



**OFFICIAL MINUTES
OSWEGOLAND PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
NOVEMBER 19, 2020**

This meeting was conducted by audio or video conference without a physically present quorum of the Oswegoland Park District Board of Commissioners because of a disaster declaration related to COVID-19 public health concerns affecting the jurisdiction of the Park District. The President of the Board of Commissioners determined that an in-person meeting at the Civic Center, 5 Ashlawn Avenue, IL location with all participants was not practical or prudent because of the disaster. The Commissioners, the Executive Director, staff and chief legal counsel were not physically present at the Civic Center, 5 Ashlawn Avenue, Montgomery, IL location, as it was determined to be unfeasible due to the disaster, so alternative arrangements for public access to hear the meeting were available using Zoom to allow for remote electronic attendance.

CONVENING THE MEETING

President Tartol called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the Secretary then called the roll. Commissioners Behrens, Ijams, McCallough, Tartol, and Wise were present remotely.

Staff attending remotely included: Rich Zielke, Cindy Benson, Tina Ward, Cheryl Keilson, Laura Finch, Tom Betsinger, Abbie Frederick, Bob Kohlstedt, Rockie Veverka, Keith Zalewski, Ben Nachtwey, Kristen Desler, Cori Veverka, and Tina Heidrich

No guests attended remotely.

Announcements and Changes to the Agenda

- None

CONVENING THE PUBLIC HEARING

Tartol opened the Public Truth in Taxation Hearing at 5:31 pm on the proposed Property Tax Levy increase for the Oswegoland Park District for 2020, to be collected in 2021.

EXPLANATION OF PROPOSED TAX LEVY

Zielke to provide an explanation of the proposed tax levy.

RECEIPT OF PUBLIC COMMENT

Tartol asked for comments from Commissioners. Hearing none, Tartol 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. Tartol asked if anyone else would like to present oral testimony regarding the proposed tax levy. Hearing none, Tartol 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, Tartol asked for a motion and a second that the Public Hearing be adjourned. Commissioner Ijams made a motion to close the Public Truth in Taxation Hearing. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McCallough.

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

Tartol declared the motion carried and the hearing adjourned at 5:33 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS

Recognition of Visitors

- None

Written Correspondence

- None

CONSENT AGENDA

Tartol listed items on the Consent Agenda as follows:

- Approval of minutes of the Board meeting on October 15, 2020
- Acceptance of the Treasurer's report as of October 31, 2020.
- Approval of Payables for the period of October 16, 2020 – November 19, 2020 in the amount of \$502,234.69

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

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

BOARD BUSINESS

President Comments (shared by Sandy Tartol)

- Thanked staff for continuing to adapt to all we are going through during this pandemic, and added that she is appreciative of staff's proactive decision making and communications. Tartol also shared her appreciation for staff's continued commitment and dedication to the District.
- Commended staff on continuing to seek out opportunities for grants and their success in securing grant dollars.
- Shared that the Whiskey Barrel Night was a very enjoyable, safe and well done event.

Commissioner Comments

- McCallough extended her kudos to staff for another great Gobbler Hobbler/Mashed Potato Mile run, adding that it was well organized.
- McCallough shared her appreciation to staff for continuing to offer programs during this pandemic, even if virtual.

STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Director Report (shared by Rich Zielke)

- Thanked staff for being fantastic in preparing for, executing, and communicating continuous changes brought about by updated Executive Orders. Staff continue to put our community's safety first in all decisions.
- Thanked Feldotto, McCarty, and Heidrich for their work in securing a \$56,000 grant for the museum to install an ADA accessible ramp at the Little White School Museum.
- Shared that he and Feldotto had a Zoom meeting with two Marina Woods residents to discuss options to block access to unauthorized vehicular traffic on the bridge connecting Marina Woods to Violet Patch Park.

Finance Director Report (shared by Tina Ward)

- Closed on the bond issue last week.

Written Staff Reports

- Tartol thanked staff the great detail they continue to provide each month in their written reports and shared her appreciation in continuing to see amazing things happening even in these challenging times.

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

- October meeting was cancelled for lack of business items.
- Next meeting is November 24.
- FVSRA is continuing with virtual programming.

Foundation Report (shared by Chad Feldotto)

- Three members of the Community Task Force group, that had expressed interest in the Foundation, were invited to the November 10 meeting via Zoom to get to know the other members and learn more about the Foundation. The Foundation is hopeful these three individuals will join the Foundation in 2021.
- 2020 engraved pavers (about 44) have been installed at Veteran's Serenity Park. Currently, additional orders are being paused, but the Foundation is looking to create an online ordering system in 2021 for future orders.
- Next meeting is December 8

ACTION ITEMS

Commissioner Wise made a motion to approve the proposed Property Tax Levy Ordinance No. 201119-1, to be collected in 2021. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ijams.

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

Commissioner Wise made a motion to approve the Park Board Meeting Schedule for fiscal year 2021. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McCallough.

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

Commissioner Behrens made a motion to approve the District's 2020 Environmental Report Card. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ijams.

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

Zack Donati joined the meeting remotely at 5:54 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Betsinger shared that staff are continuously working behind the scenes to make things work, with the lowest impact to our participants, while continuing to provide opportunities for a healthy community. Betsinger commended Keilson and her staff. Keilson received a call over the weekend that a Kid's Connection site needed to be relocated to another SD308 facility. Keilson and her staff worked diligently with SD308 staff to relocate the program by Monday morning so there was no interruption in service for our participants.

Rockie Veverka left the meeting at 5:59 p.m.

- Tartol again thanked staff and commended staff for all the work they continue to do.

NEW BUSINESS

- None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:02 p.m. 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



Cindy Benson, Board Secretary
December 17, 2020