

**Minutes**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE OAK BROOK PARK DISTRICT**  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**March 18, 2024 – 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 at the hour of 6:30 p.m. Commissioners Gondek, Ivkovic Kelley, Suleiman, 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 Steve Adams, District Attorney.

2. OPEN FORUM

President Knitter announced that they will combine the Commissioners Communications with the Open Forum.

President Knitter read an email by Karen Stika which can be found in the Park District's records.

Ms. Stika wrote that the 2024/2025 budget workshop was informative, concise, and well presented. She also added that High School and College students benefit from the Park District with valuable work experience. Ms. Stika was concerned that Commissioner Vescovi voted against funding the Park District, so she asked why.

Commissioner Vescovi responded that there was enough money in the bank, and he was not prepared to vote to approve the levy.

President Knitter asked on behalf of Ms. Stika if Commissioner Vescovi prior to being elected told residents that he would not fund the Park District.

Commissioner Vescovi responded no, and he was new to the Park District as a commissioner.

Commissioner Ivkovic Kelley as Treasurer addressed Commissioner Vescovi's repeated statements that the Park District lost money in the last six years, and she also responded to Commissioner Vescovi's insistence to move all banking to Hinsdale Bank. Commissioner Ivkovic Kelley's statement to the Board can be found in the Park District's records.

Commissioner Ivkovic Kelley stated that the Park District did not lose money, and to transfer the entire balance to Hinsdale Bank is not a responsible decision. The Park District accrued money at Evergreen, and it is necessary to diversify funds to protect them. As a local business, Evergreen also pays Oak Brook taxes that goes to the Park District, whereas Hinsdale Bank does not have a branch in Oak Brook so does not pay Oak Brook taxes. In addition, Evergreen supports the Park District in alternate means such as sponsorships.

Commissioner Ivkovic Kelley stated that there is a personal relationship between Commissioner Vescovi and Hinsdale Bank Chairman, Mr. Dennis Jones. Commissioner Ivkovic Kelley continued that she did not appreciate the interruptions by Commissioner Vescovi when he interrupted Dr. Laure Kosey and herself multiple times in their attempts to respond to his questions at a previous meeting.

Commissioner Vescovi denied the claim by Commissioner Ivkovic Kelley concerning the Hinsdale Bank Chairman and stated that he was disrespected at previous meetings. He continued to state that the budget is difficult to follow; he would like to know what each line item is.

Commissioner Vescovi disclosed that he previously requested from Mr. Marco Salinas the 2018-2023 average commission rate from and the average amount of money in Evergreen and Hinsdale Banks. According to Commissioner Vescovi's calculations the Park District lost money at Evergreen over the past six years.

President Knitter explained that the rates will be different if money is inactive and inaccessible versus active and accessible.

Commissioner Vescovi repeated that much of the interest money was lost being at Evergreen instead of Hinsdale Bank.

Commissioner Ivkovic Kelley responded that is inaccurate.

President Knitter stated that the Park District received much more money through sponsorships given by Evergreen Bank.

Commissioner Vescovi responded that he wants to see where the sponsorship money is in the budget.

President Knitter stated that these numbers were given to Commissioner Vescovi in the Board Packet.

Commissioner Suleiman added that the CFO and Directors explained the line items at the Budget Workshop meeting which he did not attend in person.

President Knitter admonished Commissioner Vescovi's inappropriate behavior to the staff. After personally speaking to Commissioner Vescovi about his behavior, President Knitter addressed Dr. Kosey that there should always be another commissioner with Commissioner Vescovi when meeting with staff.

Commissioner Vescovi disagreed with President Knitter. Then Commissioner Vescovi asked about the Public Attorney General Complaint (PAC) filed.

Mr. Steve Adams stated that the complaint was sent to President Knitter, and he worked with staff to respond. Mr. Adams had emailed his response to the Attorney General's office and intended to copy the commissioners; however, in the haste of getting out the response, the commissioners were not copied on the response. Mr. Adams took responsibility for this oversight and had told Commissioner Vescovi earlier in March. This matter was communicated a while ago.

Commissioner Suleiman asked when the Park District receives a PAC does the public need to know?

