

# Oak Brook Park District

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MINUTES FOR THE  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE OAK BROOK PARK DISTRICT  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

July 15, 2013- 6:30 p.m.

Meeting Room 1/Autumn Oaks Room

1) CALL TO ORDER REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND ROLL CALL

Acting-President Knitter opened the regular meeting of the Oak Brook Park District at 6:30 p.m. in the Family Recreation Center, Room 1. Commissioners Trombetta and Carson answered, "present". Commissioner Truedson and President O'Brien were absent. Also present were Laure Kosey, Executive Director; Barb Gosselar, Park District Attorney; Nancy Strathdee, Director of Finance & Human Resources; Dave Thommes, Director of Recreation and Clint Lauderdale, Director of Parks and Facilities.

2) APPROVAL OF July 15, 2013 AGENDA

Motion: Commissioner Trombetta made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Carson, to approve the July 15, 2013 agenda.

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

3) OPEN FORUM

Acting-President Knitter opened open forum and asked if anyone wished to address the board.

Alyce Gaddis of 27 Brighton Lane, Oak Brook, addressed the board. She said she resides in York Woods which until recently, had a playground. That playground and the property it is located on is owned by the Butler School District who had it removed due to its poor condition. Ms. Gaddis said there are a lot of young families in the York Woods subdivision who would love to see the playground rebuilt, and she asked the Park District for its assistance.

Ms. Kosey noted that she has been in contact with the School Board regarding this matter and was told that the cost for reconstruction would be approximately \$50,000 and that the School District does not have the funds.

Acting-President Knitter thanked Ms. Gaddis for her comments.

Bill Lindeman, an Oak Brook resident, addressed the board with several concerns. He said he is against the Park District charging a user fee for the new Splash Pad this year as he believes the Park District procrastinated and delayed the project for far too long. He said it would be a good will gesture.

Mr. Lindeman also asked how the Communications portion of the monthly meeting agenda works and would like to know who is in charge of these Communications.

Mr. Lindeman said the Park District was wrong in not building permanent washrooms in Central Park at the time the maintenance building was built. He said it is wrong to continually rely on the use of

porta-potties.

Mr. Lindeman asked for and received clarifications regarding the Jorie Boulevard Park District sign project.

Mr. Lindeman's five minute time allowance expired and Acting-President Knitter thanked Mr. Lindeman for his comments.

4) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a) Approval of June 17, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion: Commissioner Trombetta made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Knitter, to approve the June 17, 2013 regular meeting minutes.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Trombetta, Carson and Acting-President Knitter

Nays: None

Absent: Commissioner Truedson and President O'Brien

5) APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT ENDING June 30, 2013

Motion: Commissioner Trombetta made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Carson , to approve the financial statement ending June 30, 2013.

Commissioner Carson noted an error on an item found on Page 29 of the statement.

Ms. Strathdee stated that it was a clerical error and that it is being corrected.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Trombetta, Carson and Acting-President Knitter

Nays: None

Absent: Commissioner Truedson and President O'Brien

6) APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

a) Approval of Warrant No. 553

Motion: Commissioner Trombetta made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Carson , to approve warrant no. 553.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Trombetta, Carson and Acting-President Knitter

Nays: None

Absent: Commissioner Truedson and President O'Brien

7) COMMUNICATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

a) Board of Commissioners to share communications

Acting-President Knitter asked if any Commissioners wished to share communications.

Commissioner Carson said she attended the first outdoor concert of the season and it was great. She said there was a great turnout and she received many favorable comments.

Acting-President Knitter urged the board to buy the turtle raffle tickets for the Foundation's upcoming turtle race.

There were no further comments.

b) Annual Report

The board commended staff on the annual report, a copy of which can be found in the Park District records.

8) STAFF RECOGNITION

a) None

Ms. Kosey introduced Rae Schmidt, the recreation intern, to the board. She said she is currently a student at Elmhurst College.

9) REPORTS:

a) Executive Director & Marketing Department Report

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

Ms. Kosey updated the board on the pool resurfacing project.

There were no further comments regarding Ms. Kosey's report.

Commissioner Carson made note of a recent publication which included an article on the Aquatic Center.

b) Finance & Human Resources Director

Nancy Strathdee presented her report, which can be found in the Park District records.

Acting-President Knitter asked why playground camp revenue is lower this year.

Mr. Strathdee said it is a timing issue with the report - July's revenue was not included in the report and that revenue figures are actually on target.

Acting-President Knitter questioned swim lesson numbers.

Staff said that swim lesson numbers tend to go down slightly during the summer months as many

would rather have their swim lessons outside, but that the participant/revenue numbers quickly catch up in the fall. It was also noted that swim lesson numbers are up 20% from last year.

There were no further comments regarding Ms. Strathdee report.

c) Director of Recreation

Dave Thommes presented his report, which can be found in the Park District records.

Mr. Thommes asked the board for their input on the 1 mile race event which was suggested at a previous board meeting by Dr. Tom Sullivan, an Oak Brook resident. He said Dr. Sullivan had suggested holding the event over the July 4th holiday. Mr. Thommes said there are several concerns among staff about holding this event over the holiday. He said there are already many activities being held on the July 4th in Oak Brook, and it would be difficult to properly staff the event. It was also noted that the 10 minute event would require a great deal of staff who would need to be paid time and a half.

