

Oak Park Township
Public Comment Rules

July 23, 2021

Under the Illinois Open Meetings Act, “Any person shall be permitted an opportunity to address public officials under the rules established and recorded by the public body.”

- 1) Public Comment will generally be at the top of the meeting agenda.
- 2) Speakers must sign in at the meeting prior to speaking, so that they can be called upon by name and in order of arrival. Provision of speaker address and speaking topic are optional.
- 3) Speakers can be residents or non-residents.
- 4) A speaker will comment for a maximum of 3 minutes. Speaker will be notified when they have 1 minute remaining.
- 5) A speaker has one opportunity per meeting to make public comment.
- 6) Topics must be related to the business of Oak Park Township, but not necessarily to items on the agenda.
- 7) There will be a maximum public comment time of 15 minutes; the Supervisor may increase this time at her/his discretion.
- 8) Elected officials and staff of Oak Park Township are not required to respond to questions asked during Public Comment.
- 9) A speaker does not have the right to engage in disorderly conduct, disrupt a meeting or incite violence. If those occur, the speaker may be asked to leave or may be escorted out of the meeting.