Mr. Adams responded that PAC are not required to be shown to the public. PAC is a request for the agency to produce certain documents of information.

President Knitter provided Illinois Association Park District brochure to the commissioners and the public explaining the responsibilities of a commissioner. Commissioners are responsible to provide strategic and policy oversight; commissioners are not employees of the Park District, and they are not elected to run the Park District.

President Knitter asked if there were any public comments.

Ms. Nancy Parenti, an Oak Brook resident, reprimanded Commissioner Vescovi. Ms. Parenti was concerned that a commissioner voted against the taxes funding the Oak Brook Park District. Ms. Parenti stated Chicago, Hinsdale, Elmhurst and other cities are receiving tax revenues, so she could not understand why a commissioner would not want to fund the Oak Brook Park District.

As an Oak Brook resident with children who utilized the Park District and as a previous Park District preschool teacher, Ms. Parenti saw how well the Park District was run. Now as a grandmother, she stated her grandchildren love attending the programs at the Park District. Ms. Parenti continued to state that during COVID she and her husband purchased gym equipment when the Park District closed, but they have now returned to the Park District because her husband missed his friends and the sense of community. Ms. Parenti admired the beautiful parks and the inclusive Universal Playground. Ms. Parenti asked Commissioner Vescovi why he would want to disassemble the Park District and be a commissioner if he does not want to promote the community.

Commissioner Vescovi declared that the Park District is great, and he never demeaned it. Commissioner Vescovi is concerned about the budget and wants to know how the money is being spent.

Ms. Parenti asked if there has ever been an abuse of the budget.

Commissioner Vescovi answered he wants to know line items.

Ms. Parenti concluded by saying she appreciates the Park District but is appalled by Commissioner Vescovi's behavior.

The Board thanked her.

Ms. Tina Chan, an Oak Brook resident, emphasized according to the Organizational Chart that the residents are the boss, the ones who write the check, the ones to decide on what will be spent and not spent, and the ones to evaluate the Park District. The Board should ask financial questions. Ms. Chan reviewed the 2024/2025 Budget document.

Ms. Chan asked for a breakout of the salary: name, role, and pay.

Dr. Kosey answered that salary will not be by name but by job title.

Another resident answered that Ms. Chan can find this information on the website under compensation disclosure for 2023/2024

Ms. Chan would like the 2024/2025 salary information.

Ms. Chan asked why the Park District has college credit course compensation. She would like more information.

Ms. Chan asked why revenue for fields at Central Park and Central Park North is different, but maintenance cost is the same.

Dr. Kosey responded that Central Park North's newly seeded turf is growing so fields are not ready to play. Dr. Kosey stated that specific information will be sent to her.

Ms. Chan asked for the ratio of what the projected revenue will be versus the cost.

Mr. Adams stated that it will not be a full year for 2024/2025 so will not be possible to retrieve until FY 2025/2026.

President Knitter added that the Park District does not do a budget for 2025/2026 yet.

Ms. Chan asked if there is a way to reduce costs for the Forest Glen Park since it is not generating revenue.

Mr. Adams responded that the Park District is a public agency, so revenue streams are not looked at to justify costs on passive parks. The Park District is responsible for providing amenities at passive parks such as Forest Glen.

Ms. Chan asked how many legal hours were billed for general counsel.

Dr. Kosey answered legal hours have recently increased substantially, but Ms. Chan can FOIA the legal bills.

Mr. Adams responded that the general counsel hourly rate is \$210/hour.

Ms. Chan asked why the general council has increased so much.

Mr. Adams responded demand for legal services is driven by many factors.

Ms. Chan asked why software licensing is needed at a park district.

President Knitter stated overall software licensing is needed for items such as registration and security systems.

Mr. Robert Pechous added that he can send the full itemized software licensing.

Ms. Chan asked about the mobile telephone line.

Mr. Pechous stated certain staff are issued work-related phones on the T-Mobile government plan.

Ms. Chan asked for the number of phones that are issued.

Mr. Pechous stated that he would get back to her on the number of phones.

Ms. Chan asked about expenses for Fitness Rental.

