

**Oakbrook Terrace Community Park District**  
**15325 Ardmore Avenue**  
**Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181**  
**January 21, 2026**  
**Minutes**

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Oakbrook Terrace Community Park District Board of Commissioners held January 21, 2026

**Call to Order:** Vice President Berkshire called the meeting to order at 6:36pm

**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:** Anthony Miceli, Senior Vice President for Speer Financial

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**BOARD COMMUNICATIONS**

Commissioner Rispens inquired about the pricing of the District's Cedar Room rentals, noting that other similarly sized venues with more desirable views are offered at comparable or lower rates. Superintendent Jevaney shared that area rental facilities are benchmarked prior to establishing pricing and agreed to review the comparisons that were referenced.

Commissioner Rispens also mentioned that the Park District should consider partnering with the City, which coordinates a Christmas tree removal service every January. She noted there may be an opportunity for the District to repurpose or compost the collected trees – similar to the Gourd to Ground event – to help divert them from landfills.

Commissioner Berkshire expressed interest in having the Parks & Maintenance Crew attend the iLandscape trade show at the end of February. Superintendent Manieri confirmed that he will register staff for the event.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Motion to approve minutes from November 2025 made by Commissioner Lugo, second by Commissioner Rispens, no votes in abstention nor opposition, minutes approved.

## **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

The Park District is working with Speer Financial and Chapman & Cutler to issue a new \$1.63 million general obligation bond to fund capital projects over the next three years. The Board held a Bond Issuance Notification Act (BINA) hearing at the October board meeting and will adopt the bond ordinance in January. Pending January approval, the Park District anticipates receiving the bond proceeds in February 2026.

Motion to approve financial statements from November 2025 and December 2025 made by Commissioner Lugo, second by Commissioner Rispens, no votes in abstention nor opposition, motion approved.

Motion to approve profit and loss report from November 2025 and December 2025 made by Commissioner Rispens, second by Commissioner Lugo, no votes in abstention nor opposition, motion approved.

Motion to approve disbursements for November 2025 and December 2025 made by Commissioner Lugo, second by Commissioner Rispens, 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 28<sup>th</sup> meeting. The Council was very receptive to the proposal, and we look forward to finalizing the agreement in the coming months. Director Elsey will reach out to the City to schedule the next meeting and establish a timeline to draft an agreement.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Ordinance No. 2026-0121 was presented: An Ordinance providing for the issue of \$1,518,090 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds, Series 2026, of the Oakbrook Terrace Community Park District, DuPage County, Illinois, for the payment of land condemned or purchased for parks, for the building, maintaining, improving and protecting of the same and the existing land

and facilities of said Park District and for the payment of the expenses incident thereto, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof.

Motion to approve Ordinance No. 2026-0121 made by Commissioner Rispens, second by Commissioner Lugo, no votes in abstention nor opposition, motion approved. Roll call approved.

Director Eley presented the results of the dredge assessment that was completed by Hey & Associates in November 2025. It was determined that the maximum soft sediment depth observed at the time of the survey was two feet, and the total volume of soft sediment in the pond was estimated at 2,007 cubic yards. This is significantly less than what was originally estimated, given the time that has passed since the pond was last dredged in the late 1990s.

Because the pond has accumulated only two feet of sediment over nearly 30 years and still maintains sufficient depth, Hey & Associates advises that dredging is not currently necessary. The Board agreed that dredging was not needed at this time and that capital funds may be more effectively allocated toward the shoreline restoration project.

Motion to approve the engagement of audit services with Evans, Marshall & Pease, P.C. in the amounts of \$20,000 for the year ended 2026, \$20,750 for the year ended 2027, and \$21,500 for the year ended 2028, as outlined in the engagement letter made by Commissioner Rispens, second by Commissioner Lugo, no votes in abstention nor opposition, motion approved. Roll call approved.

#### **REPORTS**

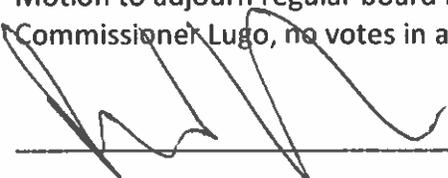
- Refer to Parks board report by Superintendent Manieri
- Refer to Recreation/Fitness/Marketing board report by Superintendent Jevaney
  - Includes contributions by Recreation & Fitness Manager, Jen Saylor; Nature Center Manager, Kate Johns; Rentals & Customer Experience Supervisor, Alesha Reed; and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

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**NEXT MEETING:** Regular Meeting – February 18, 2026 @ 6:30pm

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn regular board meeting made by Commissioner Rispens, second made by Commissioner Lugo, no votes in abstention nor opposition, meeting adjourned at 8:12pm.



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Roger Sweitzer, President / Bradley Berkshire, Vice President

*Susan C. Lugo*

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Susan Lugo, Secretary