

Oakbrook Terrace Community Park District
15325 Ardmore Avenue
Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181
April 15, 2026
Minutes

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Oakbrook Terrace Community Park District Board of Commissioners held April 15, 2026

Call to Order: Vice President Berkshire called the meeting to order at 6:33pm

Appointment of President Pro Tempore

Motion to appoint Commissioner Berkshire as President Pro Tempore made by Commissioner Rispens, second by Commissioner Lugo, no votes in abstention nor opposition, motion approved.

Roll Call: Commissioner Berkshire, Commissioner Joy, Commissioner Lugo, Commissioner Rispens

Commissioner Absent: Commissioner Sweitzer

Staff Present: Shannon Eelsey, Executive Director; Patrick Manieri, Superintendent of Parks & Facilities; and Jen Cremerius, Marketing Coordinator

Guests: None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Commissioner Rispens stated that she was contacted by a resident whose child participated in the NaturePlay Explorers class at the Lake View Nature Center earlier this year. The resident expressed disappointment that although the program description indicated winter clothing was required, some children were not dressed appropriately, resulting in the group spending less time outdoors than expected. Superintendent Jevaney stated that she would follow up with the Nature Center Manager to better understand what communication was provided to families regarding appropriate winter attire. She also noted that the Nature Center Manager would follow up directly with the family regarding the concern.

Director Eelsey shared that she was contacted by Mayor Esposito regarding a noise complaint the City of Oakbrook Terrace received related to Heritage Park. The resident who filed the complaint has contacted the Park District several times in recent years and has attended multiple board meetings regarding her concerns. Director Eelsey informed Mayor Esposito that the resident has previously been advised that, in the absence of unruly behavior, use of the courts is permitted until park closing hours. If she believes there is excessive noise or inappropriate activity occurring after hours, she has been directed to contact the police. Director Eelsey also stated that the District has not received any additional complaints regarding

the basketball courts or general park activity at Heritage Park during the past eight years. The resident indicated that she may address the City Council at a future meeting to discuss whether additional measures can be taken regarding the noise concerns.

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Berkshire stated that he is concerned that the railings along the culvert bridge at Terrace View Park may not extend far enough. He noted that the areas immediately beyond the railings have steep drop-offs into the pond and expressed concern that a child riding a bicycle around the corner near the bridge could lose control and fall down one of the embankments. Superintendent Manieri stated that he would obtain a quote from The Concrete Doctors, the company that installed the new bridge and railings, to extend the existing railings. The quote will be presented to the Board at the May board meeting.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Motion to approve minutes from March 2026 made by Commissioner Rispens, second by Commissioner Joy, one vote in abstention, none in opposition, minutes approved.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Motion to approve financial statements from March 2026 made by Commissioner Rispens, second by Commissioner Lugo, no votes in abstention nor opposition, motion approved.

Motion to approve profit and loss report from March 2026 made by Commissioner Rispens, second by Commissioner Lugo, no votes in abstention nor opposition, motion approved.

Motion to approve disbursements for March 2026 made by Commissioner Rispens, second by Commissioner Lugo, no votes in abstention nor opposition, motion approved.

Capital: Refer to Capital update report by Director Elsey.

NEDSRA

Refer to Director Elsey's report.

LEGAL

Refer to Director Elsey's report.

OLD BUSINESS

The Park District will postpone approving any restoration proposal until a lease extension or renewal for Terrace View Park has been finalized with the City of Oakbrook Terrace. Director Elsey has been working with Hey & Associates to develop alternative shoreline restoration designs and cost estimates to ensure all options are thoroughly evaluated.

Preliminary meetings have been held with the City, and the Park District formally presented a lease extension to the City Council at its October 28th meeting. Following that presentation, the District met once more with City representatives, and the Council subsequently revisited the matter.

The City of Oakbrook Terrace has expressed interest in extending the lease with the Park District but has indicated a preference to limit the extension to an additional 30 to 40 years beyond the remaining 14 years of the current term. The Park District has asked the City to reconsider a longer extension to more closely align with the District's original request of 60 to 99 years.

Director Elsey will attend an upcoming City Council meeting to further explain the District's interest in a longer lease term and to discuss potential long-term plans beyond the immediate shoreline needs. In addition, she may contact the aldermen in advance of that City Council meeting to better understand their concerns with a longer extension.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to approve FY 2026-27 Budget & Appropriations Ordinance made by Commissioner Rispens, second by Commissioner Berkshire, no votes in abstention nor opposition, motion passed. FY 2026-27 budget will be filed with DuPage County.

As part of the 2026–2028 capital plan, \$75,000 has been allocated for Fitness Center upgrades. These improvements are intended to enhance the overall user experience, support membership growth, and create new revenue-generating opportunities through rentals. Preliminary plans were presented to the Board of Park Commissioners, with staff bringing quotes and seeking approval to proceed at the May meeting.

REPORTS

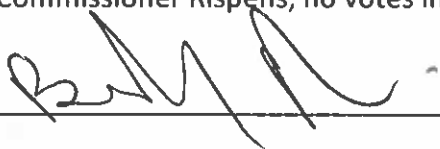
- Refer to Parks board report by Superintendent Manieri
- Refer to Recreation/Fitness/Marketing board report by Superintendent Jevaney
 - Includes contributions by Recreation & Fitness Manager, Jen Saylor; Nature Center Manager, Kate Johns; Rentals & Customer Experience Supervisor, Alesha Reed; and Marketing Coordinator, Jen Cremerius

EXECUTIVE SESSION

NEXT MEETING: Regular Meeting – May 20, 2026 @ 6:30pm

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn regular board meeting made by Commissioner Lugo, second made by Commissioner Rispens, no votes in abstention nor opposition, meeting adjourned at 7:53pm.



Roger Sweitzer, President / Bradley Berkshire, Vice President



Susan Lugo, Secretary