Dr. Kosey answered that she will get back to her about Fitness Rentals.

Ms. Chan asked about maintenance cost versus revenue for the pool.

Ms. Chan asked if the Park District receives the revenue generated from Breakaway Basketball.

Commissioner Ivkovic Kelley stated Breakaway Basketball does generate revenue for the Park District.

President Knitter stated that the Park District receives a percentage of revenues from this program.

Ms. Chan stated that by having more nonresident than resident participants in Breakaway Basketball program, the residents as taxpayers are essentially paying for the program.

Mr. Adams responded that the Park District is making money from the program.

President Knitter answered that there is a resident and nonresident fee for the program. President Knitter stated that Oak Brook taxes cover forty percent of the Park District budget. The remaining is funded through the programs and membership fees. Many of the programs would not run without nonresidents since there are not enough resident participants.

Ms. Chan stated that the resident fee in addition to paying taxes means the residents pay more for the program than the nonresidents, so there is a cost burden for the residents. Ms. Chan suggested adjusting the cost burden and generating more revenue by increasing the nonresident fees.

Dr. Kosey responded that more popular programs have more than 25% added to the nonresident fees. The staff monitors the programs seasonally. Programming fees and memberships from nonresidents support the Park District.

Ms. Chan stated that the Park District could increase revenue so will not have to increase the tax levy.

Ms. Chan communicated that the Pioneer Program is at a loss of revenue, and she sees that the Park District is trying to increase participation. Ms. Chan asked why expenses are high.

Dr. Kosey responded that Pioneer Program is different with nonresident fees being charged slightly more than residents and not at 25% more. The Park District attempts to include seniors to participate and become part of the community.

Ms. Chan suggested reallocating the money, such as money for food, to decrease the expense for the Pioneer Program.

Ms. Chan concluded by questioning the effectiveness of the marketing expenses.

Commissioner Vescovi would like to receive total revenue from all those who pay to Oak Brook taxes and to compare the total amount spent on programs by residents and nonresidents. Then the Park District can eventually raise the rates on nonresidents to allow residents to participate at the Park District for free since residents already pay for real estate taxes.

Commissioner Suleiman provided a general comment that the Park District is third in line in receiving taxes: Hinsdale Central, Butler 53, then the Park District. The Park District is a community asset whether residents use it or not due to the open spaces and real estate value. Residents pay taxes to Hinsdale Central and Butler 53 without asking for line items but is more critical of taxes to the Park District especially from residents who are not using the Park District.

Ms. Chan questioned again since the Park District is award winning why revenue can't be increased so that the tax levy would not be raised.

The Board thanked her.

Ms. Laura Bieselin, an Oak Brook resident, stated that her daughter started swimming in the Park District and now swims competitively. Ms. Bieselin explained supporting the Park District budget is necessary. She stated that when there is an asset it is important to maintain it; the Park District is the Oak Brook public entity that her family uses as her child attends a private school. Ms. Bieselin expressed that the Commissioner's job is not to micromanage, not to individually negotiate with banks, and not to tell staff who their boss is. She stated that legal fees increase when frivolous requests are made when information is released before it is ready for the public.

Commissioner Vescovi admitted to releasing the budget presentation to the public before it was ready.

Ms. Bieselin concluded that Board members should act with candor and responsibility. Everyone should always be treated with respect, openness, and candor.

Ms. Natalie Cappetta, an Oak Brook resident, stated that the Park District is wonderful, but she would like to understand the budget and ensure the commissioners understand what they are voting on.

Ms. Cappetta questioned the water and sewer bills.

Ms. Cappetta asked about the other miscellaneous expenses and asked the commissioners if they knew what those expenses are.

Ms. Cappetta questioned the concession revenue and expenses.

President Knitter answered that the Park District must purchase everything now for the concession stand then eventually revenue will be generated once concessions are sold.

Ms. Cappetta asked about expenses for the athletic fields and mobile charges. She asked about the Saddlebrook and Forest Glen Park miscellaneous income.

Ms. Cappetta asked if mowing services are billed separately per location.

Mr. Bob Johnson answered that mowing services is per site. The information is on the website.

