

**OGLESBY CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 9, 2024**

A special meeting of the Oglesby City Council was held on Monday, September 9, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 6 pm by Mayor Jason Curran.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Jason Curran, Commissioners Richard Baldrige, Don Finley, Gregory McDermott, Tony Stefanelli, City Clerk Becky Clinard and Attorney Pat Barry.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:** (none)

Commissioner Baldrige explained that the special meeting was called to approve the OSLAD grant resolution after the public hearing and park board meeting on Thursday, Sept. 5. The board recommended unanimously to go forward with the plans for Lehigh park and the grant application.

Curran expressed his appreciation of the park board's efforts and noted that the project only covered the items that addressed the residents' concerns: a playground, parking, etc. He said that while the cost is high, the city does have several sources of funding to complete the project. He mentioned another issue he had would be covered in the next agenda item.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Baldrige, **SECONDED BY** McDermott to approve the OSLAD grant application. **AYES:** Baldrige, Finley, McDermott, Stefanelli, Curran. **MOTION CARRIED.**

The next item, Baldrige explained, was the need to separate the Lehigh Park parcel into two parcels to allow the city to apply for a grant in the future to continue making improvements to the park. Curran said that he believed that separating the parcel now would allow the city to meet the OSALD grant requirement that no alcohol be sold or consumed on OSLAD grant properties. He noted that there is work underway to change the requirement, but noted that "it may take awhile."

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Baldrige, **SECONDED BY** McDermott to approve of the separation of Lehigh park into two parcels. **AYES:** Baldrige, Finley, McDermott, Stefanelli, Curran. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Barry told the council he was working on the warranty deed to meet the Friday grant deadline.

Curran then read a prepared statement regarding the council's use of Roberts Rules of Order. Curran said he had sent the council a longer, more detailed email earlier. Curran urged a change to "promote a more open, collaborative process." He noted three areas that the modified version would address: (1) attempts to close discussion prematurely; (2) misuse of "points of order" and (3) continuous interruption of the speaker. When he finished, Stefanelli was the only one to speak, noting that he thought the council "should be working on better things."

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Stefanelli, **SECONDED BY** Baldrige to adjourn at 6:09 p.m. **AYES:** Baldrige, Finley, McDermott, Stefanelli, Curran. **MEETING ADJOURNED.**