

Minutes
REGULAR MEETING OF THE OAK BROOK PARK DISTRICT4
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
July 17, 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 6:30 p.m. Commissioners Gondek, 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; and Bob Johnson, Director of Parks and Planning.

2. OPEN FORUM

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

3. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. APPROVAL OF THE JULY 17, 2023 AGENDA
- b. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - i. June 19, 2023, Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- c. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT ENDING JUNE 30, 2023
 - i. Warrant 674

Motion: Commissioner Suleiman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gondek, 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 Gondek, Suleiman, and President Knitter

Nays: None

Absent: Commissioners Ivkovic Kelley, Vescovi

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

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

Ayes: Commissioners Gondek, Suleiman, and President Knitter

Nays: None

Absent: Commissioners Ivkovic Kelley, Vescovi

4. STAFF RECOGNITION

- a. Dave Thommes, Deputy Director

President Knitter and Commissioner Suleiman thanked Mr. Thommes for providing leadership, hard work, and commitment to the community. They wished Mr. Thommes much success as the Glen Ellyn Park District Executive Director.

5. COMMUNICATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

a. Board of Commissioners to share communications.

President Knitter explained that Commissioner Vescovi would not be attending the night's meeting due to a family death.

6. 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 reminded the Commissioners of their commitment to meet with the Park District consultant about the strategic plan for 2025-2030, as the current plan is set to commence in 2024.

Dr. Kosey stated that Mike Contreras, Superintendent of Recreation, has been overseeing the Gateway project. Gateway is seeking Requests for Proposal for the first time in twenty-six years.

Dr. Kosey stated that the majority of Central Park West renters live outside of Oak Brook Park District boundaries. The staff is also looking into solidifying the future plans for Central Park West.

President Knitter asked if Central Park West was repurposed, and a partnership was created to house the Special Recreation Association, what would be the ideal length of the partnership agreement.

Dr. Kosey stated that a proposed agreement would be for two years, with an additional year renewal option. Additionally, either entity could terminate the partnership at any time.

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 completion of the first two months of the fiscal year. The General and Recreation Fund is projecting positively compared to last year during this time.

Mr. Salinas stated that the property taxes have been received in addition to the investment earnings.

President Knitter asked about the summer program withdrawals and cancelations, as those who decide to cancel are taking the place of participants waiting to be admitted into the programs. The Park District should consider options to incentivize good behavior and revisit the cancelation fee structure.

c. Recreation & Facilities Report

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

Mr. Thommes reported a surge in summer activity and usage in the building.

Mr. Thommes stated that they are conducting interviews for the full-time facility maintenance position.

Mr. Thommes informed the Board that the staff is preparing for a drowning prevention media event at Splash Island.

President Knitter stated that the Pioneer Programs are reporting increases, with good engagement and a bit of buzz throughout the community about the new programs.

d. Parks & Planning Report

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

Mr. Johnson reported collecting bids from engineering firms for the Ginger Creek project in conjunction with Phase II of the Central Park North improvements. Currently, the staff is interested in three firms and is taking a better look into the projected costs.

Mr. Johnson informed the Board that the work on the restroom/concession building and Phase II improvements project at the North Fields is progressing. The majority of the stonework on the building is complete, and the roof trusses are expected to be delivered in late July.

Commissioner Gondek is interested in getting signage with imagery for guests walking in the park who are interested in learning more about the project.

President Knitter checked in about the Turf Tank that creates the field lines on the soccer and lacrosse fields.

Mr. Johnson stated that the Turf Tank has been working well and believes the Park District is one of its best advocates. They have worked with the creators closely and had other organizations out to the park for Q and A sessions. Additionally, their creators have been very open to discussing improvements and other uses for the product.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Agreement for Professional Civil Engineering Services for Ginger Creek Phase II

Mr. Johnson stated that they are in discussions with an organization that can offer a base-by-base structure and are waiting on more accurate pricing.

b. Approval of a Travel Expense for Commissioner Attendance at the National Recreation and Park Association Conference held in Dallas, Texas, October 10-12, 2023

Motion: Commissioner Suleiman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gondek, to approve the travel expense for Commissioner attendance at the National Recreation and Park Association Conference held October 10-12, 2023, in Dallas, TX.

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

Motion: Commissioner Suleiman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gondek, to approve the travel expense for Commissioner attendance at the National Recreation and Park Association Conference held October 10-12, 2023, in Dallas, TX.

Ayes: Commissioners Gondek, Suleiman, and President Knitter

Nays: None

Absent: Commissioners Ivkovic Kelley, Vescovi

c. Oak Brook Park District Mission, Vision, and Core Values Updates

Motion: Commissioner Suleiman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gondek, to approve the Oak Brook Park District Mission, Vision, and Core Values updates.

Dr. Kosey stated that Commissioner Suleiman requested that the "Teamwork" section under Core Values be updated to have more inclusive wording. These updates can be found in the Board Packet.

President Knitter explained that the updated "Open Communication" section under Core Values does not feel as strong of a statement as before, as "honest" and "transparent" are more synonyms than the word "respectful." She would like the word "respectful" added to the verbiage, as the Park District is "respectful" and "transparent."

