

**Oakbrook Terrace Community Park District
15325 Ardmore Avenue
Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181
February 18, 2026
Minutes**

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Oakbrook Terrace Community Park District Board of Commissioners held February 18, 2026

Call to Order: Vice President Berkshire called the meeting to order at 6:31pm

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

Commissioner Absent: Commissioner Sweitzer

Staff Present: Shannon Elsey, Executive Director; Patrick Manieri, Superintendent of Parks & Facilities; and Lauren Jevaney, Superintendent of Recreation

Guests: Dan Flanagan

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Berkshire shared that a resident recently inquired about potential benefits for veterans at the Park District's Fitness Center. Director Elsey provided information about NEDSRA's V.E.T.S. (Veteran Engagement, Training & Support) program, which assists veterans transitioning from military service to civilian life through physical fitness, wellness, and community connection. Director Elsey also noted that staff will explore the possibility of introducing a discounted Fitness Center membership rate for veterans, similar to the existing discounted rate for seniors.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Motion to approve minutes from January 2026 made by Commissioner Rispens, second by Commissioner Joy, no votes in abstention nor opposition, minutes approved.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

The Board of Park Commissioners approved the ordinance providing for the issue of \$1,518,090 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds, Series 2026 at the January board meeting. This amount included \$1,497,090 for the capital projects fund and \$21,000 for the cost of issuance. The Park District closed on the general obligation bond on February 4th and

received bond proceeds that morning. The District is grateful for the time, commitment, and support of all parties throughout the bond issuance process.

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

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

Motion to approve disbursements for January 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. The Council was very receptive to the proposal, and we look forward to finalizing the agreement in the coming months. The next meeting with the City has been scheduled for Thursday, February 19th at 4:00pm at City Hall.

NEW BUSINESS

Results of the February 6th bid opening for the Lake View Nature Center men's and women's restroom project were shared. Motion to approve the lowest responsible bid made by Crockett Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$93,417.00 made by Commissioner Rispens, second by Commissioner Joy, no votes in abstention nor opposition, motion approved. Roll call approved.

Motion to replace two unit heaters for the Maintenance Garage in the amount of \$20,470.00 as outlined in the quote from F.E. Moran Mechanical Services made by Commissioner Rispens, second by Commissioner Joy, no votes in abstention nor opposition, motion approved.

Director Elsey presented the District's 2026-2028 capital improvement plan. This plan is driven by the District's identified needs and is designed to support the ongoing operation, maintenance, and enhancement of our parks and facilities. The proposed plan reflects a

significant investment in the shoreline restoration at Terrace View Park, while also allowing the District to advance additional projects that strengthen our parks, infrastructure, and services agency-wide.

Capital Project	Budgeted 2026-2028
Terrace View Park Shoreline Restoration	\$1,500,000
Nature Center Bathroom Remodel	\$93,417
Heritage Center Exterior Door Replacement	\$62,949
Universal Surveillance System	\$100,000
HVAC Replacement	\$150,000
Gate for Maintenance Garage	\$25,000
Fitness Center Equipment & Improvements	\$75,000
Preschool Room Improvements	\$25,000
Kawasaki Mule (Fleet)	\$12,500
Information Technology Services & Leases	\$200,000
Ordinary Capital Purchases*	\$450,000
Total 2026-2028 Capital Plan	\$2,693,866

*Examples of ordinary capital purchases include park fertilization, natural stewardship at Dorothy Drennon Park, investments in new initiatives such as archery, and smaller infrastructure replacements (e.g., Maintenance Garage door).

Motion to approve the 2026-2028 capital improvement plan as presented made by Commissioner Rispens, second by Commissioner Joy, no votes in abstention nor opposition, motion approved. Roll call approved.

REPORTS

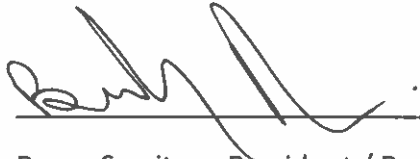
- Refer to Parks board report by Superintendent Manieri
- Refer to Recreation/Fitness/Marketing board report by Superintendent Jevaney
 - Includes contributions by Recreation & Fitness Manager, Jen Saylor; Nature Center Manager, Kate Johns; Rentals & Customer Experience Supervisor, Alesha Reed; and Marketing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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

NEXT MEETING: Regular Meeting – March 18, 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 8:23pm.



Roger Sweitzer, President / Bradley Berkshire, Vice President



Susan Lugo, Secretary