescovi
Nays: Commissioners Ivkovic Kelley, Knitter, and President Gondek

Motion: Commissioner Knitter made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ivkovic Kelley, to approve the May 18, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Minutes as presented.

The motion passed by roll call vote.
Ayes: Commissioners Knitter, Ivkovic Kelley, and President Gondek
Nays: Commissioners Vescovi and Chan

c. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT ENDING JUNE 30, 2026

i. Warrant 710

Commissioner Knitter made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ivkovic Kelley, to approve the Financial Statement.

Commissioner Chan explained why she would not approve the Warrant.

The motion passed by roll call vote.
Ayes: Commissioners Ivkovic Kelley, Knitter, and President Gondek
Nays: Commissioners Chan and Vescovi

5. STAFF RECOGNITION
   a. Claire Kent, Recreation Manager – Youth
   b. Michelle Konrad, Aquatic Programming Manager

The Board welcomed Kent and Konrad to the Park District.

6. PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS
   a. None

7. REPORTS
   a. Administration and Enterprise Operations Report

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

   b. Finance and Human Resources Report

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

Commissioner Knitter asked if we should anticipate any issues with the auditor due to the lack of fund transfers. Salinas stated if funds go below the fund balance then there will be issues, but the financial team will try to mitigate funds from going below the fund balance. The auditors will be onsite this week and present an audited financials report in October.

   c. Recreation and Communications Report

Robert Pechous presented his report, which can be found in the Park District's records.

   d. Parks and Facilities Report

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

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
   a. Approval of a Travel Expense for Commissioner Attendance at the National Recreation and Park Association Conference held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania - September 28 – October 1, 2026

Commissioner Knitter made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ivkovic Kelley, to approve a travel expense for commissioner attendance at the National Recreation and Park Association Conference held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania September 28 - October 1, 2026 for Commissioners Knitter and Ivkovic Kelley.

Commissioner Chan stated that commissioners should be responsible for covering their own conference expenses, and she provided reasons for why the conferences are ineffective.

President Gondek expressed his own experiences supporting the value for attending conferences and stated that there is always a need to learn something new.

Commissioner Chan suggested that commissioners who attend should prove the value of the attended conference. Commissioner Knitter stated that there is value in meeting other commissioners to understand parks across the country.

The motion passed by roll call vote.
Ayes: Commissioners Knitter, Ivkovic Kelley, and President Gondek
Nays: Vescovi and Chan

b. General Use Regulations Chapter 4

Commissioner Knitter made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ivkovic Kelley, to approve changes to the General Use Regulations Chapter 4.

Commissioner Chan stated that the General Use Regulations edits are focused on DEI implementations. Dr. Kosey, Commissioner Knitter, and President Gondek disagreed.

The motion passed by roll call vote.
Ayes: Commissioners Ivkovic Kelley, Knitter, and President Gondek
Nays: Chan and Vescovi

c. Family Recreation Center Exterior Maintenance Bid

Motion: Commissioner Knitter made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ivkovic Kelley, to accept the base bid and both alternates from A+ Painters for the Family Recreation Center Exterior Maintenance Project, and to approve an agreement between the Park District and A+ Painters for a total cost not to exceed $75,756.00.

Commissioner Chan asked if there is additional work needed beyond the exceeded amount is there a measurement on how that will be charged. Johnson stated that the bid is on the open and obvious stucco issues around the building. The Board would need to take action on change orders over $10k, but Johnson will alert the Board if the maintenance exceeds the total cost listed.

The motion passed by roll call vote.
Ayes: Commissioners Vescovi, Knitter, Ivkovic Kelley, Chan and President Gondek
Nays: None

d. Tennis Court and Parking Lot Project Bid

Motion: Commissioner Knitter made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ivkovic Kelley, to reject the low base bid and alternate from Chicagoland Paving Contractors, Inc. and to approve the base bid from, and enter a contract with, Abbey Construction Co. for a total cost not-to-exceed $1,348,120.49.

Commissioner Vescovi asked why the lowest bid is not being considered.

Johnson explained the process that was conducted in examining the two lowest bids. Both companies were thoroughly evaluated, and the project team determined that the Abbey Construction Co. was the most responsible bidder. Although Abbey submitted the second-lowest bid, the project team recommended awarding the contract to Abbey based on its overall qualifications and experience.

Commissioner Vescovi was concerned about the difference in bid cost between the two lowest. Johnson explained why Chicagoland Paving Contractors, Inc. was not selected.

Commissioner Knitter stated that "the lowest bid is not always the lowest bid," and we should go with a company who can actually complete the work.