Commissioner Gondek agreed with President Knitter and was fine with either the word "honest" or "transparent" and would like to see "respectful" reapplied.

Motion: Commissioner Suleiman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gondek, to approve the revised Oak Brook Park District Mission, Vision, and Core Values as presented in the document provided in the Board Packet and as amended to "honest" and "respectful" under Core Values "Open Communication" by the Board at this meeting.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Gondek, Suleiman, and President Knitter

Nays: None

Absent: Commissioners Ivkovic Kelley, Vescovi

d. Resolution 23-0717: A Resolution Authorizing and Approving a Change Order Involving a Decrease in the Contract Price with Integral Construction, Inc. for the Central Park Phase II Project.

Motion: Commissioner Suleiman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gondek, to approve Resolution 23-0717: A Resolution Authorizing and Approving a Change Order involving a Decrease in the Contract Price with Integral Construction, Inc. for the Central Park Phase II Project.

Mr. Johnson stated they value-engineered the area and will outsource plants from Hinsdale Nursery.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Gondek, Suleiman, and President Knitter

Nays: None

Absent: Commissioners Ivkovic Kelley, Vescovi

8. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Resolution 23-0718: A Resolution Authorizing and Approving a Change Order Involving an Increase in the Contract Price with Integral Construction, Inc. for the Central Park Phase II Project

Motion: Commissioner Suleiman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gondek, to waive the Board Rules to approve at this meeting, Resolution 23-0718: A Resolution Authorizing and Approving a Change Order Involving an Increase in the Contract Price with Integral Construction, Inc. for the Central Park Phase II Project.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Gondek, Suleiman, and President Knitter

Nays: None

Absent: Commissioners Ivkovic Kelley, Vescovi

Motion: Commissioner Suleiman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gondek, to approve the Board Rules to Approve at this Meeting, Resolution 23-0718: A Resolution Authorizing and Approving a Change Order Involving an Increase in the Contract Price with Integral Construction, Inc. for the Central Park Phase II Project.

Mr. Johnson stated that this change order was for the OSLAD-funded portion of the project as they are looking to switch vendors.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Gondek, Suleiman, and President Knitter

Nays: None

Absent: Commissioners Ivkovic Kelley, Vescovi

- b. Resolution 23-0719: A Resolution Authorizing and Approving a Change Order Involving an Increase in the Contract Price with Integral Construction, Inc. for the Concession/Restroom/Storage Building Project.

Motion: Commissioner Suleiman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gondek, to Waive the Board Rules to Approve at this Meeting, Resolution 23-0719: A Resolution Authorizing and Approving a Change Order Involving an Increase in the Contract Price with Integral Construction, Inc. for the Concession/Restroom/Storage Building Project.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Gondek, Suleiman, and President Knitter

Nays: None

Absent: Commissioner Ivkovic Kelley, Vescovi

Motion: Commissioner Suleiman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gondek, to approve Resolution 23-0719: A Resolution Authorizing and Approving a Change Order Involving an Increase in the Contract Price with Integral Construction, Inc. for the Concession/Restroom/Storage Building Project.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Gondek, Suleiman, and President Knitter

Nays: None

Absent: Commissioners Ivkovic Kelley, Vescovi

c. Tennis Center Court Fees

Mr. Thommes stated that court fees increase was modest four-dollar increase.

9. ENTER CLOSED SESSION: For the purpose of discussing and approving Closed Meeting Minutes pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21); and for the Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal of Specific Employees of the District, or Legal Counsel for the District pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act

Motion: Commissioner Suleiman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gondek, to enter into closed session for the purpose of discussing and approving Closed Meeting Minutes pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21); and for the Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal of Specific Employees of the District, or Legal Counsel for the District pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Gondek, Suleiman, and President Knitter

Nays: None

Absent: Commissioners Ivkovic Kelley, Vescovi

The Commissioners entered Closed Session at 7:06 pm.

10. CLOSED SESSION

- a. Discussion and Approval of Closed Session Minutes March 20, 2023.
- b. Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal of Specific Employees of the District or Legal Counsel for the District

11. ARISE FROM CLOSED SESSION AND RESUME THE OPEN SESSION

Motion: Commissioner Suleiman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gondek, to arise from the closed session to the open session at the hour of 7:32 pm.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Gondek, Suleiman, and President Knitter

Nays: None

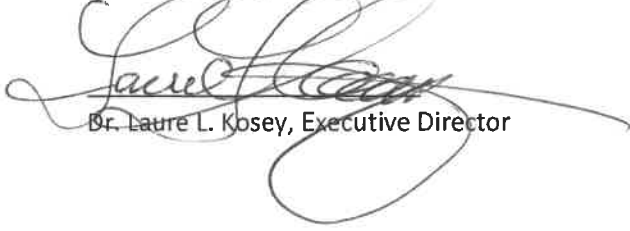
Absent: Commissioners Ivkovic Kelley, Vescovi

12. THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE OAK BROOK PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS WILL BE HELD ON AUGUST 21, 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 August 21, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Commissioner Suleiman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ivkovic Kelley, to adjourn the July 17, 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 7:34 p.m.



Dr. Laure L. Kosey, Executive Director