ORDINANCE NO. 200416-1

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING REMOTE ATTENDANCE POLICIES AND TEMPORARY PUBLIC COMMENT RULES FOR THE OSWEGOLAND PARK DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Oswegoland Park District ("District") is an Illinois Park District, body politic, and unit of local government formed and operating under the Illinois Park Code; and

WHEREAS, if a quorum of members of a public body are physically present, a majority of the public body may allow a member to attend the meeting by video or audio conference under certain conditions in the Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/7, and in accordance with rules previously adopted by the District; and

WHEREAS, the Open Meetings Act permits any person an opportunity to address public officials under the rules established and recorded by the public body, 5 ILCS 120/2.06; and

WHEREAS, Governor JB Pritzker declared all counties in the State of Illinois as a disaster area on March 9, 2020 ("Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation") due to the ongoing outbreak of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19); and

WHEREAS, Governor JB Pritzker issued Executive Order No. 2020-07 on March 16, 2020, suspending the provisions of the Open Meetings Act requiring or relating to in-person attendance by members of a public body during the Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation to increase social distancing needed to reduce the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Oswegoland Park District desire to supplement their rules and adopt temporary remote attendance and public comment rules to facilitate access to public meetings while practicing social distancing in accordance with Executive Order No. 2020-07 and such further laws, regulations, and orders that may be implemented during the Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of the Oswegoland Park District as follows:

SECTION 1: The forgoing recitals are hereby incorporated into this Ordinance herein as findings of the Oswegoland Park District Board of Commissioners.

SECTION 2: The Board of Commissioners hereby approve the Temporary Remote Attendance and Public Comment Policy, substantially in the form of Exhibit A, attached and hereby incorporate in to this Ordinance by this reference. This Section will be automatically repealed when the Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation is terminated by the Governor of the State of Illinois.

SECTION 3: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval as provided by law.
Passed on **April 16, 2020**, on a roll call vote as follows:

**AYES:**

**NAYES:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**ABSENT:**


President

ATTEST:

**Cindy Benson**

Secretary

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**Cindy Benson**

Secretary