



**OFFICIAL MINUTES  
OSWEGOLAND PARK DISTRICT  
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS  
FEBRUARY 15, 2018**

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

**CONVENING THE MEETING**

President Krahn called regular Park Board meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Michelle McCallough, the Secretary called the roll. Commissioners Behrens, Krahn, McCallough, and Tartol were physically present. Commissioners Ijams absent.

Staff in attendance included: Rich Zielke, Cindy Benson, Nancy Zenner, Tom Betsinger, Chad Feldotto, Grant Casleton, Cheryl Keilson, Krista Casanovas, Donna Para, Carolyn Murray, Brad Doyle, Laura Finch, Kristie Vest, and Clint Meyer.

Mark Heinle, Legal Counsel was in attendance.

Cathi Mundsinger (representative of the Oswegoland Heritage Association) was in attendance. Other guests in attendance included: John Brodemus, Mary Carney, Frank Carney, Maria Helgeson, Roseaf Sharon DeVos, and Nancy Kecel.

**Announcements and Changes to the Agenda**

None

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**Recognition of Visitors**

Frank Carney addressed the Board regarding the Pfund Park situation. Carney shared that the neighboring residents continue to attend meetings within in the community to resolve the issues with the Pfund property. Carney distributed a notarized letter from Jack Pfund's nephew, Bill Swab, dated January 28, 2018. This letter stated that "Jack mentioned that when he passed he wanted his old property to become a city park, so that people could enjoy the creek and the little lake, walking, picnicking and taking in the beauty he enjoyed since 1939 when his father Ernest and mother Amanda Pfund bought the land." The letter continued to read that "he glanced over the land and said that when he goes he was going to leave to land to the town so they can build a city park and name it after him. Since the city got the land free of charge, the least they can do is honor Jacks last wishes. I implore you to let the park come to fruition so the legacy of the man can go on the way he wished." Carney concluded that he, along with the neighbors, wants this property returned to a park.

Mary Carney shared that when attending the Village's Board meeting, the Village shared that the Park District does not want this property back. President Krahn responded that the Park District's position regarding this property has not changed and that the District would take this property back. Carney continued to say that a member of the Planning & Zoning Commission suggested all parties coming up with a compromise. Carney shared that her and her husband would be willing to donate some of their property for a bike path.

John Brodemus proposed turning this property into a prairie. Brodemus encouraged all parties to think outside the box.

Roseaf Sharon DeVos asked if she could make two requests of the Park Board. One request was for the Board to provide a document stating that the Park District would be willing to take this property back, and/or that the Park Board would be represented at a Village Board meeting to state the same. President Krahn commented that the Board will refer to legal. The second request DeVos had was for the Park Board to add a bike/walking path access on this property.

President Krahn restated that the Park District is not blocking this and will take the property back if the Township no longer wants it.

Bob Ijams arrived at 5:39 p.m.

Mary Carney again addressed the Board inquiring whether or not the notarized letter from Bill Swab will have any bearing on ensuring Jack Pfund's wishes are granted. President Krahn shared he would have legal look at the letter.

President Krahn thanked the visitors for their comments regarding this property. Mary Carney, Frank Carney, Maria Helgeson, Roseaf Sharon DeVos, and Nancy Kecel left the meeting at 5:41 p.m.

### **Written Correspondence**

The District received a letter from the Illinois Association of Park Districts (IAPD) congratulating the District on attaining the Distinguished Accreditation status.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

President Krahn listed items on the Consent Agenda as follows:

- Approval of minutes of the regular Board meeting on January 25, 2018.
- Acceptance of the Treasurer's report as of January 31, 2018.
- Approval of Payables for the period of January 26, 2018 – February 15, 2018 in the amount of \$209,159.25

Commissioner Ijams made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McCallough.

