



**OFFICIAL MINUTES  
OSWEGOLAND PARK DISTRICT  
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS  
NOVEMBER 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 PUBLIC HEARING**

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Chad Feldotto, the Secretary called the roll. Commissioners Ijams, Krahn, and Tartol were physically present. Commissioners Behrens and McCallough were absent.

Commissioner Behrens and Clint Meyer arrived at 5:32 pm.

President Krahn opened the Public Truth in Taxation Hearing at 5:32 pm on the proposed Property Tax Levy increase for the Oswegoland Park District for 2018, to be collected in 2019. Commissioners Behrens, Ijams, Krahn, and Tartol were physically present. Commissioner McCallough was absent. Staff in attendance included: Rich Zielke, Cindy Benson, Tina Ward, Chad Feldotto, Tom Betsinger, Laura Finch, Kristie Vest, and Cori Veverka. Also in attendance was Guest Don Morrone; Lyle Rolfe, reporter; and Mark Heinle, Legal Counsel.

**EXPLANATION OF PROPOSED TAX LEVY**

President Krahn asked Zielke to provide an explanation of the proposed tax levy. Zielke shared that at the Committee of the Whole meeting on Thursday, October 4, 2018, staff provided the Board with estimates and various documents to assist in the discussion of the 2018 property tax levy. The documents included estimates of the EAV, proposed rates and amounts to be levied, each with a sample tax bill reflecting the potential effect. Additional discussions took place at the Committee of the Whole meeting on Thursday, November 1, 2018. Following these discussions, the Board expressed their decision to levy an amount of dollars that would exceed, by more than 105 percent of the amount, which has been extended or estimated the preceding levy year. The proposed levy represents a 9.00% increase over the previous year's property taxes extended for corporate and special purpose, a 0.14% increase over the previous year's property taxes extended for debt service, and a combined total property tax levy representing an 7.11% increase over the previous year's extension.

**RECEIPT OF PUBLIC COMMENT**

President Krahn asked for comments from Commissioners. Hearing none, Krahn then asked Benson to read any written testimony, if any such testimony was received, regarding the proposed property tax levy. Benson shared that no such written testimony was received. Krahn asked if anyone else would like to present oral testimony regarding the proposed tax levy. Hearing none, Krahn shared that everyone had been given an opportunity to present written or oral testimony concerning the proposed Property Tax Levy.

**CLOSING THE PUBLIC TRUTH IN TAXATION HEARING**

Hearing no further testimony, President Krahn asked for a motion and a second that the Public Hearing be adjourned. Commissioner Behrens made a motion to close the Public Truth in Taxation Hearing. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ijams.

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

President Krahn declared the motion carried and the hearing adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

**CONVENING THE MEETING**

President Krahn called regular Park Board meeting to order at 5:35 pm. Commissioners Behrens, Ijams, Krahn, and Tartol were physically present. Commissioner McCallough was absent.

Staff in attendance included: Rich Zielke, Cindy Benson, Tina Ward, Chad Feldotto, Tom Betsinger, Laura Finch, Kristie Vest, and Cori Veverka.

Guests in attendance included: Don Morrone.

Lyle Rolfe, Reporter for the Ledger-Sentinel, was in attendance.

Mark Heinle, Legal Counsel, was also in attendance.

### **Announcements and Changes to the Agenda**

None

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

#### **Recognition of Visitors**

None

#### **Written Correspondence**

The District received a thank you from Fox Valley Special Recreation Foundation for the golf donation to their 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Northern Nights, Trees and Lights fundraising event. The District also received a thank you from CASA Kendall County for the generous support at their 4<sup>th</sup> Annual “Play for the Kids” Softball Tournament.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

President Krahn listed items on the Consent Agenda as follows:

- Approval of minutes of the regular Board meeting on October 18, 2018.
- Acceptance of the Treasurer’s report as of October 31, 2018.
- Approval of Payables for the period of October 19, 2018 – November 15, 2018 in the amount of \$295,026.67

Commissioner Ijams made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Behrens.

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

### **BOARD BUSINESS**

#### **President’s Report** (shared by Board President Dave Krahn)

- Krahn wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

#### **Commissioner Comments**

- Tartol commended staff on the great job they did at the Gobbler Hobbler event that had over 1000 participants.
- Ijams commented that the Log Cabin House, added to the District’s Nature Preschool program at Civic Center, looks amazing.

