



**OFFICIAL MINUTES  
OSWEGOLAND PARK DISTRICT  
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS  
AUGUST 19, 2021**

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 Wise called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. The Secretary then called the roll. Commissioners Behrens, Wilson, Tartol, and Wise were physically present. Commissioner Ijams was absent.

Staff in attendance included: Rich Zielke, Cindy Benson, Tina Ward, Bob Kohlstedt, Ben Nachtwey, Keith Zalewski, Tom Betsinger, Colleen McCarty, Kristie Vest, Mike Seffrood, Erik Enslin, and Jen McFall. Chad Feldotto attended the meeting remotely via Zoom.

Guests in attendance included Craig Weber and Jeff Montanari (Leopardo). Legal Counsel was not in attendance.

**Announcements and Changes to the Agenda**

Zielke asked to move Agenda Item 7.1 to follow Agenda Item 5.2.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**Recognition of Visitors**

None

**Written Correspondence**

None

**CONSENT AGENDA**

President Wise listed items on the Consent Agenda as follows:

- Approval of minutes of the regular Board meeting on July 15, 2021
- Acceptance of the Treasurer's report as of July 31, 2021
- Approval of Payables for the period of July 16, 2021 – August 19, 2021 in the amount of \$848,276.78

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

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

**BOARD BUSINESS**

**Commissioner Comments**

- Commissioner Wilson commented that she is happy to see Park District promotional videos being shared and thanked the District's Marketing staff for their efforts in providing these videos.

## STAFF REPORTS

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

- PrairieFest is quickly approaching. This year's festival has been changed from its traditional Father's Day Weekend to Labor Day Weekend, September 3-6. Commissioners are encouraged to participate in Saturday evening's Sip and Savor event that begins at 5:30 pm, as well as on the Park District parade float. The parade will be held on Sunday at 1:00 pm.
- Staffing, specifically part-time staff, continues to be a challenge for multiple agencies, not just our park district. However, staff continues to do a great job making it all work as they struggle to fill multiple positions.
- The District's Cost Recovery Project is continuing to move along. The service category team plans to complete their part by August 26. Board involvement will be sought out in future phases of this project.
- Thank you to Donald Jorgensen for donating (2) three gallon pots containing Austrian Pine trees to the District.
- Anna Nelson had reached out to the District inquiring about parks where her husband would be able to use steps, to walk up and down, for part of his therapy/rehab. Staff recommended Prairie Point Community Park's Skate Park, as well as Pearces Ford Park. Nelson followed up with the District sharing that Pearces Ford Park was fantastic and worked great for their needs.

### Written Staff Reports

- Commissioner Behrens shared his appreciation for the District creating a Saw Wee Kee Park Signage Project Master Plan to use in conjunction with the Fire Protection District on emergency strategies and access at the park.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### Boulder Point Construction Project Update

Jeff Montanari, Project Manager with Leopardo, provided an update to the Board regarding the status of the Boulder Point Construction Project noting that the project is on task for its completion date.

## ACTION ITEMS

Commissioner Behrens made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 210819-1 declaring the 2003 Ford F350 dump truck (VIN #: 1FDWF37S13ED35191) and 2006 Toro Z mower (VIN #: 270000317) as surplus property to be sold "as is" for the highest compensation. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tartol.

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

Commissioner Behrens made a motion to authorize the Board President to execute a Bicycle Path Construction and Maintenance Easement in favor of Redwood Oswego Orchard Road IL P1 LLC. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wilson.

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

Commissioner Behrens made a motion to approve additional scope of work for the Boulder Point Renovation at a total cost of \$57,648.45. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tartol.

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


**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:58 p.m. following a motion made by Commissioner Behrens and seconded by Commissioner Wilson.

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



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Cindy Benson, Board Secretary

September 16, 2021