



Oak Brook Park District

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

August 18, 2014 - 6:30 p.m.

Autumn Oaks Room

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

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

- a. Approval by a majority of the Commissioners present to allow President O'Brien to attend the meeting by audio conference, as he is unable to physically attend because of employment purposes as provided in section I-G-1 of the Board Rules.

Motion: Commissioner Trombetta made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Carson, to allow Commissioner O'Brien to attend the meeting by audio conference.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Trombetta, Carson, and President Knitter

Absent: Commissioners Truedson and O'Brien

2. APPROVAL OF August 18, 2014 AGENDA

Motion: Commissioner Trombetta made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Carson, to approve the August 18, 2014, agenda.

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

3. OPEN FORUM

President Knitter asked if there was anyone who wished to address the board.

Bill Lindeman, 11 Pembroke Lane, Oak Brook, addressed the board. Mr. Lindeman said it is his personal feeling that there is always room for improvement. He said the turnaround area of the parking lot near Central Park West needs to be swept. He also wanted confirmation that the sink hole in the parking lot near the Tennis Center is going to be fixed. Ms. Kosey noted that the Village inspected the "sink hole" and determined that there was no need for repair. Mr. Lindeman said it is unbelievable that it has been allowed to remain. He said that he hopes that the dump truck purchase which is up for discussion on the meeting agenda is not being funded with money that could fix the sink hole.

Commissioner Truedson entered the meeting at 6:33 p.m.

Mr. Lindeman said it appears that one of the ball fields in the reconfiguration plans is not oriented property.

Commissioner Trombetta said that is due to the Park District's efforts to accommodate the Forest Gate subdivision.

Mr. Lindeman said he would like to have both phases of the ball field configuration plans available for public viewing.

President Knitter asked Mr. Lindeman to attribute all of his opinions and comments included in the Civic Association Newsletter to himself.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of July 21, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion: Commissioner Truedson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Trombetta, to approve the July 21, 2014, Regular Meeting Minutes.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Truedson, Trombetta, Carson and President Knitter

Nays: None

Absent: Commissioner O'Brien

5. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT ENDING July 31, 2014

Motion: Commissioner Truedson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Trombetta, to approve the Financial Statement ending July 31, 2014.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Truedson, Trombetta, Carson and President Knitter

Nays: None

Absent: Commissioner O'Brien

6. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

Approval of Warrant No. 566

Motion: Commissioner Truedson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Trombetta, to approve Warrant No. 566

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

Ayes: Commissioners Truedson, Trombetta, Carson and President Knitter

Nays: None

Absent: Commissioner O'Brien

7. COMMUNICATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

a. Board of Commissioners to share communications

Commissioner Truedson said the person who had previously contacted him regarding a broken shower in the women's locker room in the Recreation Center contacted him again to say she is very happy with the repairs.

Commissioner Carson said she has received requests that a broader variety of music be offered at the outdoor concerts.

Commissioner Trombetta said he has given a lot of thought to the lighting ordinance issue and believes that ordinance should not state "synthetic soccer field", but rather "synthetic athletic field". He said he would like to discuss this issue and come to a board consensus.

President Knitter said it had previously been decided by the board to "let sleeping dogs lie" regarding the name of the field.

Ms. Kosey said it was previously noted to the board that asking for the name of the field to be changed may open the Park District up to more problems.

Commissioner O'Brien entered the meeting at 6:47 p.m. via telephone speaker conference (the video conferencing system was out of order at the time of the meeting).

Commissioner Trombetta said asking for the field name change is completely reasonable and is critical to the future use of the field.

Commissioner Truedson said he respects Commissioner Trombetta's view, but would favor the "let sleeping dogs lie" approach to this matter. He said that to believe the ordinance only allows the use of the field for soccer is ludicrous.

Commissioner Carson agreed with Commissioner Truedson; she said it is just a name.

President Knitter said she agreed with leaving the issue alone until it was discussed this evening. She said now the field name must be clarified.

Ms. Kosey noted that soccer is currently played on ball fields with no problem.

President Knitter said the deadline for deciding on what approach to take on the field name issue is September 6th and the Park District will find out quite soon whether it will be a problem.

b. Annual Report

Ms. Kosey presented the Annual Report, a copy of which can be found in the Park District records. She commended staff on a job well done in preparing the document.

There were no questions regarding this matter.

8. STAFF RECOGNITION

- a. None

9. REPORTS:

- a. Executive Director & Marketing Department Report

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

There was discussion regarding the Personnel Policy Manual section concerning healthcare. Ms. Kosey said staff working 30 or more hours must be offered healthcare, however, dental and vision coverage is optional. She asked for direction from the board regarding this matter.

After a lengthy discussion, President Knitter directed Ms. Kosey to offer vision and dental but provide it at the same percentage as medical.

Ms. Kosey said she would update the Manual accordingly.

Commissioner O'Brien asked for a status on other possible healthcare insurance providers other than the one obtained through the Village.

Ms. Kosey said she has looked into the matter and the best option remains the insurance plan via the Village.

President Knitter suggested a trial period, for perhaps three months, of having no set number of sick days for full time employees, but rather to rely on an honor system policy of unlimited sick days. She said her own company has used this and it has reduced the number of employees who come to work while sick. President Knitter said if abuse of the policy is detected, then we can revert to the old policy. She also noted that many full time employees can perform their job responsibilities remotely.

