

**NOTICE OF A MEETING
OF THE
OAK BROOK PARK DISTRICT
DECENNIAL COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY
(Pursuant to PA 102-1088)
May 3, 2023**

A notice was given that a meeting of the Oak Brook Park District Decennial Committee on Local Government Efficiency would be held on Wednesday, May 3, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. at the Oak Brook Park District Family Recreation Center, Canterbury Room, 1450 Forest Gate Road, Oak Brook, IL 60523. The Public is invited to attend.

Agenda

1) Call To Order and Roll Call

Dave Thommes, Deputy Director of the Park District and Chairman of the Decennial Committee called to Order the Oak Brook Park District Decennial Committee on Local Government Efficiency and asked the Recording Secretary to conduct the Roll Call. Residents Pizzello and Carson, Commissioners Trombetta, Ivkovic Kelley, Suleiman, and Executive Director Kosey and Deputy Director Thommes answered present. President Knitter and Commissioner Truedson was absent.

2) Approval of the May 3, 2023 Agenda kc FT

Resident Kathy Carson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Trombetta to approve the May 3, 2023 Agenda.

There was no additional discussion and the motion passed.

Ayes: Pizzello, Carson, Trombetta, Ivkovic Kelley, Suleiman, Knitter, Kosey, and Thommes

Nays: None

Absent: Knitter and Truedson

3) Approval of April 24, 2023 Decennial Committee on Local Government Efficiency Meeting Minutes

Resident Kathy Carson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Trombetta to approve the April 24, 2023 Decennial Committee on Local Government Efficiency Meeting Minutes.

There was no additional discussion and the motion passed.

Ayes: Pizzello, Carson, Trombetta, Ivkovic Kelley, Suleiman, Knitter, Kosey, and Thommes

Nays: None

Absent: Knitter and Truedson

4) Review of the Efficiencies and Increased Accountability of the Oak Brook Park District to Prepare the Report for the County Board of Cook and DuPage Counties

Chairman Thommes thanked everyone for attending and noted that this is the last meeting for the review of the Oak Brook Park District's efficiencies and identify any recommendations regarding the efficiencies and increased accountability.

Chairman Thommes reviewed with the committee the park district's cooperative programming which is used to maximize the park district's offerings to the community at an economical cost.

The Recreation Plan is a living document that the department references to run recreation programs and events. The Recreation Plan is all-in-encompassing and is used to help train new recreation staff to understand the goals, objectives, mission, community inventory and program and societal trends. The plan provides information and procedures for recreation staff to perform an analysis of program offerings to identify of how the park district can meet the recreation needs of the community. The plan includes the recreation goals of the park district and supports the park district's Strategic Plan. The park district's Master Vision and Strategic Plan are reviewed every six months.

The Program Service Form is used by the recreation department staff to determine the needs of the residents and park district. It is used for new programs to perform an analysis that the program is meeting the park district's philosophy, goals and objectives, while meeting the needs of the participants, and providing a desirable experience in bringing the community together.

The Oak Brook Park District has a cooperative agreement with Gateway Special Recreation Association ("SRA") to provide programs for those with special needs. Eight park districts belong to the Gateway SRA. Many SRA programs are offered here at the Oak Brook Park District, including the fitness center. Gateway SRA also provides the park district with training on inclusion services. The park district has procedures that define our support of inclusion services.

The park district has an agreement with School District 99 for special needs and we offer a special membership price for their participation. With School District 53 and the LaGrange Area Department of Special Education, the park district has an Intergovernmental Agreement for the cooperative preschool program held at the park district. These partnerships benefit both the organizations as well as the community that participate.

The park district has formed partnerships with providers from the community to help deliver quality programming to our residents. A few examples of program partnerships include, offering joint sports programs with Breakaway Basketball, Knights Basketball, Lakeshore Lacrosse, Wizards Soccer Club and Victory Badminton. For example, we have a 5-year contract with Breakaway to provide exclusive skills building programs at the Oak Brook Park District. Students from Oak Brook and surrounding communities participate. Lake Shore Lacrosse and IL Girls Lacrosse provide lacrosse programs and contribute to the capital improvement fund. The Wizards Soccer Club helped put LED lights on the northern

fields. These consistent renters of our fields help the park district develop and maintain the outdoor fields. There is still plenty of field time for resident/public use.

The park district strives to include all populations in its programming and services offered. We have procedures and policies in place to provide offerings to individuals with special needs or those facing financial barriers. We do not receive many scholarship requests. One year we covered the camp fees for residents.

We strive to vary the scope by offering a wide variety of programs to meet the needs of the community. We offer programs for seniors to children, for individuals and for families. Our performance has greatly improved. We are constantly surveying the participants, finding out what the needs are, and their review of the park district's performance.

Chairman Thommes continued and explained the development of the Park District Objectives and Key Results for the last four months of Fiscal Year 2022-2023. It was realized, as we were coming out of the COVID-19 Pandemic, that the park district needed to increase the number of program participants and members. Leadership staff team identified the Objectives and the Key Results. A plan was developed to communicate the OKR business plan to staff, helping all staff understand how their work could help the business of the park district by encouraging memberships and participation in programs. Every month at the park district's All-Staff Meetings, a report on how well the district was meeting the OKRs was shared with staff.

Every year, for the past 10 years, the park district submits data to National Recreation and Park Association ("NRPA"). The data is compared with other park and recreation agencies, nationwide and NRPA distributes a report. The report helps the park district understand how its services compares to the nationwide averages in the field.

Commissioner Trombetta inquired how the park district compares to the other agencies.

Chairman Thommes said we are about in the middle.

Chairman Thommes concluded the review and noted the required Decennial Committee Report will be based off of the template received from the Illinois Association of Park Districts. Mr. Thommes stated he has made sure that topics reviewed by the Decennial Committee Meetings include all that is required by the report.

Executive Director Kosey explained that the minutes from today's meeting, and the required Efficiency Report, will be prepared for the committee's approval by at the Decennial Committee meeting held before the May 15, 2023 Board Meeting.

Commissioner Suleiman commented about the recreation programs meeting the goals of the park district.

5) Survey of Residents in attendance for input on matters discussed in the meeting of the Oak Brook Park District Decennial Committee on Government Efficiency

There were no residents in the audience to conduct a survey for input/comments on the matters discussed in the meeting of the Oak Brook Park District Decennial Committee on Government Efficiency.

6) Adjournment

Commissioner Frank Trombetta made a motion, seconded by Resident Kathy Carson to adjourn the meeting.

There was no additional conversation and the meeting adjourned at the hour of 2:23 p.m.

Dave Thommes 5/19/2023

Dave Thommes, Deputy Director

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