Ms. Cappetta questioned Tennis Center supplies charged to the Park District. Her understanding of the Tennis Center is taxes do not go to them, so she asked why there are large expenses such as cable tv, mobile phones, tennis telephone, video surveillance, computer replacement and repairs to the Park District.

Mr. Salinas explained IT expenses are centrally budgeted which the Tennis Center will also benefit from. The Tennis Center is then billed through overhead allocation by the Park District, which is then recorded as revenue for the Park District and expenditure for the Tennis Center.

Mr. Adams asked if the IT expenses are centrally budgeted because there is a discount to do both centers together.

President Knitter stated that the Tennis Center does not have an IT department, so they utilize the IT at the Park District which then bills the Tennis Center.

Mr. Pechous explained the Tennis Center and the Park District use the same servers and other items where the Park District then bills the Tennis Center to recover the costs.

Ms. Cappetta stated that she thought the Tennis Center is for-profit.

Mr. Adams stated that the Tennis Center is not a for-profit organization, the Tennis Center is an enterprise where no personal profit is generated.

Ms. Cappetta asked about the various contingencies. She asked the Board if they knew what those contingencies are for.

Ms. Cappetta asked about special events expenses. She is concerned about voting on the budget without more details.

Ms. Cappetta asked about the overhead expense allocation. She suggested breaking it down more.

Ms. Cappetta asked about the Aqua Tennis Combo; she asked why it is not in the budget for next year.

Dr. Kosey answered that membership does not exist anymore.

Ms. Cappetta asked about expenses for Birthday Party Group rentals. She asked what the Park District expenses are such as outside vendors, food, or characters. Ms. Cappetta would like more details for expenses of Birthday Party Group rentals.

Ms. Cappetta asked if the water/sewage bill is the exact percentage, because water/sewage expenses seem higher than resident charges.

Ms. Cappetta stated that the appropriations and expenditures do not make sense and there are repeating items such as for swim team. She asked if the cost for the part-time private swim lesson is an employee and is this employee only listed here in the budget.

Dr. Kosey asked for clarification if Ms. Cappetta wants the employee under that line item.

Ms. Cappetta answered that she wants to know what that expense is and if that is an employee being paid.

President Knitter answered yes, the cost is for part-time swim lesson staff which is a variable cost.

Ms. Cappetta then asked about the swim team expense.

President Knitter responded the swim team expense is the swim team coach.

Ms. Cappetta recommended to be more descriptive than swim team expenses.

Ms. Cappetta asked about the preschool morning expenses.

Mr. Pechous answered that the preschool expenses are for the teacher salaries, different rates, and different classes.

Ms. Cappetta asked about the facility rental expenditure under youth programs. She asked who the Park District is renting the facility from.

Mr. Salinas explained that the Recreation Fund accounts for programming and the General Fund accounts for the facility costs such as for custodial, front desk staff, and staff who maintain the facility. The Recreation Fund is charged a facility rental cost to allow the program to occur.

President Knitter stated that the Park District is recognizing expenses and revenues where they are occurring.

Mr. Salinas explained these programs are using the Park District facilities so there is a cost for using the facility which is captured in the General Fund.

Mr. Adams asked Mr. Salinas if there is a corresponding revenue in the General Fund.

Mr. Salinas responded that there is a total amount of revenue under the overhead facility revenue in the General Fund.

Ms. Cappetta asked why the Park District is donating to the Foundation.



Ms. Cappetta asked about the legal fees separate from the earlier legal fees.

Mr. Salinas stated that these legal fees are for the Tennis Center Fund also known as the Recreational Facilities Fund.

Ms. Cappetta asked why there is no revenue for the racquet club.

Ms. Cappetta asked about the noncapital small equipment budget and if the Board knew what that is.

President Knitter stated that noncapital small equipment is the copier machine for example.

Ms. Cappetta asked about the activity through the next month of April compared to the projected activity.

Ms. Cappetta repeated that she recommends that the Board knows the details before voting on the budget.

The Board thanked her.