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

### **BOARD BUSINESS**

**President's Report** (shared by Board President Dave Krahn)  
None

**Commissioner Comments**  
None

### **STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Executive Director Report** (shared by Rich Zielke)

- Thank you to all staff for executing an effective and efficient communication plan regarding the impending snowfall last Friday and through last weekend.
- Congratulations to our "A Step Above Dance Company" on their first competition. Dream received silver and 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the ages 9-11 jazz category. Believe received silver and Inspire received silver, a high score award and a special emotional execution award. Dance Company's next competition will take place at the end of this month in Elgin.
- Thank you to Carolyn Murray and Laura Finch for working together to host an Oswegoland Park District Job Fair at the Civic Center on March 24. Kid's Connection, Early Childhood, Athletics, Aquatics, Dance, Operations, Gymanstics and Customer Service will all be represented.
- Limelight's next performance is "Don't Drink the Water" and will take place on February 23 (Friday) and February 24 (Saturday) with performances each night at 7:00 pm at the Little White School Museum.
- Attended the Legislative Breakfast, hosted by Fox Valley Special Recreation Association. It was a great opportunity to have conversations with state legislatures and hear about what is happening in Springfield.

**Finance Director Report** (shared by Nancy Zenner)

- COW Meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, March 1 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the 2017 Budget Actuals and 2018 First Quarter Budget Numbers.

**Written Staff Reports**

- No comments

**Fox Bend Report** (shared by Brad Doyle)

- Carts are back and ready for when the weather breaks
- Bridge is scheduled to go in on February 16, 2018
- Continuing to work on booking permanent tee times and outings

**Fox Valley Special Recreation Association Report** (shared by Rich Zielke)

- FVSRA's next meeting is scheduled for February 27
- Starting to work on marketing for the annual BBQ Dinner & Basket Raffle

**Foundation Report** (shared by Chad Feldotto)

- Next meeting is February 19 at 6:00 p.m.
- Foundation Dinner is scheduled for May 21
- Working on plans for this year's PrairieFest Grand Prix

**Little White School Museum Report** (shared by Cathi Mundsinger, Oswegoland Heritage Association)

- The Heritage Association is continuing to work on their Master Plan and exhibit plan to begin implementing next year.
- "The History of the Burlington Fox River Branch" program will be held at 1:30 pm on February 17.
- The museum is hosting two adult groups on February 23 & 27 from SEASPAR (South East Association for Special Parks & Recreation).
- The Heritage Association's next meeting is this evening, Thursday, February 22, at 7:30 p.m.

**ACTION ITEMS**

Commissioner McCallough a motion to award a contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, J&S Construction Sewer & Water, Inc., for the base bid total of \$23,587.00 plus the Alternate for \$8,000.00 for a Contract Total of \$31,587.00 for the Prairie Point Community Park Detention Basin Reconstruction. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tartol.

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

Commissioner Ijams a motion to award a contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Patriot Pavement Maintenance, for the base bid total of \$20,421.00 plus Alternate 1 for \$800.00 and Alternate 2 for \$1,550.00 for a Contract Total of \$22,771.00 for the 2018 Trail and Parking Lot Sealcoating project. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McCallough.

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

Commissioner Behrens a motion to approve a License Agreement with DG Concepts. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tartol.

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

Preschool Department Presentation

Cheryl Keilson, Superintendent of Early Childhood, and Krista Casanovas, Preschool Coordinator, provided a presentation on the District's "As We Grow" preschool program.

Leadership Team Presentation

Zielke introduced the Leadership Team members: Cindy Benson, Tom Betsinger, Laura Finch, Chad Feldotto, Clint Meyer, Kristie Vest, Nancy Zenner, and Rich Zielke. The Leadership Team presented the Board with their recommendation for the District's Purpose and Value. Leadership Team plans to ask for Board approval on both the Purpose Statement and Values at the March 15 Board meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Following a motion made by Commissioner Behrens and seconded by Commissioner Ijams, the meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 6:28 p.m. for the following reason(s):

- The purchase 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

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

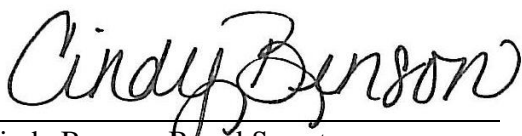
**RECONVENE FOR ACTION ON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The meeting was reconvened at 7:31 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m. following a motion made by Commissioner Behrens and seconded by Commissioner Tartol.

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



Cindy Benson, Board Secretary

March 1, 2018