PARK DISTRICT OF OAK PARK

Special Meeting

Hedges Administration Center
218 Madison Street, Oak Park

Thursday, May 5, 2005, 7:30pm

Minutes

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at by President Kelly at 7:34pm.
Commissioners Present: President Kelly, Commissioners Conway, Gartland, Kindler and Philion.
Commissioners Elect Bracco and Graves
Staff Present: Gary Balling, Executive Director; Kent Newton, Superintendent of Business Operations; Mike Grandy, Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds; Kent Newton, Superintendent of Business Operations; and Lisa Lightcap, HR/Business Operations Assistant.
Sandra Sokol, Village Clerk

II. Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Commissioner Kindler and seconded by Commissioner Gartland to approve the agenda. Motion passed in a voice vote of 4:0.

III. Proclamation of Commissioner Election Results

A motion was made by Commissioner Kindler and seconded by Commissioner Motion to approve the Proclamation of the local canvassing board declaring results of the April 5, 2005 Consolidated Election of Martin J. Bracco and Christine M. Graves to four year terms to the Board of Park Commissioners. Motion passed in a roll call vote of 5:0.

IV. Proclamation of Referendum Election Results

A motion was made by Commissioner Kindler and seconded by Commissioner Garland to approve the Resolution proclaiming the April 5, 2005 Election Results for the Local Option Election (Park District Referendum). Motion passed in a roll call vote of 5:0.

V. Honored Recognition

Director Balling recognized and thanked Tim Kelly and Jacques Conway for their years of dedicated service to the Park District of Oak Park and the Oak Park Community.

VI. Commissioners' Comments

Commissioner Conway stated that he was grateful to have served on the Park Board and appreciates Director Balling's leadership. He also stated that he has appreciated the time he has served with President Kelly and has learned that one can learn a lot by listening and President Kelly's leadership has been perfect for this Board. From the passing of referendum, it is obvious that the citizens of Oak Park believe that the Park District can provide quality recreation opportunities for its residents.
Commissioner Gartland thanked both Commissioner Conway and President Kelly for their dedication to the Park District. He thanked Commissioner Conway for teaching him that less is more and it was a pleasure serving with him. He thanked President Kelly for his leadership which helped them act as a responsible board.
Commissioner Kindler thanked Commissioner Conway and President Kelly for their strong leadership.
Commissioner Philion stated that he was grateful to Commissioner Conway and President Kelly for the time they put in serving on the Park Board.

President Kelly thanked the Board for their kind words. He went on to thanked the many park boards of the past that make up the rich history of Oak Park. He also recognized the late Bud Corry who President Kelly considers a mentor and shared some of Mr. Corry's words with new Commissioners Bracco and Graves. President Kelly has thought of these words many times over the years: "You administrate with your head, but you vote with your heart." He also thanked the Park District staff and Board for their hard work and his family for their support.

VII. Oath of Office

The Park District's Election Official, Village Clerk Sandra Sokol, assisted Commissioners elect Martin J. Bracco and Christine M. Graves in taking the Oath of Office.

VIII. New Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Bracco thanked Commissioner Conway and President Kelly for their excellent example. He went on to thank his family for their support.

Commissioner Graves thanked everyone for being incredibly welcoming as she begins her term serving on the Park Board.

IX. Adjournment

A motion was made by Commissioner Kindler and seconded by Commissioner Philion, to adjourn the meeting at 7:49pm. Motion carried in a voice vote of 4:0.

Secretary **Board of Park Commissioners**	**President** **Board of Park Commissioners**
August 18, 2005 **Date**	**August 18, 2005** **Date**