Commissioner Trombetta agreed with this idea.

Ms. Kosey said she will discuss the issue with Ms. Strathdee and have a proposal for the board before winter.

- b. Finance & Human Resources Director

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

Ms. Strathdee noted a change in debit/credit charge service providers after it was determined that the previous servicer was overcharging the Park District.

There were no further questions or comments regarding Ms. Strathdee's report.

- c. Director of Recreation

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

There were no questions or comments regarding Mr. Thommes' report.

d. Director of Parks & Facilities

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

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

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Bid for Family Aquatic Center HVAC System

Motion: Commissioner Truedson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Trombetta, to accept the base bid only from Monaco Mechanical Service, Inc. for a not to exceed amount of \$165,000 and to reject alternates 1, 2 and 3.

President Knitter asked why staff chose this HVAC contractor. Staff said that Monaco Mechanical Service has worked in the building in the past and is familiar with the equipment.

President Knitter asked why the 40 ton condensing unit isn't being installed at the same time which could possible save money.

Ms. Kosey said staff is looking into that possibility right now, but noted that that portion of the project is not in this year's budget. She said the condensing unit is the air conditioner and staff will go out to bid for it next year in the 2015-2016 budget.

Ms. Kosey likened the project to a "Lego" project, in that other pieces can be added later.

Commissioner Truedson asked that the contractor be asked if it is more expensive to complete the project piecemeal.

Ms. Kosey said she is hoping to receive additional bids for the condensing unit part of the project.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Truedson, Trombetta, O'Brien, Carson and President Knitter

Nays: None

b. Resolution 14-0820: A Resolution for Participation in State of Illinois Federal Surplus Property Program

Motion: Commissioner Truedson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Trombetta, to approve Resolution 14-0820, A Resolution for Participation in State of Illinois Federal Surplus Property Program.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Truedson, Trombetta, O'Brien, Carson and President Knitter

Nays: None

c. Resolution 14-0818: A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Release of Minutes for Closed Meetings from January 1989 Through April 21, 2014

Motion: Commissioner Truedson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Trombetta, to approve Resolution 14-0818, A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Release of Minutes for Closed Meetings from January, 1989 Through April 21, 2014.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Truedson, Trombetta, O'Brien, Carson and President Knitter

Nays: None

- d. Ordinance 14-0819: An Ordinance Authorizing the Destruction of Verbatim Record of Certain Closed Meetings

Motion: Commissioner Truedson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Carson, to approve Ordinance No. 14-0819, An Ordinance Authorizing the Destruction of the Verbatim Record of Certain Closed Meetings.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Truedson, Trombetta, O'Brien, Carson and President Knitter

Nays: None

11. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Personnel Policy Manual Review: Sections III and IV

This issue was presented for review and discussion only.

This matter was already discussed earlier in the meeting.

- b. Purchase of Parks Maintenance Dump Truck

Clint Lauderdale presented this issue which was for discussion only.

Mr. Lauderdale said the proposed purchase of the dump truck will be through the Illinois Joint Purchasing Participation Program, which offers the best price and trade-in value possible. He also noted that the purchase will include a plow.

The board questioned the necessity of replacing the dump truck.

Mr. Lauderdale and Ms. Kosey said the dump truck is the workhorse of the Park District equipment and the current one is in need of replacement.

There were no further questions regarding this matter.

- c. Ordinance 14-0821: An Ordinance Declaring Surplus Property and Authorizing the Conveyance or Sale Thereof. (***)Requires Board Action at this Meeting.)

Motion: Commissioner Truedson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Carson, to Waive the Board's Rules to Approve, at this Meeting, Ordinance 14-0821: An Ordinance Declaring Surplus Personal Property and Authorizing the Conveyance or Sale Thereof.

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

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

Motion: Commissioner Truedson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Carson, to approve Ordinance 14-0821: An Ordinance Declaring Surplus Personal Property and Authorizing the Conveyance or Sale Thereof.

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

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

d. Aquatic Membership

Dave Thommes presented this issue which was for discussion only.

Mr. Thommes said the proposed increase to aquatic membership fees will focus primarily on non-residents fees with a smaller increase proposed for residents. He said there has not been an increase in aquatic membership fees in over two years and noted the addition of Splash Island. He said staff is currently working on the new fee schedule and he plans to present it to the board at next month's meeting.

President Knitter said she is in favor of smaller, more frequent increases because they are generally easier to accept by users instead of infrequent larger ones.

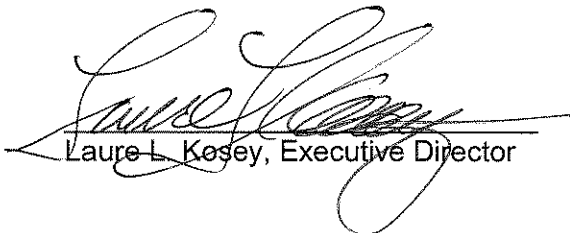
12. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: September 15, 2014, 6:30 p.m.

President Knitter announced that the next Regular Meeting of the Board will be on September 15, 2014, at 6:30 p.m.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Commissioner Truedson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Carson, to adjourn at the hour of 7:23 p.m.

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



Laure L. Kosey, Executive Director