Mr. Asif Yusuf, an Oak Brook resident, stated that he understands the necessity to ensure expenditure is made cost-effective. He suggested that additional footnotes in the budget may be necessary to guide residents who need more details. His opinion is that listing every cost will create a large document that will not be read. Mr. Yusuf understands there is a levy increase which he believes is driven by revenue from new construction, which is outside the provisions that established the levy cap; thus, he explained that portion will not lead to an increase in the average homeowners' bill. He stated the Park District still needs to make sensible expenses such as the pool HVAC. Mr. Yusuf appreciates the staff and Board at the Park District, and he stated the Board and staff cannot be expected to answer the detailed questions at this very moment. He recommended adding footnotes and a little more detail to the budget.

Mr. Yusuf enjoys the facility but does not use it as much as he should. He expressed that he understands that it is a "group and timing" situation. He continued to point out that the real estate tax revenues are about 40%, but the commercial facilities pay for almost half of that so the burden on the homeowner is around 20%. He reminded the public that parks such as Forest Glen have no fees to use it, but there is an expense to maintain it, which maintaining parks is one of the Park District missions.

The Board thanked him.

Jim DePhillips, an Oak Brook resident, stated he reviewed the summary sheet and saw the overhead as revenue and expenditure; the grant for the bridge is a revenue and expenditure. Reviewing the remaining revenues, he observed the revenues from taxes are about the same as the revenues from programs and service fees. Mr. DePhillips asked how much of the revenue from the programs and service fees is from residents and from nonresidents.

Mr. DePhillips requested the breakdown of the building and rental fees. He also asked for more details for the other miscellaneous revenues under Capital Projects.

Mr. DePhillips asked how much revenue was provided by the Foundation.

President Knitter stated that since the Foundation is a 501(c)3, it allows sponsorships and donations to go there and there are many transfers.

Mr. DePhillips asked what the total salaries and medical benefits are. He asked overall that the net deficit for this budget is large so how will that be covered.

President Knitter stated that often the budget is aggressive, so every year if there is not enough revenue, then expenses are cut. This year will be different because of the HVAC.

Mr. Salinas explained that the Capital Improvement costs cause many of the large fluctuations from one year to another. Some of that will be paid through the bonds that were issued a year and a half ago that were recorded then as revenue, but now we are spending the previous bond which is now recorded as an expenditure. Mr. Salinas stated that the expenditure is driving up the deficit, so the reserve is paying down the deficit.

Mr. DePhillips then asked if there is money in the reserve to cover these expenditures.

Mr. Salinas answered yes, the reserve will cover the expenditures and will not go below the three-month reserve.

Mr. DePhillips asked what will happen to the General Fund since it is below the three months reserve.

Mr. Salinas answered that the budget has been adjusted so there is a three-month reserve in the General Fund.

Mr. DePhillips asked is there a target total deficit number.

Mr. Salinas would need to examine each fund, which each ten funds have a different purpose and different budgeted activity. Bulk of the deficit is from the Capital Projects.

President Knitter will get back directly to Mr. DePhillips.

Dr. Kosey stated that the budget can change within the next thirty days so will be updated on the website.

### 3. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. APPROVAL OF THE March 18, 2024 AGENDA
- b. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
  - i. February 19, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
  - ii. March 4, 2024 Special Board Meeting Minutes
- c. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF AND FOR THE PERIOD ENDING FEBRUARY 29, 2024
- d. APPROVAL OF WARRANT 682 – INVOICE REGISTER REPORT

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

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

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

4. STAFF RECOGNITION

- a. None

5. COMMUNICATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

- a. Board of Commissioners to share communications.

President Knitter announced that Commissioner Communications would be combined with the Open Forum.

President Knitter read an email by Ms. Karen Stika.

Commissioner Ivkovic Kelley read her statement as Treasurer.

6. REPORTS:

- a. Administration and Enterprise Operations Report

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

Dr. Kosey reported that the Park District will begin Oak Brook First beginning May 1, 2024. Every first day of each month except January which will be on the second, residents will be welcome to use the facility for no daily fee, and the enrollment fee will be waived if the Central Park Membership is purchased.

Commissioner Suleiman highly recommends that Oak Brook First is marketed well so residents know it is available.

