

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE
OAK BROOK PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
February 19, 2018**

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

President Knitter called the Special Meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.in the Recreation Center's Canterbury Room. Commissioners Truedson, Carson, Trombetta, and President Knitter answered "present." Commissioner Tan was absent. Also present were Laure Kosey, Executive Director, Marco Salinas, Chief Financial Officer, Dave Thommes, Director of Recreation and Facilities, and Bob Johnson, Director of Parks and Planning.

2) APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 19, 2018 AGENDA OF THE SPECIAL MEETING

Motion: Commissioner Trombetta made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Truedson, to approve taking a single omnibus vote on the Special Meeting Agenda, as presented.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Truedson, Carson, Trombetta and President Knitter.

Nays: None

Absent: Commissioner Tan

3) OPEN FORUM

President Knitter invited members of the audience to make public comments.

There were no public comments.

4) COMMUNICATIONS

a) Commissioners to share communications

President Knitter asked the board members if they had any communications.

There were no comments.

5) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a) None

6) NEW BUSINESS

a) Discussion of the Fiscal Year 2018 – 2019 Budget of the Oak Brook Park District

Marco Salinas conducted a budget presentation, and all materials he presented can be found in the Park District records.

President Knitter suggested keeping a separate accounting for sponsorships.

Mr. Salinas said he anticipates a healthy 1.8-million-dollar fund balance.

Regarding the planned turf replacement project slated for 2019/20, President Knitter suggested looking for grants now because the application process takes a long time.

Commissioner Truedson commended Mr. Salinas for now including depreciation in the budget. He said depreciation gives a much more accurate fund balance.

Mr. Salinas said most of the deficits within the budget are related to investing in capital projects which is a good thing and noted that these expenditures can always be scaled back.

President Knitter asked Mr. Salinas what fund makes him the most uncomfortable.

Mr. Salinas said the Sports Core management fund because at this point, it is an unknown with no history for comparison. Otherwise, he said he has no concerns other than keeping an eye on capital investments.

President Knitter said after next year the Park District should take a pause in its capital projects spending for evaluation.

Commissioner Trombetta asked for clarification on the baseball field project.

Ms. Kosey said the new ball fields and playground will be completed during the 2018/19 budget year, but the building at the ball fields will come later via fundraising.

Ms. Kosey said the budget is very similar to last year's budget with the most notable changes being additional funds that were allocated for a 10% increase in healthcare and 4% in merit increases. She also said she would like to budget but not fill (at this time) two new positions: Deputy Director and Superintendent of Recreation. She said the Deputy Director position would be open to outside applicants but noted that if filled by Mr. Thommes, it would give him the opportunity to learn as much as possible about the Park District so that he would be qualified to fill the Executive Director position in any necessary interim situation. She said the position for Superintendent of Recreation position would also be open to outside applicants and that Karen Spandikow would be considered to fill this position.

There was no further discussion regarding the proposed budget.


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

President Knitter announced the next regular Board Meeting of the Oak Brook Park District Board of Park Commissioners will be held on March 19, 2018, 6:30 p.m.

8) ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Commissioner Trombetta made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Truedson, to adjourn at the hour of 7:33 p.m.

There was no discussion and the motion passed by voice vote.


Laure L. Kosey, Executive Director