

Oak Brook Park District

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MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE OAK BROOK PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Notice was given that a special meeting of the Oak Brook Park District Board of Commissioners would be held on Thursday, November 20, 2014, 9:30 a.m. at the Oak Brook Park District Family Recreation Center, Canterbury Room, 1450 Forest Gate Road, Oak Brook, Illinois, 60523 for the purpose of conducting a strategic planning workshop.

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

President Knitter called the meeting at 9:32 a.m. Commissioners Trombetta, Carson and Knitter answered present. Commissioners Truedson and O'Brien were absent. Also present were Laure Kosey, Executive Director; Nancy Strathdee, Director of Finance and HR; Dave Thommes, Director of Recreation; and Clint Lauderdale, Director of Parks and Planning, as well as other park district staff representing all the departments of the park district.

2) APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING OF NOVEMBER 20, 2014

Motion: Commissioner Trombetta made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Carson, to approve the November 20, 2014 Special Meeting Agenda.

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

Ayes: Trombetta, Carson, Knitter

Nays: None

Absent: Truedson, O'Brien

3) OPEN FORUM

President Knitter asked if there was anyone that wished to address the board. No one from the public was in attendance to address the board. President Knitter closed open forum.



We strive to provide
the *very best* in
park and recreational
opportunities, facilities and
open lands for our community.

4) COMMUNICATIONS

a) Board of Commissioners to share communications

President Knitter stated that she has been looking forward for everyone to work together to develop the future strategic plan of the Oak Brook Park District. President Knitter invited staff to truly participate in the planning and to offer suggestions for the benefit of the park district. President Knitter then turned the meeting over to Executive Director Kosey.

5) NEW BUSINESS

a) Strategic Planning Workshop

Ms. Kosey conducted the strategic planning workshop. She noted the prior plan was derived in 2010.

Ms. Kosey reviewed the 2010 Strategic Plan and identified the strategic plans goals that had been accomplished.

It was noted that the park district had received numerous awards for the Tennis Center, Aquatic Center and Family Recreation Center facilities. In October 2014, the Oak Brook Park District was a finalist for the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) Gold Medal Award.

Ms. Kosey noted that the application process for the NRPA Gold Medal helps us to become a better park district. In addition, on the state level, we are applying for the Illinois Distinguished Park and Recreation "Accreditation" Program.

The park district has conducted a community survey which was mailed to all community households. The respondents gave favorable ratings for the current program offerings, especially in Pioneer, preschool and special event programming.

Residents requested an increase in programming for youth athletics, adult health and wellness programs, adult art and cultural programs, better childcare, and an increase to the indoor exercise space.

Other recreational improvements requested previously by residents are: outdoor fitness stations, reconfiguration of the ball fields, baggo and bocce courts, improvements to site circulation and parking, a soccer field and ball field overlay, family locker rooms, increasing front desk security, a renovation of the aquatics center which would add a competitive lap pool.

Commissioners and park district staff were divided into groups to discuss ideas for the future of the park district.

Utilizing ideas garnered from the workshop, a draft of the new strategic plan would be presented at the December 15, 2014 regularly scheduled Board Meeting.

6) ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Commissioner Trombetta made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Carson to adjourn the meeting at 11:41 a.m.

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

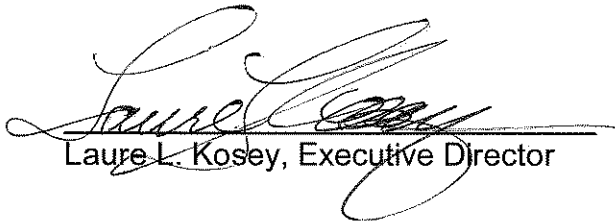
Ayes: Trombetta, Carson, Knitter

Nays: None

Absent: Truedson, O'Brien

7) NEXT REGULAR MEETING DECEMBER 15, 2014

Commissioner Knitter announced the date and time of the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners on December 15, 2014, 6:30 p.m. at the Family Recreation Center, Autumn Oaks Room.



Laure L. Kosey, Executive Director

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