



**OFFICIAL MINUTES
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
EXECUTIVE SESSION
FEBRUARY 18, 2016**

The Oswegoland Park District Board of Park Commissioners met in Closed Session on the above date at South Point, 810 Preston Lane, Oswego, Illinois.

CONVENING THE MEETING

President Krahn called the meeting to order at 6:22 p.m.

Commissioners Behrens, Krahn, and Mattingly registered their physical presence by stating their name. Commissioners McCallough and Tartol were absent.

Staff attending the meeting stated their name and position as follows: Rich Zielke, Executive Director and Cindy Benson, Executive Assistant.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board approved minutes of the Executive Session meeting held on January 21, 2016, following a motion made by Commissioner Behrens. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mattingly.

Roll Call:	Ayes	Commissioners Behrens, Mattingly, and Krahn
	Nays	0
	Abstain	0
	Absent	Commissioners McCallough and Tartol

LAND ACQUISITION – The purpose or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5) of the Open Meetings Act

1620 Route 25, Oswego

Zielke shared that he was contacted by Caton Commercial Realty Group inquiring about the District’s interest in this 6.5 acres parcel that is across the street from Violet Patch Park, adjacent to the disc golf course and across the railroad tracks from the Civic Center. This parcel is listed for \$300,000.

After discussion, those present agreed that acquiring this parcel would not provide any recreational value due to its terrain and the Board would rather seek out flatter parcels of land that offer more park and recreational opportunities.

Zielke will contact the agent and respectfully decline any interest by the District, but will however suggest the agent contact the Forest Preserve District to see if they would have any interest.

Lot 51 Winding Waters of Mill Race Creek, Village of Oswego (Conservation & Draining Easement)

The District has had several conversations regarding this land owned by the Mill Race Creek HOA, located by the Waubonsie Wetland, dating back to May 2009. However, nothing formal materialized. Zielke shared he met with Chuck Shurman, Board President for the Winding Waters Condominium Association, and Ellen Donovan, from Advocate Property Management regarding this property. The HOA would like the District to consider purchasing or entering into a long-term lease, at a nominal fee, for this property. Members present did not see any recreational value to taking on this property, but agreed to table the discussion until a future meeting when all five Commissioners could be present.

ADJOURN TO OPEN SESSION

The meeting adjourned to Open Session at 6:36 p.m. following a motion made by Commissioner Mattingly and seconded by Commissioner Behrens.

Roll Call:	Ayes	Commissioners Mattingly, Behrens, and Krahn
	Nays	0
	Abstain	0
	Absent	Commissioners McCallough and Tartol

Approval



Cindy Benson, Board Secretary
March 17, 2016



**OFFICIAL MINUTES
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
EXECUTIVE SESSION
MARCH 17, 2016**

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

CONVENING THE MEETING

President Krahn called the meeting to order at 6:14 p.m.

Commissioners Krahn, Mattingly, McCallough, and Tartol registered their physical presence by stating their name. Commissioner Behrens was absent.

Staff attending the meeting stated their name and position as follows: Rich Zielke, Executive Director, and Cindy Benson, Executive Assistant.

Derke Price, Legal Counsel, was also in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Mattingly made a motion to approve the Closed Session minutes from the regular meeting on February 18, 2016 and the Closed Session minutes from the special meeting on February 22, 2016. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tartol.

Roll Call:	Ayes	Commissioners Mattingly, Tartol, Krahn, and McCallough
	Nays	0
	Abstain	0
	Absent	Commissioner Behrens

REVIEW OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES – The review of Closed Session minutes for the purpose s of approval by the body of the minutes and/or semi-annual review of the minutes, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21) of the Open Meetings Act

Based upon review and recommendation by the District’s legal counsel, Zielke recommended to the Board that all Closed Session minutes shall remain closed as sufficient reasons exist to keep these minutes confidential at this time.

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Zielke shared that Mike Fee does not see acquiring this property as having much impact on the District if the Board elects this option. Price recommends that if the Board chooses to take on this property, that they should have the property deeded to the District and not consider any lease options. Zielke confirmed that that HOA must have 75% of its members in favor of deeding the property to the District before this can take place.

The Board also discussed the need to re-establish the property line. The Board believes the HOA should cover all costs associated with doing so, including legal costs, survey, and contract costs.

After further discussion, the consensus of the Board was to give Zielke authority to move forward with contacting the HOA to let them know we would be interested in this property if they were willing to deed it to us. The next step would be to have a donation agreement created for review.

ADJOURN TO OPEN SESSION

The meeting adjourned to Open Session at 6:22 p.m. following a motion made by Commissioner Tartol and seconded by Commissioner Mattingly.

Roll Call:	Ayes	Commissioners Tartol, Mattingly, Behrens, Krahn, and McCallough
	Nays	0
	Abstain	0
	Absent	Commissioner Behrens

Approval



Cindy Benson, Board Secretary
April 21, 2016