

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING AND GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY
OF THE
OAK BROOK PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
March 20, 2023**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special meeting of the Oak Brook Park District Board of Commissioners will be held prior to the Regular March 20, 2023 Board Meeting for the purpose of a Ground Breaking Ceremony in celebration of the Commencement of the Central Park North Phase II Project and the Central Park North Restroom/Concession/Storage Facility Project. The Special Meeting of March 20, 2023 will be held at 5:30 p.m. at the Central Park North Fields Picnic Gazebo, 1315 Kensington Road, Oak Brook, IL 60523. The Public is invited to attend.

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

President Knitter called to order the Special Meeting of the Oak Brook Park District Board of Commissioners at the hour of 5:30 p.m. at the Central Park North Fields Picnic Gazebo, 1315 Kensington Road, Oak Brook, IL 60523. Commissioners Trombetta, Ivkovic Kelley, Suleiman and President Knitter answered "present." Commissioner Truedson was absent. Also present were Dr. Laure L. Kosey, Executive Director; Dave Thommes, Deputy Director; and Bob Johnson, Director of Parks and Planning.

Also in attendance were Greg Summers, Oak Brook Village Manager; Michael Bailey, Representative for Senator Glowiak Hilton; Beth Marchetti, Executive Director, DuPage Convention & Visitors Bureau; Igor Bakovic, Director of Sports, DuPage Convention & Visitors Bureau; Noonie Aguilar, Director of Sales, DuPage Convention & Visitors Bureau; and Jeff Lietz, Architect, Charles Vincent George Architects.

2) APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 20, 2023 AGENDA OF THE SPECIAL MEETING

Motion: Commissioner Trombetta made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Suleiman to approve the March 20, 2023 Agenda of the Special Meeting.

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

Ayes: Trombetta, Ivkovic Kelley, Suleiman, and Knitter

Nays: None

Absent: Truedson

3) SPECIAL MEETING AND COMMUNITY GROUNDBREAKING CELEBRATION

Thanking everyone in attendance, Executive Director, Laure Kosey, said, "It has been wonderful to see the community enjoy the new amenities completed during Phase I of the project at the Central Park North Athletic Fields. We could not be more excited for the new additions that come with Phase II of the project."

The Ground Breaking Ceremony was conducted.

4) THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MARCH 20, 2023, 6:30 p.m. (Held shortly after this Special Meeting at the Family Recreation Center, Canterbury Room, 1450 Forest Gate Road, Oak Brook, IL 60523.) President Knitter announced the next Regular Meeting of the Oak

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Brook Park District Board of Park Commissioners will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the Canterbury Room of the Family Recreation Center

5) ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Trombetta made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Suleiman to adjourn the March 20, 2023 Special Meeting of the Oak Brook Park District Board of Commissioners. The motion passed by voice vote and the meeting adjourned at the hour of 5:40 p.m.



Laure L. Kosey, Executive Director

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Press Release Posted to the obparks.org webpage:

OAK BROOK PARK DISTRICT BREAKS GROUND: PHASE II AT THE CENTRAL PARK NORTH ATHLETIC FIELDS



Website post: Tuesday, March 21, 2023 - 12:00am to 11:45pm

On Monday, March 20, 2023, the Oak Brook Park District began Phase II construction at the Central Park North Athletic Fields site. Among the attendees were Park District Board of Commissioners Lara Suleiman, Frank Trombetta, Ivana Ivkovic Kelley, President Sharon Knitter, Executive Director at the Oak Brook Park District, Laure Kosey, Deputy Director, Dave Thommes, and Director of Parks and Planning, Bob Johnson. Also in attendance were Oak Brook Village Manager, Greg Summers,

Representative for Senator Glowiak Hilton, Michael Bailey, Igor Bakovic, Noonie Aguilar, and Beth Marchetti from the DuPage County Convention & Visitors Bureau.

In 2022, the Park District was granted \$480,000 from the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO), and \$400,000 from the Open Space Land Acquisition and Development (OSLAD). Phase II proposes improvements along Ginger Creek that will create better access for fishing, a restroom and concession facility adjacent to an amphitheater, accessible walkways, and seating areas, a plaza with games tables, and an accessible fitness challenge course. The vision for this property began in 2018 with the help of the Oak Brook community. Voters approved a referendum that allowed the Park District to issue \$17.9 million in bonds to purchase and improve the property at the November 6, 2018 election. In July 2020, the Oak Brook Park District began Phase I construction at the Central Park North Athletic Fields site.

Phase I, funded in part by an Open Space and Land Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) Grant, included two full-size illuminated soccer fields, fitness equipment, a bags game court, looped walking trails, a totem plaza, basketball courts, and two picnic shelters. The park opened for use in the Spring of 2021.

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