

Oakbrook Terrace Community Park District
15325 Ardmore Avenue
Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181
October 22, 2025
Minutes

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Oakbrook Terrace Community Park District Board of Commissioners held October 22, 2025

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

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: Jerry Barton, Executive Director of NEDSRA; Sarah Johnson, Financial Analyst for Speer Financial; Anthony Miceli, Senior Vice President for Speer Financial; and Leo Velazquez, Accounting Associate for Lauterbach & Amen

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

None

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Motion to approve minutes from September 2025 made by Commissioner Rispens, second by Commissioner Joy, one vote in abstention, none in opposition, minutes approved.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE 2026-2028 BOND DISTRIBUTION

At 6:35pm, Vice President Berkshire asked for a motion to adjourn the regular board meeting and enter public hearing concerning the intent of the Board of Park Commissioners to sell not to exceed \$1,630,000 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds 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 the District and for the payment of the expenses incident thereto. Motion made by Commissioner Rispens, second by Commissioner Lugo, no votes in abstention nor opposition, motion approved.

At 6:42pm, Commissioner Rispens made the motion to adjourn public hearing and enter the regular board meeting, seconded by Commissioner Lugo, no votes in abstention nor opposition, motion approved.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

The Park District plans to issue a new \$1.63 million general obligation bond to fund capital projects over the next three years (2026-2028). Anthony Miceli, Senior Vice President for Speer Financial, presented on the bond issuance process, which will include adopting 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 September 2025 made by Commissioner Rispens, second by Commissioner Lugo, no votes in abstention nor opposition, motion approved.

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

Motion to approve disbursements for September 2025 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

Jerry Barton, Executive Director of NEDSRA, presented to the Board of Park Commissioners, providing an overview of NEDSRA's history, the services it offers to the community and its participants, and its collaboration with the Oakbrook Terrace Park District and other Member Partners. Board members also had the opportunity to ask Director Barton questions.

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.

The Park District met with the City on July 31st and again on September 22nd for preliminary conversations regarding renewal of the Terrace View Park lease. The District will formally present the proposed lease extension to the City Council at its October 28th meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

The Treasurer's Report for FY 2024-25 was presented by Leo Velazquez. Once approved by the Board, the Treasurer's Report will be filed with the County. Motion to approve Treasurer's Report made by Commissioner Rispens, second by Commissioner Lugo, no votes in abstention nor opposition, motion approved. Roll call approved.

The Property Tax Levy for FY 2026-27 was presented by Leo Velazquez and Director Elsey. Motion to approve Property Tax Levy will be made at the November board meeting.

Motion to approve the proposal from Hey & Associates to complete a dredging assessment at the Terrace View Park pond in the amount of \$18,100 made by Commissioner Rispens, second by Commissioner Joy, no votes in abstention nor opposition, motion approved. Roll call approved.

Motion to approve the 2026 Meeting Calendar of the Board of Commissioners made by Commissioner Rispens, second by Commissioner Lugo, no votes in abstention nor opposition, motion approved. Roll call approved. The Board will meet on the third Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm in 2026.

REPORTS

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:20pm, Vice President Berkshire asked for a motion to adjourn the regular board meeting and enter executive session in accordance with the Open Meetings Act under Section 2(c)(11) to discuss litigation, when an action against, affecting on or behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court of administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting. Motion made by Commissioner Rispens, second by Commissioner Lugo, no votes in abstention nor opposition, motion approved.

At 8:33pm, Commissioner Rispens made the motion to adjourn executive session and enter the regular board meeting, seconded by Commissioner Lugo, no votes in abstention nor opposition, motion approved.

NEXT MEETING: Regular Meeting – November 19, 2025 @ 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 8:34pm.

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Roger Sweitzer, President / Bradley Berkshire, Vice President

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Susan C. Lugo', written over a horizontal line.

Susan Lugo, Secretary