

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE OAK BROOK PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
May 15, 2023 – 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 Knitter called to order the Regular Meeting of the Oak Brook Park District Board of Commissioners at the hour of 6:31 pm. Commissioners Ivkovic Kelley, Suleiman, and President Knitter answered "present" from the Oak Brook Park District Family Recreation Center, Canterbury Conference Room. Also present in Canterbury Conference Room were 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.

2. OPEN FORUM

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

3. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. APPROVAL OF THE May 15, 2023 AGENDA
- b. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - i. April 24, 2023, Rescheduled Regular Board Meeting Minutes
 - ii. March 20, 2023, Special Board Meeting Minutes
- c. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT ENDING April 30, 2023
 - i. Warrant 672

Motion: Commissioner Suleiman 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, and President Knitter

Nays: None

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

Motion: Commissioner Suleiman 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, and President Knitter

Nays: None

4. ANNUAL MEETING

- a. Administration of Oath of Office by Judge Kenton Skarin

- i. Ron Gondek- elected April 4, 2023

Judge Kenton Skarin administered the Oath of Office to newly elected Commissioner Ron Gondek.

- ii. Mario C. Vescovi- elected April 4, 2023

Judge Kenton Skarin administered the Oath of Office to newly elected Commissioner Mario C. Vescovi.

b. Election of Park Board President and Vice President

President Knitter asked for nominations for Board President.

Commissioner Suleiman nominated Sharon Knitter as President of the Oak Brook Park District Board of Commissioners.

No other nominations were made, and President Knitter closed nominations.

Motion: Commissioner Suleiman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ivkovic Kelley, to elect Sharon Knitter as President of the Oak Brook Park District Board of Commissioners.

The motion passed by voice vote, and Sharon Knitter became President of the Oak Brook Park District Board of Commissioners.

President Knitter asked for nominations for Board Vice President.

President Knitter nominated Laura Suleiman as Vice President of the Oak Brook Park District Board of Commissioners.

No other nominations were made, and President Knitter closed nominations.

Motion: Commissioner Ivkovic Kelley made a motion, seconded by President Knitter, to elect Lara Suleiman as Vice President of the Oak Brook Park District Board of Commissioners.

The motion passed by voice vote, and Lara Suleiman became Vice President of the Oak Brook Park District Board of Commissioners.

c. Appointment of Board Secretary and Treasurer

President Knitter stated that the current Board Secretary is the Executive Director, Laure Kosey.

President Knitter proposed that since the Board's Secretary has traditionally been the Executive Director, Laure Kosey, should be reappointed to serve as Secretary unless any Board member has an objection.

There was no discussion, and the Board moved to vote.

Motion: Commissioner Ivkovic Kelley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Suleiman, to appoint the Executive Director, Laure Kosey, as Secretary of the Oak Brook Park District Board of Commissioners.

The motion passed by voice vote, and Executive Director, Laure Kosey, became Secretary of the Oak Brook Park District Board of Commissioners.

President Knitter asked for nominations for Board Treasurer.

President Knitter nominated Ivana Ivkovic Kelley for Board Treasurer.

No other nominations were made, and President Knitter closed nominations.

Motion: Commissioner Suleiman made a motion, seconded by President Knitter, to elect Ivana Ivkovic Kelley as Treasurer by voice vote.

The motion passed by voice vote to elect Ivana Ivkovic Kelley as Treasurer of the Oak Brook Board of Commissioners.

5. STAFF RECOGNITION

- a. None

6. COMMUNICATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

- a. Board of Commissioners to share communications.

President Knitter has received positive comments about the Pink 5k. There was a good turnout with many vendors for participants to enjoy.

- b. Review of the Oak Brook Park District Master Vision 2020-2030

Dr. Kosey stated that the Master Vision is reviewed every six months, and objectives can be added when needed.

Commissioner Vescovi asked which staff members were involved in creating the Master Vision.

Dr. Kosey explained that Campfire Concepts, a consulting firm, established the Master Vision with the help of staff, community members, and Board Members. The Master Vision is a road map for the Park District to follow.

President Knitter stated that having objectives three to five years out encapsulates an excellent vision, and planning ten years out makes predicting more challenging.

Commissioner Suleiman asked when the last community survey took place.

Dr. Kosey stated that the last community survey was completed in 2021.

- c. Review of the Oak Brook Park District Strategic Plan 2020-2024

Dr. Kosey discussed the Strategic Plan Update with the Commissioners.

