

# Oak Brook Park District

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## MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE OAK BROOK PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APRIL 26, 2012

NOTICE WAS GIVEN that a special meeting of the Oak Brook Park District Board of Commissioners was to be held on Thursday, April 26, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. at the Oak Brook Park District Family Recreation Center, Meeting Room 1, 1450 Forest Gate Road, Oak Brook, Illinois for the purpose of considering the following agenda:

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

President O'Brien called to order the April 26, 2012 Special Meeting of the Oak Brook Park District Board of Commissioners to order at 6:00 p.m. Commissioners Knitter, Trombetta, Carson, and President O'Brien answered present. Commissioner Truedson was absent. Also in attendance was Laure Kosey, Executive Director.

2) APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 26, 2012 AGENDA OF THE SPECIAL MEETING

Motion:

Commissioner Trombetta made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Knitter to approve the April 26, 2012 agenda of the Special Meeting.

Ayes: Knitter, Trombetta, Carson, and O'Brien

Nays: None

Commissioner Tom Truedson arrives at 6:04 p.m.

3) OPEN FORUM

There was no one from the public to address the Board.

4) COMMUNICATIONS

There was no communications shared among the commissioners.

5) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a) Bid Opening Results and Possible Award of Contract for the Central Park Phase 1 Project: Excavation and Site Preparation for Synthetic Turf Athletic Field Installation, Detention Pond, and Sled Hill

Ms. Kosey reviewed the report from the Bid Opening, noting that the lowest bid was received from Earthwerks Land Improvement and Development Corporation. Earthwerks Land Improvement and Development Corporation had provided references for over 76 projects throughout their 14 years of experience, of which several were with park districts, including the Glen Ellyn Park District for three separate projects. Staff had called several of the park district references, which references gave favorable reviews. Ms. Kosey noted that Earthwerks had experience with Field Turf at Glen Ellyn Park District. Earthwerks has also worked at several other park districts, including Wheaton, West Chicago, Naperville, St Charles, and others.

Commissioner Trombetta commented on Earthwerks' experience with Field Turf and other Park District's, and that he would like the District to select them for the project.

Ms. Kosey reported that the specifications in the bid packet require testing during the construction of the athletic field. The engineers and Norm Russell will be supervising the project.

Commissioner O'Brien confirmed with Executive Director Kosey that Attorney Gosselar reviewed the bid specifications and agreement form.

Discussion was had about the projects encompassing the Earthwerks contract, which are the site preparation for the synthetic turf athletic field, detention pond, sled hill, parking lot and path improvements, and site preparation for the new maintenance building. The Detention Pond excavation would provide the needed clay for the turf field base and the maintenance-building site. Ms. Kosey noted that the current detention area is not adequate and would have needed to be addressed in the future, if it were not for this project.

Ms. Kosey reviewed the budget for the project stating that Norm Russell, Nancy Strathdee and herself met this morning to review the Master Plan project costs and what had already been expended to derive the budget. The bid from Earthwerks enables the District to save funds, which may be used for the field lights.

The Field Turf synthetic turf cost will be around \$450,000 and will be purchased through the Cooperative Purchasing Network. The Cooperative Purchasing Network receives bids from vendors to provide the lowest cost for items needed by school districts, park districts and other governmental agencies,

Commissioner O'Brien encouraged staff to apply for the variance with the village for the field lights.

Ms. Kosey noted that the Splash Pad would be around \$600,000.

**Motion:**

Commissioner Trombetta made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Knitter to accept the Bid from Earthwerks Land Improvement and Development Corporation for a not to exceed price of \$644,186.55 for the Central Park Phase 1 Project: Excavation and Site Preparation for Synthetic Turf Athletic Field Installation, Detention Pond, and Sled Hill,

and to approve a contract with Earthwerks Land Improvement and Development Corporation in accordance with the Bid and in substantial conformance with the various contract document forms that were part of the Bid Packet.

Ayes: Knitter, Truedson, Trombetta, Carson, and O'Brien  
Nays: None

b) Agreement Between the Oak Brook Park District and 3D Design Studio for Central Park Landscape Enhancement Projects for the Oak Brook Park District Master Plan

Ms. Kosey explained that this was on the board agenda in April and noted the reduction in the cost. 3D Design Studio would provide the design services for the following projects: gazebo relocation; future Disc Golf Course; site enhancements and furnishings for the soccer field; sled hill fencing, handrails, lighting and any landscaping; Detention Pond plantings and accents; Outdoor Pool and Maintenance Building shade trees and landscape; and outdoor exercise garden/meditation, interpretive gardens and labyrinth.

Commissioner Truedson had concerns about the proposed budget for the meditation garden.

Commissioner Knitter stated that the meditation garden addresses the needs of the aging population. Whether it needs to be the proposed \$100,000 cost or lower; that may be changed.

Commissioner Truedson said the Board had secured the Dean Nature Sanctuary to provide open space for passive recreational use this reason. He had received inquiries from the residents about this meditation garden project and the cost used from the bonds. He would be willing to spend around \$25,000 for the meditation garden and would be supportive of the design by 3D Design Studio.

Commissioner Carson said that she was in support of the gardens.

Motion:

Commissioner Trombetta made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Carson to approve the Agreement between the Oak Brook Park District and 3D Design Studio for Central Park Landscape Enhancement Projects for the Oak Brook Park District Master Plan.

Ayes: Knitter, Truedson, Trombetta, Carson, and O'Brien  
Nays: None

6) NEW BUSINESS

a) Agreement Between the Oak Brook Park District and Brusseau Design Group, LLC for Design Services of the Outdoor Pool

President O'Brien said that the board directed staff to select the firm, but he wanted to see the cost estimates for the plan.

Ms. Kosey said that Joe Brusseau's design fees were less than 3 D Design Studio's and that they have 11 years of experience.

President O'Brien requested that staff brings to the next Board Meeting a design with firm numbers,

Ms. Kosey stated that at the May 2, 2012 Board Meeting, a contract will be prepared for the design services and a estimate for the project.

President O'Brien stated that the Board needs the project to be exciting and within budget. The District may wish to postpone the project if we feel that it is too rushed.

Ms. Kosey explained that the permitting for the pool is time-consuming and that staff is planning on the new opening in May of 2013.

b) Bidding for Central Park Gazebo

Ms. Kosey said that staff would be meeting with 3 Design Studio to discuss the gazebo.

7) NEXT REGULAR MEETING: May 21, 2012 (Regular Meetings of the Park Board of Commissioners will now be held on the third Monday of the Month) )

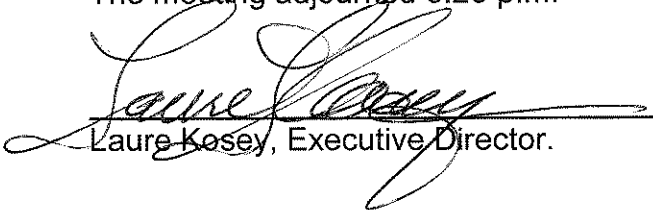
President O'Brien announced that the next Regular Meeting of the Board will be on May 21, 2012, at 6:30 p.m.

8) ADJOURNMENT

Motion:

Commissioner Trombetta made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Truedson to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned 6:26 p.m.

  
Laure Kosey, Executive Director.