### **STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

- Welcome to Tina Ward, the District’s new Director of Finance. Tina started with the District on November 5.

- Congratulations to Karla Lundy, our CSR at Boulder Point, for receiving the SD308 PRIDE Volunteer of the month award for October, for using her CPR and First Aid skills in an emergency situation.
- Thank you to Operations staff member Tim Leske for his display of integrity by turning in a money clip with cash to its rightful owner.
- Project Updates:
  - Troy Park Millstone Project has been completed
  - The Civic Center Concrete Walkway Project has been completed
  - Working with Village staff and SD308 Staff to develop the Village's first bike master plan with the goal of teaming up on bike trail grant funding and on collaboration of the Alexander Lumber property site.
- The Oswego Holiday Express will be held December 6-9. This popular event already has almost 1700 registered!
- Limelight's performance "Before The Thin Man" will be held on November 24 at 7:00 pm at the LWS Museum. Limelight will also be performing "It's A Wonderful Life " and "A Christmas Carol" on December 1, 13, and 15 at the LWS Museum.
- A Very Merry Holiday Show will take place on December 16 at Oswego East High School with two performances for our fall dance participants. Almost 1800 tickets have been sold for these performances.
- Winter/Spring Catalog will be delivered to residents the end of this month, with Resident Registration beginning on December 6.
- Next COW Meetings is scheduled for Thursday, December 6 at 6:00 pm at Prairie Point to Review Budget/Capital

#### **Finance Director Report** (shared by Tina Ward)

- Completing second week as the District's Finance Director, and continuing to get acclimated with staff and the operations of the District.
- Working on finalizing the FY19 Budget to be on display on or before November 20.
- Working on Budget reports for the Board to review at the Committee of the Whole meeting on December 6

#### **Written Staff Reports**

- Tartol thanked Vest for sharing her internal survey results regarding how staff like to be appreciated, adding that this feedback is very helpful.
- Tartol also thanked Kohlstedt for completing the pump house roof project in-house for \$400, compared to the \$4000 quote received to outsource this project.

#### **Fox Bend Report** (as shared by Rich Zielke)

- Doyle had knee replacement surgery and is currently at home recovering.
- Pearce's has closed for the season and will reopen in the spring.

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

- The annual "Northern Nights, Trees & Lights" fundraising event will be held on November 16 from 6:30-11:00 pm at The Q Center in St. Charles.

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

- The Foundation's next meeting is November 19 where the Board will be participating in a two-hour strategic plan workshop.

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

Commissioner Tartol made a motion to approve the proposed Property Tax Levy Ordinance No. 181115-1, to be collected in 2019. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Behrens.

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

Commissioner Ijams made a motion to approve the Park Board Meeting Schedule for fiscal year 2019. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tartol.

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

Commissioner Ijams made a motion to award a contract to D Construction for the emergency protective shielding under the historical Route 34 bridge at Hudson Crossing Park for the contract total of \$72,125.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Behrens.

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

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **Fox Bend Golf Course East Parking Lot Resurfacing Project Update**

Zielke shared that the weather has not cooperated with the completion of this project. Because of the rain, the parking lot has been too soft to pave. It would cost about \$40,000 to prep this surface. In addition, the cooler temperatures also make this project difficult to complete as it ideally needs to be at least 50 degrees to pave. Because of these weather hurdles, staff recommends completing the paving of parking lot entrance/exit drives this year, but waiting until the spring to complete the paving of the east parking lot.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Reserve at Hudson Crossing – Harrison Street Improvements**

Zielke confirmed that the Reserve at Hudson Crossing is the Old Alexander Lumber. Redevelopment of this property is scheduled to begin in December, with this project expected to be in full swing by spring. Feldotto added that this project includes completely redoing Harrison Street, making this street unavailable to vehicular traffic from May through July. This impacts Hudson Crossing Park, eliminating vehicular traffic during this timeframe, and allowing the park to only be open to pedestrian traffic.

## **ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The meeting was adjourned to Executive Session, for the purpose of discussing 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, at 6:05 pm following a motion made by Commissioner Behrens and seconded by Commissioner Ijams.

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

## **RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

The meeting was reconvened at 6:43 pm.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:43pm following a motion made by Commissioner Ijams and seconded by Commissioner Tartol.

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



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Cindy Benson, Board Secretary  
December 20, 2018