



# Oak Brook Park District

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**MINUTES OF COMMUNITY INPUT MEETING  
AND SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE  
OAK BROOK PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
May 19, 2014 6:00 p.m.**

NOTICE WAS GIVEN that the Oak Brook Park District would conduct a Community Input Meeting for the review of the conceptual drawings for the Central Park Improvements on Monday, May 19, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. at the Oak Brook Park District Family Recreation Center, Canterbury Room, 1450 Forest Gate Road, Oak Brook, Illinois. The Notice also provided that a quorum of Park District Commissioners may also be in attendance at the Community Input Meeting at some point during such Meeting, and if so, a Special Meeting of the Oak Brook Park District Board of Commissioners would be called to order to meet the requirements of the Open Meetings Act. The Special Board Meeting was formally called to order at 6:22 p.m. when Commissioner Sharon Knitter arrived. Commissioners Carson and Truedson were in attendance since 6:00 p.m.

The community input meeting commenced at 6:00 p.m. in the Canterbury Room of the Family Recreation Center. Keven Graham and Darryl Garrison of Planning Resources, Inc., the park district's consultants, began the discussion by reviewing the first community input meeting held on April 10, 2014.

Keven Graham stated that the major concerns received from attendees at the April meeting were due to the limited parking which is nearing capacity, as well as concerns for the concession stand, and ball field lights.

Planning Resources displayed three presentation boards featuring the existing park amenities, a board showing both phase 1 and 2 of the improvements plan, and the third board featuring phase 1 in color.

Phase 1 projects will be submitted for an Illinois Department of Natural Resources Open Space Development and Land Acquisition (OSLAD) Grant. The proposed amenities for Phase 1 include:

- Three improved ball fields linked together with paths to form a "sports core"
- Synthetic Turf on the infield of Field 1
- Expanded parking, east of the ball fields
- Approximately ½ mile of a walking path loop around the ball fields
- Two of the four fitness stations located along the walking path
- Creative Play Area
- Youth Archery Range

Future projects projected for Phase 2 include:

- Two additional fitness stations
- Additional parking, west of the ball fields
- Relocated batting cages and storage building
- Pickle Ball court
- Low level challenge course
- Octagon shaped building in the center of the sports core which would include restrooms, a concession stand and picnic areas
- Ball field lights

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

Sharon Knitter called the meeting to order at 6:22 p.m. Commissioners Truedson, Carson and Knitter answered "present." Also present were Laure Kosey, Executive Director; Nancy Strathdee, Director of Finance and HR; Dave Thommes, Director of Recreation; Clint Lauderdale, Director of Parks and Facilities; and Christopher Piasecki, Athletic and Recreation Manager. In addition, William Lindeman and Marcos Lopez, residents of Oak Brook, were also in attendance.

2) APPROVAL OF AGENDA OF SPECIAL MEETING ON MAY 19, 2014

Commissioner Tom Truedson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kathy Carson, to approve the May 19, 2014 Special Meeting Agenda. There was no discussion and the motion passed by voice vote.

3) NEW BUSINESS

- i) Review of conceptual plans created by Planning Resources, Inc. for Central Park Improvements, including pertinent comments by the public and/or the Commissioners.

Planning Resources, Inc. continued with their presentation of the conceptual designs of Phase 1 and Phase 2. It was noted that Phase 1 would be submitted for an OSLAD grant this year, followed by Phase 2 in 2015.

The maximum OSLAD grant that may be received from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources is \$400,000. Phase 1 costs are estimated to be around one million dollars; Commissioner Knitter noted that this would mean the park district would need to fundraise for the remaining \$600,000.

Resident William Lindeman questioned the drainage improvements being considered for the ball fields. The consultants answered that the drainage issues would be addressed.

Resident Lindeman questioned if the parking lots could be removed from the project or the location moved. The consultants explained that the Board of Commissioners can adjust the location, quantity, and size of elements by requesting a change from the grant administrators.

4) ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Truedson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Carson to adjourn the Special Meeting of the Board of Commissioners at 6:32 p.m.

No additional discussion was held and the motion passed by voice vote. The commissioners and staff proceeded to the Autumn Oaks Room to commence the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners.

The Community Input meeting continued so that residents could obtain additional information.



Laure Kosey, Executive Director

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