

Oak Brook Park District

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

September 15, 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 6:36 p.m. in the Family Recreation Center, Room 1/Autumn Oaks Room. Commissioners Trombetta, Carson and President Knitter answered, "present". Commissioner Truedson and O'Brien were absent. Also present were Laure Kosey, Executive Director, Nancy Strathdee, Director of Finance & Human Resources; Dave Thommes, Director of Recreation, and Clint Lauderdale, Director of Parks and Facilities.

2. APPROVAL OF September 15, 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.

John Gizowski, 805 Beach Avenue, La Grange Park, addressed the board with his concerns about some problems he has encountered over the past eight months at the Aquatic Center. He said he has had several altercations with staff including being asked to leave the swim lane 15 minutes before a scheduled reserved time for a class. He said he suggested to staff that sawhorses or a white board be positioned in front of swim lanes indicating reserve times or perhaps a lobby monitor be used to show pool congestion. He said staff said each of his suggestions were not possible. Mr. Gizowski also said he was assaulted three weeks ago by a swim instructor while he was swimming in a lane. He said he was swimming in the lane at 6:50 p.m. and suddenly ran into a group of women. He was told by the swim instructor to leave the lane because it was reserved for the class. Mr. Gizowski said the class was not to start until 7:00 p.m. Mr. Gizowski told the instructor that she should have tapped him on the shoulder to ask him to leave. Mr. Gizowski said the incident ended with the swim instructor pulling the tether rope across his face as he swam away. Mr. Gizowski also noted several other problems including pool users leaving their clothes on the pool deck, another pool user punching him in the nose after having jumped into his lane while he was swimming, and a staff member using foul language in front of 10 and 12 year old boys that the staff member had brought into the adult locker room. Mr. Gizowski said he has been a member at the Park District facilities since 1998 and chose to remain a member even after suffering health problems which had him referred to a Loyola Hospital's fitness center. He said something needs to be done to correct these problems.

President Knitter thanked Mr. Gizowski for discussing these incidents with the board.

Bill Lindeman, 11 Pembroke Lane, Oak Brook, addressed the board. Mr. Lindeman said he sympathizes with the comments made by Mr. Gizowski and said the Park District sometimes over protects its staff members.

Mr. Lindeman suggested that the enterprise fund for the Tennis Center be eliminated so that funds are more evenly disbursed. He said currently one end of Central Park, specifically the ice rink is being turned into a ghetto while the Tennis Center is being turned into a Taj Mahal. He said eliminating the enterprise fund would equalize tax costs.

Mr. Lindeman also said that the Park District has spent more time distributing information to the community about its efforts in obtaining the Gold Medal Award instead of the planned ball field reconfiguration project. Mr. Lindeman said it is not a good idea to rely on bond and grant funding for projects such as the ball field reconfiguration. He also noted that Little League and other youth ball clubs do not allow the use of 40 foot field lights.

President Knitter noted that the Park District has held a community meeting regarding the ball field reconfiguration project.

Commission Truedson entered the meeting at 6:56 p.m.

There was no one else who wished to address the board, and President Knitter closed Open Forum.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Approval of August 18, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion: Commissioner Trombetta made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Carson, to approve the August 18, 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 August 31, 2014

Motion: Commissioner Trombetta made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Truedson, to approve the Financial Statement ending August 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

a. Approval of Warrant No. 567

Motion: Commissioner Truedson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Trombetta, to approve Warrant No. 567

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

President Knitter thanked Mr. Lindeman for attributing his comments made at last month's Park District meeting to himself when he included them in the Civic Association Newsletter.

There were no other comments shared.

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 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.

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

Ms. Strathdee noted that she and Linda Noonan will be meeting with a vender for a time and attendance system which will allow the Park District to meet all the requirements for the Affordable Health Care Act.

c. Director of Recreation

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

Mr. Thommes said a new preschool run event will be held this week. He invited the board to attend.

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.

Mr. Lauderdale reviewed all of the improvements recently made at the Tennis Center and throughout the Park District facilities.

Commissioner Truedson noted a Groupon promotion that was held last year and asked staff to see if any of the memberships obtained through it had been renewed. He said if it proved successful, the promotion could be offered at the Tennis Center and other areas.

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

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Purchase of Parks Department Maintenance Dump Truck

Motion: Commissioner Truedson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Trombetta, to accept the joint purchase contract with Bob Ridings, Inc. for a heavy duty dump truck, and to approve an agreement between the Oak Brook Park District and Bob Ridings, Inc. for the cost stated above.

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

b. Aquatic Membership

Motion: Commissioner Truedson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Trombetta, to approve the aquatic membership fee increase as presented to the board, with rates to be effective January 1, 2015.

Commissioner Carson said she liked the proposed percentages which she said seem to be reasonable.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Truedson, Trombetta, Carson and President Knitter

Nays: None

Absent: Commissioner O'Brien

11. NEW BUSINESS

a. Personnel Policy Manual Review: Sections V, VI, VII and VIII

This issue was presented for review and discussion only.

The board discussed the inconsistencies in the "telephone in cars" portion of the policy.

Commissioner Truedson said stronger and more definitive language must be used in this policy.

Ms. Kosey said staff will make the necessary corrections.

b. Market Based Salary Range Adjustments

Ms. Strathdee presented this issue which was presented for review and discussion only.

Ms. Strathdee said a 1.5% increase in salary ranges over the next three years must be made to be consistent with the salary survey recommendations. She said it would be a waste of money already spent if the Park District were not to follow this increase that was advised per the survey .

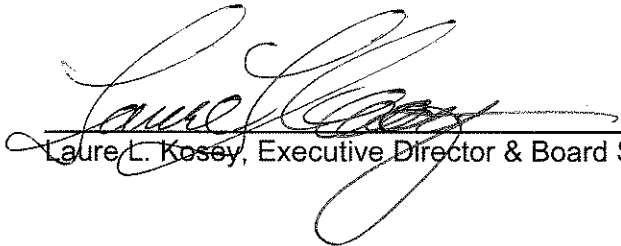
12. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: October 20, 2014, 6:30 p.m.

President Knitter announced that the next Regular Meeting of the Board will be on October 20, 2014, at 6:30 p.m.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Commissioner Trombetta made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Carson, to adjourn at the hour of 7:13 p.m.

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



Laure L. Kosey, Executive Director & Board Secretary