

MINUTES
PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING OF THE OAK BROOK PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
April 20, 2026 – 6:30 p.m.
Canterberry Room

1. PUBLIC HEARING- FOR THE PROPOSED BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR FISCAL YEAR MAY 1, 2026 - APRIL 30, 2027 (Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the Doings-Oak Brook Newspaper – April 9, 2026.)

- a. Call to Order and Roll Call

President Knitter called to order the Public Hearing for the Proposed Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal Year May 1, 2026 – April 30, 2026 at the hour of 6:30 p.m. Commissioners Chan, Gondek, Ivkovic Kelley, Vescovi, 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; Bob Johnson, Deputy Director; Robert Pechous, Director of Recreation and Communications; and David Freeman, District Attorney.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited after Roll Call.

- b. Open Forum for the Proposed Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal Year May 1, 2026 – April 30, 2027

There was no public comment.

- c. Adjournment of Public Hearing

Motion: Commissioner Ivkovic Kelley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gondek, to adjourn the April 20, 2026, Public Hearing for the Proposed Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal Year May 1, 2026 – April 30, 2027, at the hour of 6:32 p.m. The motion passed by voice vote.

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

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. OPEN FORUM

President Knitter asked if there were any public comments and provided a summary of the policy for open forum.

There was no public comment.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA, MINUTES, AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT

- a. APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 20, 2026 AGENDA

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

The motion passed by roll call vote.

Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Gondek, Ivkovic Kelley, Vescovi, and President Knitter

Nays: None

b. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

i. March 16, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Motion: Commissioner Chan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Vescovi, to approve the March 16, 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 Ivkovic Kelley, Gondek, and President Knitter

Motion: Commissioner Ivkovic Kelley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gondek, to approve the March 16, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Minutes as presented.

The motion passed by roll call vote.

Ayes: Commissioners Gondek, Ivkovic Kelley, and President Knitter

Nays: Commissioners Chan and Vescovi

ii. March 16, 2026 Closed Board Meeting Minutes

Motion: Commissioner Chan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Vescovi, to approve the March 16, 2026 Closed Board Meeting Minutes as amended.

Commissioner Chan explained her reasons for amending the Closed Session minutes.

The motion did not pass by roll call vote.

Ayes: Commissioners Vescovi and Chan

Nays: Commissioners Ivkovic Kelley, Gondek, and President Knitter

Motion: Commissioner Ivkovic Kelley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gondek, to approve the March 16, 2026 Closed Board Meeting Minutes as presented.

The motion passed by roll call vote.

Ayes: Commissioners Gondek, Ivkovic Kelley, and President Knitter

Nays: Commissioners Chan and Vescovi

c. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT ENDING MARCH 31, 2026

i. Warrant 707

Motion: Commissioner Ivkovic Kelley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gondek, to approve the Financial Statement.

Commissioner Chan stated her reasons for not approving Warrant 707.

The motion passed by roll call vote.

Ayes: Commissioners Ivkovic Kelley, Gondek, and President Knitter

Nays: Commissioners Vescovi and Chan

6. STAFF RECOGNITION

- a. None

7. PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

- a. None

8. REPORTS:

- a. Administration and Enterprise Operations Report

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

President Knitter stated that the staff did a great job with the River Cleanup.

Commissioner Chan reported that a resident had an issue with the basketball court's availability. Commissioner Chan continued to speak of the Fordon Horse Barn.

Johnson stated that the future of the barn will be the Board's decision.

- b. Finance and Human Resources Report

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

- 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.

President Knitter received positive feedback concerning how well organized the Aquatic Egg Hunt was.

Johnson reported that Kitten Pilates was very well received with fifty participants.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Ordinance 26-0420: An Ordinance Setting Forth the Budget and Making Appropriations of Sums of Money for All of The Necessary Expenditures of The Oak Brook Park District of Cook and DuPage Counties, Illinois, for the Corporate Purpose for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2026 and Ending April 30, 2027.

Motion: Commissioner Ivkovic Kelley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gondek, to approve Ordinance 26-0420: An Ordinance setting forth the budget and making appropriations of sums of money for all of the necessary expenditures of the Oak Brook Park District of Cook and DuPage Counties, Illinois, for the corporate purpose for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2026 and ending April 30, 2027.

Commissioner Chan expressed concern that the Tennis Center is over budgeted with what she considers unrealistic estimates.