Ms. Kosey also noted that the Park District would have to pay the Village to shut down the street used for the event.

Commissioner Trombetta said it may not be very practical to hold such a short event.

Acting-President Knitter said the July 4th holiday is not a good time to hold the event and said she is not sure that this would attract Oak Brook residents.

Ms. Kosey said she and staff would follow-up with Dr. Sullivan.

Commissioner Carson asked staff to consider replacing the Tennis Center doors with the kind used at the Recreation Center.

There were no further comments regarding Mr. Thommes report.

d) Director of Parks & Facilities

Clint Lauderdale presented his report, which can be found in the Park District records.

Mr. Lauderdale updated staff on the disc golf course project and noted that there are several sponsors for the project.

There were no comments regarding Mr. Lauderdale's report.

10) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a) Resolution 13-0715: A Resolution Approving an Addendum to an Agreement Between the Oak Brook Park District and Conservation Land Stewardship, Inc. for the Natural Areas Stewardship Project at the Dean Nature Sanctuary To Extend the Term for an Additional Year of Service

Motion: Commissioner Trombetta made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Carson, to approve an addendum to an Agreement between the Oak Brook Park District and Conservation Land Stewardship, Inc. for the Natural Areas Stewardship Project at the Dean Nature Sanctuary, to extend the term for an additional year of service.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Trombetta, Carson and Acting-President Knitter

Nays: None

Absent: Commissioner Truedson and President O'Brien

#### b) Bid for Resurfacing the Leisure Pool

Motion: Commissioner Trombetta made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Carson, to accept the base bid from Mid- American Pool Renovation, Inc., of \$44,200 for the resurfacing of the leisure pool, and the Alternative 1 bid of \$18.75 per square foot for tile repairs as needed, and to approve an agreement between the Oak Brook Park District and Mid-American Pool Renovation, Inc. for the required services.

Acting -President Knitter asked if staff is concerned that the bid is almost half of the previous one received from a different contractor.

Ms. Kosey said she has no concerns as staff has checked the contractor's references and completed projects.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Trombetta, Carson and Acting-President Knitter

Nays: None

Absent: Commissioner Truedson and President O'Brien

#### c) Bid for Tennis Center Fitness Room

This issue was for discussion only.

Mr. Thommes presented this issue and its materials, which can be found in the Park District records.

Mr. Thommes said the Park District has already received the approval for this project from the Village and the next step will be to go out for bids.

There were no questions or comments regarding this issue.

### 11) NEW BUSINESS

#### a) Strength Equipment Bid

This issue was for discussion only.

Mr. Thommes presented this issue and its materials, which can be found in the Park District records.

Mr. Thommes said the new equipment would replaced much of the white colored strength training equipment found in the Fitness Center. He said staff just completed the specifications and will be going out to bid. He said he hopes to have this purchase ready for board approval at next month's meeting.

b) Membership Rate Increases

This issue was for discussion only.

Mr. Thommes presented this issue and its materials, which can be found in the Park District records.

Mr. Thommes said staff is reviewing current rates and will have a recommendation for board approval at next month's meeting.

Acting-President Knitter asked when the last rate hike was made. Mr. Thommes said two years ago.

Acting-President Knitter said she favors more frequent smaller rate increases rather than infrequent larger ones.

12) ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: Commissioner Trombetta made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Knitter, to adjourn to executive session at the hour of 7:05 p.m.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Trombetta, Carson and Acting-President Knitter

Nays: None

Absent: Commissioner Truedson and President O'Brien

13) EXECUTIVE SESSION

a) Discussion and Approval of Closed Meeting Minutes April 15, 2013

b) Semi-Annual Review of Closed Meeting Minutes for Release

i) Resolution 13-0819: A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Release of Minutes for Closed Meetings from January 1989 through April 15, 2013

ii) Ordinance No. 13-0820: An Ordinance Authorizing the Destruction of Verbatim Record of Certain Closed Meetings.

14) RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Motion: Commissioner Trombetta made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Knitter, to reconvene open session at the hour of 7:11 p.m.

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

15) POTENTIAL ACTION ON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no action taken by items discussed in executive session.

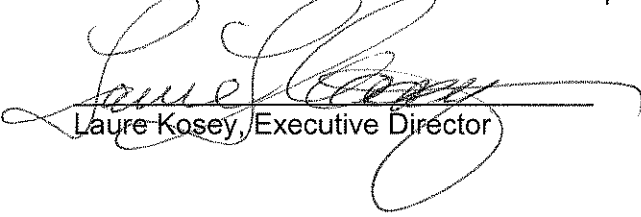
16) NEXT REGULAR MEETING: August 19, 2013

Acting-President Knitter announced the next regular meeting of the board will be held on August 19, 2013, at 6:30 p.m.

17) ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Commissioner Carson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Trombetta, to adjourn at the hour of 7:11 p.m.

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



Laure Kosey, Executive Director