Commissioner Chan reminded the Board of the fluctuating costs for the Tennis Center Project and questioned the Ball Park Parking Lot being included with the Tennis Center Project. Dr. Kosey responded to Commissioner Chan that the Pickleball courts were initially included in the price and now it is not, and the parking lot is being funded by the General Fund and Special Recreation Fund, not the Tennis Center fund. The cost to go with the one company to complete the work at the Tennis Center and the parking lot will be lower than going with two separate companies.

The motion passed by roll call vote.
Ayes: Commissioners Ivkovic Kelley, Knitter, and President Gondek
Nays: Chan and Vescovi

e. Section 4.30 Artificial Intelligence (AI) Usage Policy of the Personnel Policy Manual – New Policy

Motion: Commissioner Knitter made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ivkovic Kelley, to approve Section 4.30 Artificial Intelligence (AI) Usage Policy of the Personnel Policy Manual.

Commissioner Chan asked how we would know the AI policy has been violated and how it will be enforced. Pechous responded that if a violation occurs then at least there will be a policy in place for disciplinary action.

Pechous stated that AI Policies have become standard in other organizations as a guideline for appropriate use, and an AI Policy is needed to begin regulating it. President Gondek agreed that having an AI policy is a starting point that could change. Pechous stated that the Park District AI Policy is similar to the one at the Village. Commissioner Chan would like to understand all the different issues of AI and wants a nonbiased policy.

The motion passed by roll call vote.
Ayes: Commissioners Knitter, Ivkovic Kelley, and President Gondek
Nays: Vescovi and Chan

9. NEW BUSINESS

a. Asphalt Maintenance Bid

Johnson reported that the Park District will be going out to bid for sealcoating, crack filling, and restriping of the parking lots.

b. General Use Regulations Chapters 6-9

Johnson explained that Chapter 5 will be reviewed at the next meeting and Chapters 6-9 will be reviewed at this meeting. Chapter 6-9 is the end of the General Use Regulations. Chapter 5 focuses on vehicle and E-scooter use and will include the new E-scooter state regulation that began on July 1, 2026.

President Gondek asked about the Police Department assistance to the Park District. Dr. Kosey clarified that the Park District has an intergovernmental agreement with the Police Department, so speed limit signs will be posted and the police would enforce the speed limit. President Gondek would appreciate speed limit postings in main areas and explained why. Johnson stated that would be included in Chapter 5. Commissioner Chan would like to ensure there will not be too many signs.

c. Fire Alarm Control Panel Upgrade

Johnson reported that the fire panel is beginning to fail and needs upgrading so that the strobes can be synchronized due to ADA requirement. The upgraded panel will be purchased through a co-op purchasing company. Commissioner Vescovi asked about the cost. Johnson directed Commissioner Vescovi to the cost and reminded the commissioners that this upgrade does not need to go through the bid process because it is proprietary.

d. Request For Qualifications for Legal Services (*Requires Waiving the Board Rules to Approve at this Meeting.)*

Commissioner Chan asked if this request is in addition or to replace Robbin Schwartz. Dr. Kosey responded that this is to evaluate qualifications for other legal services and it is not an addition.

Commissioner Chan explained that spending money on legal fees should be more economical.

Motion: Commissioner Knitter made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ivkovic Kelley, to approve Waiving the Board Rules to approve at this meeting the Request for Qualifications for Legal Services.

The motion passed by roll call vote.
Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Ivkovic Kelley, Knitter, Vescovi, and President Gondek
Nays: None

Motion: Commissioner Knitter made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ivkovic Kelley, to approve the Request for Qualifications for Legal Services.

Commissioner Chan questioned who asked the RFQ to be on the agenda. Dr. Kosey stated that President Gondek and Commissioner Knitter requested the RFQ for Legal Services be put on the agenda.

The motion passed by roll call vote.
Ayes: Commissioners Vescovi, Knitter, Ivkovic Kelley, Chan, and President Gondek
Nays: None

10. THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE OAK BROOK PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS WILL BE HELD ON AUGUST 17, 2026, 6:30 P.M.
President Gondek announced the next Regular Meeting of the Oak Brook Park District Board of Park Commissioners would be held on August 17, 2026, 6:30 p.m.

11. ADJOURNMENT Motion: Commissioner Knitter made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ivkovic Kelley, to adjourn the July 20, 2026 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 8:08 p.m.

Laure Kosey

Dr. Laure Kosey

Please refer to the audio recording on the website for a verbatim account of the Board Meeting.