The motion passed by roll call vote.

Ayes: Commissioners Ivkovic Kelley, Gondek, and President Knitter

Nays: Commissioners Vescovi and Chan

- b. Ten-Year Capital Improvement Plan

Motion: Commissioner Ivkovic Kelley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gondek, to approve Ordinance 26-0420: An Ordinance setting forth the budget and making appropriations of sums of money

for all of the necessary expenditures of the Oak Brook Park District of Cook and DuPage Counties, Illinois, for the corporate purpose for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2026 and ending April 30, 2027.

Commissioner Chan acknowledged that certain items in the Capital Improvement Plan need to be addressed but emphasized the importance of evaluating the total overall spending.

The motion passed by roll call vote.

Ayes: Commissioners Gondek, Ivkovic Kelley, and President Knitter

Nays: Commissioners Chan and Vescovi

- c. Ordinance 26-0421: An Ordinance Authorizing the Destruction of the Verbatim Record of Certain Closed Meeting

Motion: Commissioner Ivkovic Kelley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gondek, to approve Ordinance No. 26-0421: An Ordinance Authorizing the Destruction of the Verbatim Record of Certain Closed Meetings.

The motion passed by roll call vote.

Ayes: Commissioners Ivkovic Kelley, Gondek, and President Knitter

Nays: Commissioners Vescovi and Chan

- d. Safety Manual Updates

Motion: Commissioner Ivkovic Kelley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gondek, to approve the Safety Manual Updates.

The motion passed by roll call vote.

Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Gondek, Ivkovic Kelley, Vescovi, and President Knitter

Nays: None

- e. 2026 Amendment to the Oak Brook Park District Executive Director Employment Agreement

Motion: Commissioner Ivkovic Kelley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gondek, to approve the 2026 Amendment to the Oak Brook Park District Executive Director Employment Agreement as Presented.

Commissioner Chan summarized Dr. Kosey's amended contract and the issues she has with the contract.

The motion passed by roll call vote.

Ayes: Commissioners Ivkovic Kelley, Gondek, and President Knitter

Nays: Commissioners Vescovi and Chan

- f. Resolution 26-0422: A Resolution Regarding the Review of Minutes for Closed Meetings from January 1989 through February 2026

Motion: Commissioner Ivkovic Kelley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gondek, to approve Resolution 26-0422: A Resolution Regarding the Review of Minutes for Closed Meetings from January 1989 through February 28, 2026.

The motion passed by roll call vote.

Ayes: Commissioners Gondek, Ivkovic Kelley, and President Knitter

Nays: Commissioners Chan and Vescovi

10. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Ordinance 26-0518: An Ordinance Declaring Surplus Personal Property and Authorizing Conveyance or Sale Thereof

Dr. Kosey stated more items will be added by the next meeting.

- b. General Use Regulations Chapter 1

Johnson reported that the General Use Regulations are a subset of the Policy and Procedures Manual. These are standards for maintaining the Parks and facilities and there will be verbiage changes.

Commissioner Chan wanted on record that she believes there are two genders.

11. ENTER CLOSED SESSION: For the purpose of the selection of a person to fill a public office, as defined in this Act, including a vacancy in a public office, when the public body is given power to appoint under law or ordinance, or the discipline, performance or removal of the occupant of a public office, when the public body is given power to remove the occupant under law or ordinance, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(3) of the Open Meetings Act. *[Request a Motion (and a Second) to enter into closed session for the purpose of the selection of a person to fill a public office, as defined in this Act, including a vacancy in a public office, when the public body is given power to appoint under law or ordinance, or the discipline, performance or removal of the occupant of a public office, when the public body is given power to remove the occupant under law or ordinance, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(3) of the Open Meetings Act. **Roll Call Vote...**]*

The Board did not enter into Closed Session.

12. ARISE FROM CLOSED SESSION AND RESUME THE OPEN SESSION

The Board did not enter into Closed Session.

13. THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE OAK BROOK PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS WILL BE HELD ON MAY 18, 2026, 6:30 P.M. President Knitter announced the next Regular Meeting of the Oak Brook Park District Board of Park Commissioners would be held on May 18, 2026, 6:30 p.m.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Commissioner Ivkovic Kelley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gondek, to adjourn the April 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 7:05 p.m.



Dr. Laure L. Kosey, Executive Director