

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE
OAK BROOK PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
March 15, 2018**

A special meeting of the Oak Brook Park District Board of Commissioners was held on Thursday, March 15, 2018, at 9:00 a.m., at the Oak Brook Park District Central Park West, 1500 Forest Gate Road, Oak Brook, Illinois, 60523.

1) CALL TO ORDER THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE OAK BROOK PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND ROLL CALL

President Knitter called the meeting to order at 9:08 am. President Sharon Knitter and Commissioner Tom Truedson answered present. Commissioners Tan, Trombetta, and Carson were absent. Also, in attendance were Laure Kosey, Executive Director; Bob Johnson, Director of Parks and Planning; Marco Salinas, Chief Financial Officer; Dave Thommes, Director of Recreation and Facilities, 34 staff members from various departments of the Park District, and guest presenters from "We are Campfire Concepts."

2) APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 15, 2018 AGENDA OF THE SPECIAL MEETING TT SK

Motion: Tom Truedson made a motion, seconded by Sharon Knitter to approve the March 15, 2018 Agenda of the Special Meeting.

Ayes: Truedson, Knitter

Nays: None

Absent: Carson, Tan, and Trombetta

3) OPEN FORUM

No one addressed the board.

4) COMMUNICATIONS

a) Commissioners to share communications

No communications were shared.

5) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a) None

6) NEW BUSINESS

a) Oak Brook Park District Comprehensive Master Planning

Executive Director Laure Kosey thanked all participants for being in attendance and working on the Oak Brook Park District's comprehensive Master Plan.

Ms. Kosey introduced the Master Plan facilitators, Jarrod Scheunemann, and Lori Kay Paden from "We are Campfire Concepts."

Mr. Scheunemann and Ms. Paden shared their professional backgrounds and stated their appreciation for the field of parks and recreation.

Mr. Scheunemann said that he is very familiar with the Oak Brook Park District, its programs and parks, as he had facilitated the community survey on behalf of the park district in 2016.

Mr. Scheunemann and Ms. Paden proceeded to ask questions and conduct activities that helped the commissioners and staff review the park district's mission statement, which is to provide "the very best in park and recreational opportunities, facilities and open land for our community."

President Knitter commented that it makes her happy to serve in her role as a park commissioner for Oak Brook, and the impact that can be made in the community. She said we need to focus on the millennials, which will be largest demographic we can look forward to serving.

Mr. Scheunemann said that Oak Brook is the 63rd wealthiest community in the nation. Residents can purchase better fitness equipment than what is available at the district and have beautiful pools and tennis courts in their yards. Yet, the residents' responses in the last survey indicated their support of the park district because of the quality that the park district provides.

Residents' survey responses indicated interest in additional walking path trails, increased group fitness class for adults, and maintaining the facilities and parks. Also noted from the survey was that 54% of residents over the age of 45 did not use the park district. The park district needs to create programs and provide ways for these residents to enjoy the park district.

Commissioners and staff reviewed the 2011 Master Plan accomplishments which are the improved trails in Central Park, installation of the synthetic turf field with lights, construction of the maintenance garage, disc golf course and Splash Island.

Commissioners and staff reviewed the items that have been achieved which were not part of the 2011 Master Plan which include the installation of the new financial software, upgrades to building automation systems, installation of a new front porch railing at the Tennis Center, new website design, plans for the construction of the universal playground – the first one that will be fully fenced in, managing the pool at the Village owned Bath and Tennis Club, and the ADA assessment.

A review of the park district's accomplishment of receiving the IAPD/IPRA State Accreditation and the national accreditation from the Commissioner for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA). These accreditations are very important. Dave Thommes, Director of Recreation and Facilities, said that the accreditations helped us to work together to improve policies, procedures and operations. The accreditations validate the value of the park district to the community.

Through a puzzle activity, Commissioners and staff learned that the park district may not have all the answers and that it is important to work with other teams.

The District's core values and mission statement were reviewed and it was noted that all must realize their part in the mission and the core values of the park district.

Commissioners are an important part of the community and are elected to represent the community and its recreational needs.

The District needs vision to be able to put the future picture together. A discussion was had on the accomplishments of the District as they pertain to the District's core values: Communication, Collaboration, Accessibility & Inclusion, Holistic Wellness; Consistent Customer Service, and Environmental Conservation & Stewardship.

Commissioners and staff then brainstormed for ideas on where the District could go in the next 10 years and voted to which ideas should be considered.

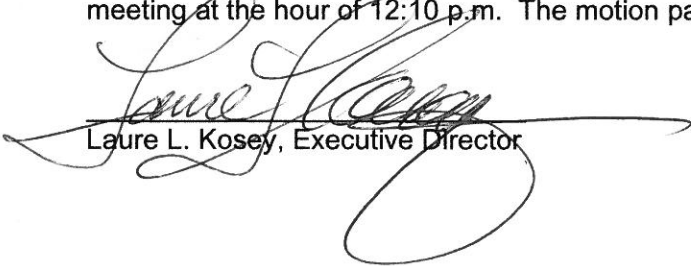
Jarrod Scheunemann will tabulate the ideas and votes and present a report to the Board of Commissioners.

7) THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE HELD ON March 19, 2018, 6:30 p.m.

President Knitter announced the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners will be held on March 19, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

8) ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Commissioner Truedson made a motion, seconded by President Knitter to adjourn the meeting at the hour of 12:10 p.m. The motion passed by voice vote.



Laure L. Kosey, Executive Director