

Oak Brook Park District

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

October 20, 2014 - 6:30 p.m.

Autumn Oaks Room

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

- a. Approval by a majority of the Commissioners present to allow Commissioner 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.

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 Truedson, Trombetta, Carson and President Knitter answered, "present". Commissioner O'Brien was 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.

- b. Approval by a majority of the Commissioners present to allow Commissioner 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 Truedson, 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 Truedson, Trombetta, Carson, and President Knitter

Absent: Commissioner O'Brien

2. APPROVAL OF October 20, 2014 AGENDA

Motion: Commissioner Carson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Truedson, to approve the October 20, 2014 agenda.

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

3. OPEN FORUM

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

Bill Lindeman, 11 Pembroke Lane, Oak Brook, addressed the board with various concerns and comments. He said he does not want Open Forum to be just comment only, but rather a question and answer format between the board and the addressee. He said he is disappointed that Commissioners Truedson and O'Brien were not at the meeting last month during Open Forum because the meeting is not recorded. Mr. Lindeman said the Tennis Center's proprietary funds status

must be stopped. Mr. Lindeman also said he does not like that Commissioner O'Brien continues to attend the meetings via video conferencing. Mr. Lindeman said the parking lots need new striping noting that the 5K Run arrows are more prominent than the lot markings. He also said the bike path on the south side of Forest Glen needs attention and would like the work to be expedited. Mr. Lindeman said he would like to see the fence near the soccer fields to be double corded. He said currently the soccer balls go straight through the bottom half of the fence. He said you want rabbits to be able to get through, but not soccer balls. Mr. Lindeman said he would like tacky temporary event signage at the Forest Gate entrance eliminated or at least only posted a day or two before an event. Mr. Lindeman said it is unconscionable for the Park District to charge children \$5.00 for the preview of the Haunted Forest maze. Mr. Lindeman also said that the outdoor facilities near the Shelter, such as the basketball courts, should only be available to residents. Mr. Lindeman said that speed bumps should be removed as they will destroy Park District equipment. Mr. Lindeman said that the Park District should stop wasting funds trying to obtain the Gold Medal Parks Award and noted that it would also stop the embarrassment of being a possible three time loser. Mr. Lindeman said that there should be dog waste bags made available throughout the parks noting that all of the Gold Medal winners offered these dog waste bags.

Mr. Lindeman's five minute allotted time was up and President Knitter thanked him for his comments.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Approval of September 15, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion: Commissioner Trombetta made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Truedson, to approve the September 15, 2014, regular meeting minutes.

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

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

5. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT ENDING September 30, 2014

Motion: Commissioner O'Brien made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Truedson, to approve the financial statement ending September 30, 2014.

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

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

6. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

a. Approval of Warrant No. 568

Motion: Commissioner Trombetta made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Truedson, to approve warrant 568.

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

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

7. COMMUNICATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

a. Board of Commissioners to share communications

President Knitter asked the commissioners whether they had communications to share.

Commissioner Carson suggested to Mr. Lindeman that he submit all of his suggestions and comments directly to the Executive Director, Ms. Laure Kosey. She said these matters are for the staff to handle, not the board.

President Knitter said she spoke with Susan Black, a judge of the Gold Medal Award who stated that all three finalists, which included Oak Brook Park District, are exceptional and that the goal is not just winning the award, but to become a better Park District in the process for which President Knitter firmly agreed. She said the steps taken in the process improve the Park District and this is why we participate in the process - to become a truly top notch Park District.

8. STAFF RECOGNITION

a. Kennen Hootman, Personal Trainer. Kennen received the 2014 Suburban Life Readers' Choice Award for Best Personal Trainer.

President Knitter introduced Mr. Hootman to the board and announced that he recently received the 2014 Suburban Life Readers' Choice Award for Best Personal Trainer. Mr. Dave Thommes provided an overview of Mr. Hootman's duties, and noted that he beat out 30 other trainers for this award. The board congratulated Mr. Hootman for this great honor. A picture was taken.

9. REPORTS:

a. Executive Director & Marketing Department Report

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

Mr. Kosey said that the Park District has teamed up with other area Park Districts to shop each other rather than paying \$100 per shop through a professional firm. She said this program has proved very successful and has saved the Park District quite a bit of money in the process. The board commended staff for developing this alternative secret shopping program.

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

b. Finance & Human Resources Director

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

Ms. Strathdee offered a brief review of the recent audit report.

President Knitter asked in regard to the budget, when can needed projects, such as locker room improvements, be considered.

Ms. Kosey said February is generally the time when those types of projects can be done.

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.

Commissioner Trombetta asked why is the Tennis Center doing so well.

Mr. Thommes said that much of the recent financial success of the Tennis Center is due to Mr. Pop's programming and that Mr. Pop has proved to be a valuable asset to the Park District.

President Knitter suggested offering a golf program for kids and seniors that could be conducted at the Park District.

Mr. Thommes said he received President Knitter's email regarding this suggestion this morning and already has staff investigating the idea.

There were no further 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.

Commissioner Trombetta asked if a new couch has been ordered for the lobby.

Ms. Kosey said not yet, but that it will be replaced in the next couple of weeks and that it will most likely be purchased at Costco.

Commissioner Trombetta said it needs to be done as soon as possible as the current one is torn and looks terrible.

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

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Approval of the Oak Brook Park District Personnel Policy Manual

Motion: Commissioner O'Brien made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Carson, to approve the new and revised Oak Brook Park District Personnel Policy Manual as presented, to be effective January 1, 2015.

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

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

b. Market Based Salary Range Adjustments

Motion: Commissioner Carson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner O'Brien, to approve the market-based salary range adjustments as presented.

Commissioner Trombetta noted that there is no comparison data between this year and last year's data available for review.

Ms. Kosey said that this only pertains to just a shift in the salary ranges, not to any particular salary increase for certain staff members.

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

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

Nays: None

11. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Resolution 14-1117: A Resolution Approving an Addendum to an Agreement Between The Oak Brook Park District and Advanced Disposal Services Solid Waste Midwest, Inc. For Refuse and Recyclable Collection Services

This issue was presented for review and discussion only.

Mr. Lauderdale said that Advanced Disposal Services Solid Waste Midwest, Inc. does an excellent job and recommended that the Park District keep their services for refuse and recyclable collection services.

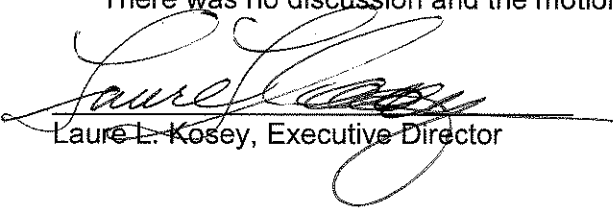
12. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: November 17, 2014, 6:30 p.m.

President Knitter announced that the next Regular meeting of the board will be on November 17, 2014, at 6:30 p.m.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Commissioner Trombetta made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Carson, to adjourn at the hour of 6:56 p.m.

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


Laure L. Kosey, Executive Director