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

CONVENING THE MEETING
Secretary Benson called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Benson called the roll. Commissioners Behrens, Ijams, McCallough, and Wise were physically present. Commissioner Tartol was absent, but Benson shared that Tartol would be joining the meeting remotely momentarily.

Staff in attendance included: Rich Zielke, Cindy Benson, Tina Ward, Cheryl Keilson, Chad Feldotto, Kristie Vest, Cori Veverka, Laura Finch, Ben Nachtwey, Bob Kohlstedt, Mike Fee, and Teri Buckley.

Amy Roth, Reporter for the Ledger-Sentinel, was in attendance.

Mark Heinle, Legal Counsel, was also in attendance.

Commissioner Behrens made a motion to appoint Commissioner Ijams as temporary chair for the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wise.

Roll Call:

Ayes  Commissioners Behrens, Wise, Ijams, and McCallough
Nays  0
Abstain  0
Absent  Commissioner Tartol

Heinle shared that the District received notice that Commissioner Tartol is out of state for work purposes but would like to join the meeting remotely.

Commissioner Ijams made a motion to authorize Commissioner Tartol’s remote attendance, via telephone. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Behrens.

Roll Call:

Ayes  Commissioners Ijams, Behrens, Wise, and McCallough
Nays  0
Abstain  0
Absent  Commissioner Tartol

Tartol joined the meeting remotely, via telephone, at 5:32 p.m.

CONVENING THE PUBLIC HEARING
Ijams opened the Public Truth in Taxation Hearing at 5:34 pm on the proposed Property Tax Levy increase for the Oswegoland Park District for 2019, to be collected in 2020.

EXPLANATION OF PROPOSED TAX LEVY
Ijams asked Zielke to provide an explanation of the proposed tax levy. Zielke shared that at the Committee of the Whole meeting on Thursday, October 3, 2019, staff provided the Board with estimates and various documents to assist in the discussion of the 2019 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. After the discussion, the Board expressed their decision to levy an amount of tax dollars which would exceed, by more than 105 percent of the amount, the amount that has been extended or estimated for the preceding levy year. The proposed levy represents a 9.11% increase over the previous year’s property taxes extended for corporate and special purposes, a 2.21% decrease over the previous year’s property taxes extended for debt service, and a combined total property tax levy representing an 6.75% increase over the previous year’s extension.
RECEIPT OF PUBLIC COMMENT
Ijams asked for comments from Commissioners. Hearing none, Ijams 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. Ijams asked if anyone else would like to present oral testimony regarding the proposed tax levy. Hearing none, Ijams 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, Ijams 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 McCallough.

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

Ijams declared the motion carried and the hearing adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

CONVENCING THE MEETING OF THE PARK BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Secretary Benson called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Benson called the roll. Commissioners Behrens, Ijams, McCallough, and Wise were physically present. Commissioner Tartol was absent, but Benson shared that Tartol would be joining the meeting remotely momentarily.

Staff in attendance included: Rich Zielke, Cindy Benson, Tina Ward, Cheryl Keilson, Chad Feldotto, Kristie Vest, Cori Veverka, Laura Finch, Ben Nachtwey, Bob Kohlstedt, Mike Fee, and Teri Buckley.

Amy Roth, Reporter for the Ledger-Sentinel, was in attendance.

Mark Heinle, Legal Counsel, was also in attendance.

Commissioner Behrens made a motion to appoint Commissioner Ijams as temporary chair for the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McCallough.

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

Heinle shared that the District received notice that Commissioner Tartol is out of state for work purposes but would like to join the meeting remotely.

Commissioner Behrens made a motion to authorize Commissioner Tartol’s remote attendance, via telephone. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wise.

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

Tartol joined the meeting remotely, via telephone, at 5:38 p.m.

Announcements and Changes to the Agenda
None
COMMUNICATIONS

Recognition of Visitors
Bobbi Burgstone asked that the Board consider additional funding sources instead of increasing the property tax levy. Burgstone suggested the District look into more grant opportunities, as well as work with the Park Foundation to complete more fundraisers to help fund District expenses.

Recognition for Years of Service
Ijams congratulated Mike Fee (Operations), on behalf of the Board, for his 20 years of service to the Oswegoland Community through his vision, commitment, and dedication. In recognition of Fee’s service, Fee was presented a plaque and will also receive an engraved paver with his name and years of service to be installed in the brick paver walkway at Hudson Crossing Park.

Ijams also congratulated Teri Buckley (Kid’s Connection) on behalf of the Board, for her 25 years of service to the Oswegoland Community through her vision, commitment, and dedication. In recognition of Buckley’s service, Buckley was presented a certificate recognizing her for her years a service, along with a gift certificate. An engraved paver with Buckley’s name and years of service has already been installed in the brick paver walkway at Hudson Crossing Park.

Written Correspondence
The District received a thank you from CASA Kendall County for the support and donation of field space for their Annual “Play for the Kids” Charity Softball Tournament.

