



**OFFICIAL MINUTES  
OSWEGOLAND PARK DISTRICT  
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS  
NOVEMBER 18, 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 5:31 pm. The Secretary then called the roll. Commissioners Behrens, Tartol, Wilson, and Wise were physically present. Commissioner Ijams was absent.

Staff in attendance included: Rich Zielke, Cindy Benson, Tina Ward, Bob Kohlstedt, Keith Zalewski, Chad Feldotto, and Mike Seffrood.

No guests were in attendance. Legal Counsel was not in attendance.

**Announcements and Changes to the Agenda**

None

**CONVENING THE PUBLIC HEARING**

President Wise opened the Public Truth in Taxation Hearing at 5:32 pm on the proposed Property Tax Levy increase for the Oswegoland Park District for 2021, to be collected in 2022.

**EXPLANATION OF PROPOSED TAX LEVY**

Ward provided an explanation of the proposed tax levy.

**RECEIPT OF PUBLIC COMMENT**

Wise asked for comments from Commissioners. Hearing none, Wise 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. Wise asked if anyone else would like to present oral testimony regarding the proposed tax levy. Hearing none, Wise 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, Wise 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 Tartol.

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

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

**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 October 21, 2021
- Acceptance of the Treasurer's report as of October 31, 2021
- Approval of Payables for the period of October 22, 2021 – November 18, 2021 in the amount of \$616,986.11

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

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

## BOARD BUSINESS

### Commissioner Comments

None

## STAFF REPORTS

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

- The District received confirmation that the driving range shed at Fox Bend, at its contents, are covered under the District's insurance policy.
- SD308 notified staff that their custodians are no longer working over-time, this includes weekends. Staff is finalizing arrangements to secure access to SD308 facilities for its programs this impacts.
- Old Post Elementary School will be shut down beginning November 19 until November 29 due to a Covid outbreak at this school. This closure impacts our Kid's Connection program at this site. Credits are being issued to the families impacted because of this.
- Thank you to the 40 Churchill volunteers that came out and planted 21 trees, collected native seed, and picked up trash for the District.
- Early October, a Wellness Screening was held. The District's goal is for at least 75% of eligible staff to participate. This screening saw 94% of staff participate.
- Electrical panels at Prairie Point are being upgraded on November 20.
- The Village of Montgomery is moving forward with looking at making the old Caterpillar plant a TIF site. As a result, the estimated base line, plus EAV, is would be between \$11-12 million moving forward.
- Remembering Our Veterans special exhibit at the Little White School Museum continues through November 28.
- Limelight's "A Christmas Carol – Radio Play" will take place on December 4 & 5.
- Oswego Holiday Express takes place December 9-12.
- The Boulder Point Renovation Project continues to move forward. The parking lot was paved on November 17.
- The inaugural "Gourds of Golf" event was a success with 24 team participating. The District looks forward to more of these types of events being offered in the future.
- The Board will be asked to approve the FY2022 Budget at the December meeting.

**Written Staff Reports**

- Commissioners Behrens and Wilson both congratulated Paige Tulley, Zach Donati, and Rockie Veverka on successfully completing Professional Development School offered through Illinois Parks & Recreation Association (IPRA).
- Commission Wilson thanked Cori Veverka for representing the District by being elected to serve as Secretary of the Recreation Section Board for Illinois Parks & Recreation Association (IPRA) for a 2 year term.
- Commissioner Wilson shared her appreciation of Annie Jordan’s efforts in establishing a partnership with Aurora University to allow their Museum Studies students to design and create an exhibit to be showcased in April 2022 at the Little White School Museum.

**ACTION ITEMS**

Commissioner Behrens made a motion to approve the proposed Property Tax Levy Ordinance No. 211118-1, to be collected in 2022. 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 the Park Board Meeting Schedule for fiscal year 2022. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tartol.

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:49 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

  
 Cindy Benson Board Secretary  
 December 22, 2021