Commissioner Vescovi stated that Oak Brook First is a great idea.

- b. Finance and 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 ten months of the fiscal year. All funds are in surplus. However, due to large transfers the General Fund is lower. Mr. Salinas also added that some Capital Projects were pushed to the next fiscal year due to poor bids.

Mr. Salinas reported that a Human Resource Manager was hired to start April 15, 2024.

President Knitter stated that staff has been working on the resident and nonresident analysis.

Dr. Kosey responded that the process has been challenging due to the software limitations.

President Knitter stated that the difficulty is in the different time slots for each program. For example, each swim lesson must be analyzed for resident or nonresident registration for each time slot, which makes this an arduous process.

Mr. Robert Pechous added in programming that residents get a discount, so analysis is line-by-line where there are about a thousand programs offered per year.

President Knitter emphasized that the work has taken about sixty hours so far.

Commissioner Suleiman asked Mr. Salinas about the large expenditure for this month in the General Fund under "Summarized Revenue & Expenditure."

Mr. Salinas explained that the large expenditure in the General Fund is due to the multiple transfers.

c. Recreation and Communications Report

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

Mr. Pechous announced that the Park District plans to hire more camp counselors.

Mr. Pechous reported that he and the staff met with four vendors for the copier machines since the proposals are better than the previous contract.

Commissioner Suleiman suggested in the Objectives and Key Results (OKR's) under "Implement Three Inclusive Programs" to merge Sensory Sensitivity Hours at the Family Aquatic Center and the Sensory Sensitivity Hours at the Fitness Studios and add Trained Sensory Sensitivity in Aquatics.

Mr. Pechous reported that the Park District staff has been trained in Sensory Sensitivity Aquatics and marketing has just begun but was not ready to be reported for February OKR's; waiting for participants.

d. Parks and Facilities Report

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

Mr. Johnson reported that carpet replacement in the Family Recreation Center will begin in the next few weeks.

Dr. Kosey stated that after Mr. Johnson's report there is a breakdown of nonresidents and residents.

## 7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### a. Copier Contract

Motion: Commissioner Suleiman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ivkovic Kelley, to approve the Copier Contract.

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. Ordinance 24-0318: An Ordinance Declaring Surplus Personal Property and Authorizing Conveyance or Sale Thereof

Motion: Commissioner Suleiman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ivkovic Kelley, to approve Ordinance 24-0318: An Ordinance Declaring Surplus Personal Property and Authorizing Conveyance or Sale Thereof.

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

### c. Travel Reimbursement for Commissioners at the 2024 IAPD/IPRA Conference

Motion: Commissioner Suleiman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ivkovic Kelley, to approve the Travel Reimbursement for Commissioners at the 2024 IAPD/IPRA Conference.

Commissioner Vescovi asked what the expenditures were and if it was shown.

Commissioner Suleiman stated that receipts are in the Board Packet.

Dr. Kosey stated that the travel expenses and receipts are in the Board Packet from page 91 to 97.

The motion passed by roll call vote.

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

### d. Travel Reimbursement for Commissioners at the Legislative Breakfast

Motion: Commissioner Suleiman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ivkovic Kelley, to approve the Travel Reimbursement for Commissioners at the Legislative Breakfast.

President Knitter stated the Travel Reimbursement was \$35.00.

The motion passed by roll call vote.

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

## 8. NEW BUSINESS

### a. Budget for Fiscal Year 2024 – 2025

The tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance 24-0415 for Fiscal Year May 1, 2024–April 30, 2025 has been placed on public display for thirty days following the publication notice in the Doings – Oak Brook Newspaper on March 14, 2024. The Budget and Appropriation Ordinance encompasses all previous reviews by the Board of Commissioners. The Public Hearing is scheduled to occur at the April 15, 2024 regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the purpose of receiving public comments on the Budget and Appropriation Ordinance. A Legal Notice of the Public Hearing will be published in the Doings – Oak Brook Newspaper on April 4, 2024.

Dr. Kosey stated that one of the recommendations from this meeting is to add more detail for each line item, so updates will be made and then posted.

