



**OFFICIAL MINUTES
OSWEGOLAND PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
JANUARY 20, 2022**

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, Ijams, Tartol, and Wise were physically present. Commissioner Wilson was absent.

Staff in attendance included: Rich Zielke, Cindy Benson, Tina Ward, Bob Kohlstedt, Kendra Petti, Keith Zalewski, Tom Betsinger, Ben Nachtwey, Chad Feldotto, Laura Finch, and Mike Seffrood.

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

Benson shared that the District received notice that Commissioner Wilson is unable to attend in person due to personal illness but would like to join the meeting remotely.

Commissioner Behrens made a motion to authorize Commissioner Wilson’s remote attendance via Zoom. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ijams.

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

Wilson joined the meeting remotely at 5:31 p.m.

Announcements and Changes to the Agenda

Zielke asked that, based on Legal’s recommendation, the wording for Agenda Item 6.2 be updated to read, “Seeking a motion to ratify the actions of the Executive Director and Staff directing and approving the work by Leopardo in the amount of \$98,316.00.”

COMMUNICATIONS

Recognition of Visitors

None

Written Correspondence

The District received a thank you from the Yorkville Junior Women’s Club for again participating in its Operation Santa Toy Drive that helped to provide gifts to over 1100 children in Kendall County.

CONSENT AGENDA

President Wise listed items on the Consent Agenda as follows:

- Approval of minutes of the regular Board meeting on December 22, 2021
- Acceptance of the Treasurer’s report as of December 31, 2021
- Approval of Payables for the period of December 17, 2021 – January 20, 2022 in the amount of \$323,202.28

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

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

BOARD BUSINESS

Commissioner Comments

- Tartol shared her appreciation to staff for all they did in planning and preparing for the Boulder Point Renovation Project.
- Tartol thanked the Parks & Planning Department for the great job they continue to do to keep our trails cleared and plowed.
- Tartol commended staff on the wonderful job they continue to do on the programming end, specifically Donati on realizing over a 300% cost recovery on the Happy Noon Year event and to Desler for showing an increase of nearly 180% in fitness registrations for this first session.
- Wilson congratulated April Booras on her 35 year anniversary with the District, as a fitness instructor, teaching an average of 9 classes a week.
- Wilson congratulated Amy Weiland on her photo of our soccer players that won 1st Place in the Sports Category for the IAPD Give Us Your Best Shot Photo Contest.
- Behrens shared his appreciation in seeing the Little White School Museum expand its program offerings and partnering with other Oswego businesses.
- In response to Behrens' inquiry regarding where the grant dollars came from for the Veterans Serenity Park Development Project, Feldotto confirmed that the District received \$75,000 from Representative Wheeler to use for paved nose-in parking and an ADA walk path from the parking area to the park. In addition, the District received \$75,000 from Representative Kifowit to use towards additional ADA improvements, as well as a donor wall.

STAFF REPORTS

Executive Director Report (shared by Rich Zielke)

- The Kendall County Newsletter complimented the District on how well they maintain their trail system throughout the winter months.
- FVSRA Foundation received a \$5000 grant from the City of Aurora to use towards their efforts in raising funds for sensory mobility bus.
- Thank you to Zalewski and staff for managing what the District does day in and day out while monitoring COVID cases. Because of everyone's efforts, the District continues to see registration numbers increasing. Waitlist numbers continue to increase as well, but unfortunately the District struggles to always meet the demand of these numbers due to staff shortages.
- The Legislative Forum will be held virtually on February 7.
- Reminder that all Commissioners need to complete the Statement of Economic Interest for Kendall County by May 1.
- Shared that the IDNR's CWD Deer Season is happening now and goes into March. Although no hunting is taking place on District property, it is taking place on neighboring properties.
- Cori Veverka is asking Commissioners and Staffs to send her pictures of their dogs doing "bad" things. The District will use these photos as part of a publicity campaign for future pop-up dog parks.
- Congratulations to April Booras on her 35 years of service with the District. Thank you to Booras for all she does for the District's fitness program.
- IAPD/IPRA Soaring to New Heights Conference will be held next week, January 27-29. Those attending can pick up a Distinguished Accreditation ribbon at registration to attach to their name badge.

Written Staff Reports

- None

Fox Bend Golf Course Department Report

Kohlsted shared with the Board an overview of Fox Bend's 2021 season, including comparisons to past seasons. Kohlsted also shared the 2021 highlights including a significant increase in all programming categories, an increase in rounds and revenue, and 2021 capital improvements that were completed, as well as the projects planned for 2022.

ACTION ITEMS

Commissioner Ijams made a motion to purchase a 2022 Ford F250 4x4 Crew Cab Pickup Truck for the total Illinois Government price of \$39,980.00 from Morrow Brothers Ford. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tartol.

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

Commissioner Behrens made a motion to ratify the actions of the Executive Director and Staff directing and approving the work by Leopardo in the amount of \$98,316.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ijams.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:09 p.m. following a motion made by Commissioner Behrens and seconded by Commissioner Tartol.

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



Cindy Benson, Board Secretary

February 17, 2022