Dr. Kosey presented the Strategic Plan Update, which can be found in the Park District's records.

d. Gold Medal Finalist

Dr. Kosey informed the Board that as a 2023 National Gold Metal Awards for Excellence in Park and Recreation Management finalist, they must submit a video to the committee for review. The final results will be released in October 2023.

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 that the Decennial Committee would be wrapping up and preparing the report to be submitted to the County.

Dr. Kosey stated that the Covid Emergency Order would expire in May. The staff has recommended suspending the "Safety Standards for the Workplace to Minimize the Spread of COVID-19 Policy" and the "Covid Vaccination and Testing Policy."

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 the last twelve months of the fiscal year ending in April 2023. There will be adjustments once the financial auditors come in July. The financial audit will be presented in August.

Mr. Salinas stated that the General Fund is in surplus, with an anticipated deficit after adjustments and year-end allocations. The Recreation Fund is in surplus; with an expected decrease, the fund will remain in surplus. The Tennis Center will have capital expenditure adjustments.

President Knitter asked for an update on the reserve fund with the year-end adjustments.

c. Recreation & Facilities Report

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

Mr. Thommes reported that the pickleball clinic and tournament went well with sixty-four participants.

Mr. Thommes stated that Splash Island would be opening on Memorial Day Weekend. Summer staff training is underway. The Village of Oak Brook EMS conducted situational training with aquatic staff.

Mr. Thommes stated staff is reevaluating Central Park West's revenue model and brainstorming ideas to optimize the space.

d. Parks & Planning Report

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

Mr. Johnson reported that the resurfacing project at the satellite parks would be completed by the end of May. Additionally, they will address the pickleball court cracks outside Central Park West.

Mr. Johnson stated that the Park District had received a grant from the Morton Arboretum for tree planting. The funds will be used to establish a grove of Sugar Maples at the Dean Nature Sanctuary and twenty other native species as part of the Representative Sean Casten Earmark of Urban Community Forestry Support.

Mr. Johnson informed the Board of the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) Project. The Illinois Tollway is reconstructing and widening I-294 between Balmoral Avenue and 95th Street. As the work is underway, the Tollway has temporarily closed the Salt Creek Greenway Trail at the Dean Nature Sanctuary. This closure will be intermittent until 2025.

Mr. Johnson reported that the construction of the restroom and concession area of Phase II Improvements at the North Fields is progressing. The site has been graded, foundations have been dug, and utilities have been installed.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Ordinance 23-0515: An Ordinance for Transferring Anticipated Unexpended Funds from Certain Appropriation Items to Other Items of Appropriation.

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

Motion: Commissioner Suleiman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ivkovic Kelley, to approve Ordinance No. 23-0515: An Ordinance for Transferring Anticipated Unexpended Funds from Certain Appropriation Items to Other Items of Appropriation.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Gondek, Ivkovic Kelley, Suleiman, Vescovi, and President Knitter.
Nays: None

- b. Suspension of the Oak Brook Park District Operating Terms as provided in the "Safety Standards for the Workplace to Minimize the Spread of COVID-19 Policy" and the "COVID-19 Vaccination and Testing Policy" in Response to the Termination of the COVID-19 Disaster Proclamation and Public Health Emergency.

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

Motion: Commissioner Suleiman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ivkovic Kelley, to approve the suspension of operating terms as provided in the "Safety Standards for the Workplace to Minimize the Spread of COVID-19 Policy" and the "COVID-19 Vaccination and Testing Policy," effective

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

Ayes: Commissioners Gondek, Ivkovic Kelley, Suleiman, Vescovi, and President Knitter.
Nays: None

9. NEW BUSINESS

a. Asphalt Replacement Project

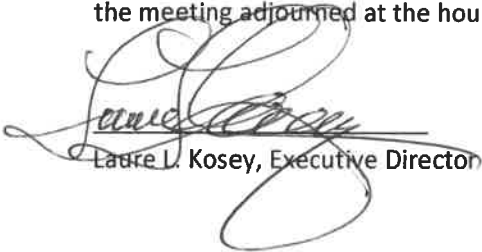
Mr. Johnson stated the project to replace the asphalt at Saddle Brook, Forest Glen, and at Central Park is ongoing.

10. THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE OAK BROOK PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS WILL BE HELD ON JUNE 19, 2023, 6:30 P.M.

President Knitter announced that the next Regular Meeting of the Oak Brook Park District of Park Commissioners would be held on June 19, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Commissioner Suleiman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ivkovic Kelley, to adjourn the May 15, 2023, 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 7:08 p.m.



Laure L. Kosey, Executive Director