Mr. Salinas reported that additional adjustments have been made to the budget. For the Requested Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Budget – General Fund, the first column is the originally requested budget, the second column is the suggested adjustments, and the third column is the revised adjusted budget. Most of the adjustments were made to the General Fund by reducing the transfer amounts so to have a four-month reserve.

President Knitter suggested a single page displaying the main adjustments from the first budget to the present adjusted budget.

### b. Ten Year Capital Improvement Plan

Mr. Salinas reported that the Ten-Year Capital Improvement Plan is divided by facility; budget for capital is in the Recreation, Tennis, and Capital Projects Fund. Capital Projects Fund has the largest dollar amount. The proposed budget per project for FY 2024-2025 is in the yellow column.

President Knitter addressed Commissioner Vescovi's question of leasing versus purchasing trucks. Due to the nature of how the Park District uses trucks by keeping them past their natural life, purchasing the trucks allows the Park District to sell or salvage them. Therefore, purchasing trucks becomes more economical for the Park District.

Commissioner Suleiman asked if painting the Family Recreation Center Aquatics and window treatments can be delayed to another year.

Dr. Kosey responded that the window treatment is peeling and cracked. The film on the window needs to be replaced. The window treatment and painting has already been delayed a couple of times, so it is necessary to do this work.

### c. Resolution 24-0416 A Resolution Amending the Agreement between the Oak Brook Park District and SBC Waste Solutions, Inc. for Waste and Recycling Collection Services

Mr. Johnson stated that he has been very happy with SBC and would like to extend the contract for another year since prices will not go up.

- d. Ordinance 24-0417: An Ordinance Authorizing the Destruction of the Verbatim Record of Certain Closed Meeting

President Knitter stated Ordinance 24-0417 will be reviewed at the next meeting.

- e. Membership Adjustments

Mr. Johnson reported with Membership Adjustments the Park District would like to increase In-District use of facilities, promote Central Park Campus membership, adjust on-hold fees for Family Recreation Center (FRC) and the Tennis Center, and promote the new Tennis Center 80+ Loyalty membership.

President Knitter asked if there is a membership for college students.

Mr. Pechous stated that there is a single membership.

Mr. Johnson reported Oak Brook First will be in effect May 1, 2024 to provide free one day Central Park member privileges for in-district residents on the first day of each month except for January where it will be on the second. Central Park Campus Membership waives the enrollment fee if purchase the "all-inclusive" campus membership which also includes free outdoor Pickleball reservations. Adjustment to on-hold fees will allow the on-hold fee to be waived for four consecutive months per year for FRC memberships. On-hold fee at the Tennis Center membership will be half the regular fee with junior membership being excluded. The 80+ Loyalty membership at the Tennis Center will be free for all members who turn eighty years old and has been an active member for fifteen of the previous twenty years.

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 Semi-Annual Review of Closed Meeting Minutes pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21) and 5 ILCS 120/2.06(d); 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 Ivkovic Kelley, to approve 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 Semi-Annual Review of Closed Meeting Minutes pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21) and 5 ILCS 120/2.06(d); 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).

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

10. CLOSED SESSION

- a. Discussion and Approval of Closed Meeting Minutes, September 18, 2023
- b. Semi-Annual Review of Closed Meeting Minutes for Release
  - i. Resolution 24-0418: A Resolution Regarding the Review of Minutes for Closed Meetings January 1989 through February 28, 2024
- c. 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

- a. Approval of Closed Meeting Minutes September 18, 2023

Motion: Commissioner Suleiman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Vescovi, to approve the September 18, 2023 Closed Meeting Minutes.

Commissioner Ivkovic Kelley departed the meeting at 8:36 pm. There was no additional discussion, and the motion passed by roll call vote.

Ayes: Commissioners Gondek, Suleiman, Vescovi, and President Knitter

Absent: Commissioner Ivkovic Kelley

Nays: None

12. THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE OAK BROOK PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS WILL BE HELD ON April 15, 2024, 6:30 P.M.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Commissioner Suleiman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Vescovi, to adjourn the March 18, 2024, 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 9:00 p.m.



Laure Kosey, Executive Director

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