CONSENT AGENDA
Ijams listed items on the Consent Agenda as follows:
- Approval of minutes of the regular Board meeting on October 17, 2019
- Acceptance of the Treasurer’s report as of October 31, 2019.
- Approval of Payables for the period of October 18, 2019 – November 21, 2019 in the amount of $367,358.66.

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

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

BOARD BUSINESS

President’s Report
- Tartol congratulated both Fee and Buckley on their years of service to the District.
- Tartol thanked all that participated in the Veterans Serenity Park Dedication.
- Tartol wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Commissioner Comments
- McCallough shared that the Gobbler Hobbler/Mashed Potato Mile run was again a success and very well organized.

STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Director Report (shared by Rich Zielke)
- Feldotto and Zielke went to Springfield to present the District’s OSLAD Grant Request for Andover Park.
- The District is starting to receive paperwork from the state regarding the PARC Grant for the Boulder Point Renovation Project that the District was awarded.
• Congratulates to Cheryl Keilson and our Summer Camp Connect Program for receiving renewal of their American Camp Association’s (ACA) Accreditation.
• The Veterans Serenity Park Dedication on November 10 was a huge success with approximately 500 in attendance. Guests included US Cong. Foster; IL Director of Veteran Affairs Chapa LaVia; State Senator Rezin; State Republicans Batnick & Kifowit and Village President Parlier. Thank you to Committee, Feldotto for acting as the liason, and Fee and his staff for brush clearing and the work they all did to make this happen.
• The annual “Remembering Our Veterans” special exhibit continues to be on display at the Little White School Museum through December 2. The next special exhibit will be “Lego ® Trains in Action” displayed on December 14 & 15.
• Limelight’s last Fall Show “Miracle on 34th Street” will be held on December 7 & 8 at Civic Center with performances at 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm each day.
• The District’s annual “Oswego Holiday Express” will take place December 12-15. Currently over 1800 are registered for this event.
• The Winter/Spring Catalog is currently available online and will be delivered to residents next week. Resident registration begins at 8:30 am on December 5.
• The District is again assisting the Rotary Club of Oswego with collecting coats for needy folks at the Kendall County Food Pantry. Boxes are available at all District centers for staff and our community to contribute.
• Happy Thanksgiving!

Finance Director Report (shared by Tina Ward)
• Wrapping up the FY20 Budget process. The tentative budget is on display at Prairie Point for review. Staff will be asking the Board to approve the FY20 Budget at the December 19, 2019 Board meeting.
• There will be no December Committee of the Whole meeting.
• Preparing for preliminary fieldwork for the audit.

Written Staff Reports
• Behrens shared that these reports are helpful as usual.

Fox Valley Special Recreation Association Report (shared by Rich Zielke)
• The annual “Northern Nights, Trees & Lights” fundraising event was held on November 16 at The Q Center in St. Charles. There was a great turnout for this event. Their next big fundraiser will be the BBQ & Basket Raffle in the spring.
• The next meeting is Tuesday, November 26 at 10:30 am.

Foundation Report (shared by Chad Feldotto)
• The Foundation’s next meeting is Tuesday, December 10 at 6:00 pm.
• Thank you to the Foundation members for all their work and help with the Veterans Serenity Park project and dedication.

ACTION ITEMS
Commissioner Wise made a motion to approve the proposed Property Tax Levy Ordinance No. 191121-1, to be collected in 2020. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Behrens.

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

Commissioner McCallough made a motion to approve the Park Board Meeting Schedule for fiscal year 2020, showing all meetings taking place on the 3rd Thursday of each month, with the exception of the 4th Thursday for the
month of June, at 5:30 p.m. at South Point Center, 810 Preston Lane, Oswego. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wise.

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

Commissioner Behrens made a motion to adopt a resolution approving the intergovernmental agreement for the sharing of equipment, staff, and services with our Oswego local governments. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wise.

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

Commissioner Behrens made a motion to approve the Public Policy and Engagement Services Agreement with Beyond Your Base. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McCallough

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
None

NEW BUSINESS
None

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 6:03 pm following a motion made by Commissioner Wise and seconded by Commissioner Behrens.

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

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION
The meeting was reconvened at 6:20 pm.

OLD BUSINESS
Zielke shared that Foundation inquired about the District covering, on their behalf, the approximate $85,000 in outstanding bills relating to Veterans Serenity Park. The Foundation is still continuing to receive dollars, that once received, will be used to reimburse the District for these expenses. Specifically, the Foundation is expecting a $75,000 from State Representative Kifowit and an additional $75,000 from State Representative Wheeler. Zielke also shared that any monies received exceeding the monies due will be used for the continuous maintenance of this park. The consensus of the Board was for the District to cover these outstanding bills relating to Veterans Serenity Park.
ADJOURNMENT
The meeting was adjourned at 6:27 p.m. following a motion made by Commissioner McCallough and seconded by Commissioner Behrens.

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

Cindy Benson, Board Secretary
December 19, 2019