



**OFFICIAL MINUTES
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL PARK BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 7, 2011**

The Oswegoland Park District Board of Park Commissioners met on the above date at Prairie Point Center, 313 E. Washington Street, Oswego, Illinois.

Convening the Meeting

President Bob Mattingly called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance the Secretary called the roll. Commissioners Ebersole, Krase, Mattingly, and White were physically present.

Commissioners Wass was absent.

Staff in attendance included: Bill McAdam, Cindy Benson, Grant Casleton, Mike Fee, and Tom Betsinger.

Park Tour

The Park tour began by visiting the future site for a maintenance facility at Grande Park. This property was donated by the developer. No plans for this site have been started.

The tour then went to Timberwood Park. This is one of the four neighborhood parks in Grande Park. This property was also donated by the developer who, along with the District's assistance, built the park and then turned the park over to the District.

As the tour headed to the Stewart House, Bill McAdam pointed out the Ridge Road bridge that the District owns that connects the park site to the school site at Grande Park.

Upon arriving at the Stewart House, McAdam pointed out the area where Dave Margolis has set up greenhouses. In addition, McAdam highlighted the water tower that the District's Operations Department was able to rebuild, as well as the new roof on the house and garage. McAdam shared that one of the barns is in bad shape and is not used, but the other barn is used by the Operations Department for equipment storage. Most of the contents of the house were donated to the Oswegoland Heritage Association with the agreement some of Margaret Stewart's artwork will remain on display at the house.

The tour then included Silverleaf Park, located in the northeastern corner of Grande Park. This is another of the four neighborhood parks. McAdam shared that all four neighborhood parks connect to a corridor that connects to the main community park.

The tour then went to the Community Park at Grande Park. This park is 150 acres and includes a sledding hill, tennis courts, basketball courts, cricket pitch, football fields, and sand volleyball. McAdam noted that the District owns this park with the exception of the clubhouse and pool that is owned by the homeowner's association. The District has planted over 100 trees, and Grant Casleton indicated a large

shelter is planned for this site. McAdam shared that this is a heavily used park overall, as well as used for soccer and football. Tom Betsinger added that about 1,000 kids participate in OYTF (Oswego Youth Tackle Football) at this park. The two football fields were constructed with grant funding.

While touring Whispering Woods Park in Grande Park, McAdam noted this was the first of the four neighborhood parks to be built. McAdam also confirmed that the District does maintain the pond on this property.

The tour then went to the Churchill Club park site. McAdam informed Commissioners that the District does not yet own this site. This site includes a pond, sand volleyball, tennis courts, and basketball courts. The District will be allowed shared use of the parking lot. Commissioner Mattingly suggested adding trees on the north and south side of the tennis courts once the District takes ownership.

The tour then went to Townsend Park in the Prescott Mill subdivision. This is the District's newest park that includes a poured-in-place surface and is handicap accessible. Casleton shared that the total cost for this project was \$343,000, but the District will be receiving \$154,000 in grant money, and \$115,000 - \$120,000 from the Fox Valley Special Recreation Fund. McAdam shared that the District is still receiving land cash from this developer. McAdam also pointed out the new shelter that was constructed, the two half-court basketball courts, soccer goals, and the skateboard elements added along the path. McAdam also confirmed that the District is not responsible for the pond on this property.

The tour then included a visit to Northampton Park. Casleton shared that this park is included on the 2012 project list for renovation. The current playground was constructed in 1991. In addition, the pea gravel surfacing currently used at this park does not meet ADA standards.

Next, the tour went along the Northampton Greenway. Mike Fee added that a burn is planned here for this fall.

The last park site tour was a visit to Wormley Heritage Park. This property was donated to the District by Myron Wormley.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m. following a motion made by Commissioner Ebersole and seconded by Commissioner Kruse.

Roll Call:	Ayes	Commissioners Ebersole, Kruse, Mattingly, and White
	Nays	0
	Abstain	0
	Absent	Commissioners Wass

Approved:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cindy Benson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "C".

Cindy Benson
Board Secretary
November 17, 2011