

**OAK FOREST PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2021**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

James Emmett, President
Charles Wolf, Vice-President
James Katula, Secretary
Joseph Pilch, Commissioner

OTHERS PRESENT

Joseph Cainkar, Attorney
Joseph McDonnell, Treasurer
Cindy Grannan, Director

ABSENT

Roy Pruitt, Commissioner

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Emmett called the regular meeting to order at the Oak Forest Park District Community Center, 15601 S. Central, Oak Forest, IL at 7:32 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Upon a roll call Commissioners Emmett, Wolf, Katula, and Pilch were present.

PUBLIC SESSION

Commissioner Emmett opened Public Session, no one was present.

COMMUNICATIONS

None

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS – VOUCHERS DATED FEBRUARY 25, 2021 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,074.96

Commissioner Wolf made a motion to approve the bills-vouchers dated February 25, 2021 in the amount of \$12,074.96, seconded by Commissioner Katula.

Roll call with ayes: Emmett, Wolf, Katula and Pilch

Nays: none. Motion approved.

ACCEPTANCE OF FOLLOWING REPORTS

A. Directors Report

Director Grannan reminded the Board of the SSPRPA Legislative Breakfast is on Friday, March 5th via Zoom and let her know by February 26th if interested. The Director was pleased to announce the check in the amount of \$5,000.00 has been received which is the award of the Suburban COVID Funding Grant. FunTime has had three open houses for the September 2021/2022 school year, we had approximately twelve new families interested. The Director informed that the Fitness Manager will be sending the membership increase letters out on March 1st. Recreation Supervisors will be hosting a “You’ve Been Egged” event in lieu of the annual Egg Hunt.

B. Treasurers Report

Treasurer Joseph McDonnell stated total cash and investments as of January 31, 2021 are \$2,693,649.89. Treasurer McDonnell presented the General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds, Series 2021, Bond Debt Service Schedule along with the Combined Bond Debt Service Schedule for both the Series 2021 and Series 2019. The Bond closing date is March 1st.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Katula inquired on the start date for the Central Park Parking Lot and Tennis Court Project. The Director informed that while we have received approval from both the City and MWRD we are waiting on the IEPA permit. Integral Construction is anxious to start.

NEW BUSINESS

A. APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE #618.21, AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUE OF \$1,243,744 GENERAL OBLIGATION LIMITED TAX PARK BONDS, SERIES 2021, OF THE OAK FOREST PARK DISTRICT, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AND PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY OF A DIRECT ANNUAL TAX SUFFICIENT TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON SAID BONDS.

Commissioner Katula made a motion to approve Ordinance #618.21, an Ordinance providing for the issue of \$1,243,744 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds, Series 2021, of the Oak Forest Park District, Cook County, Illinois, and providing for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, Seconded by Commissioner Pilch.

Roll call with ayes: Emmett, Wolf, Katula and Pilch

Nays: none. Motion approved.

B. APPROVAL OF ASTM CERTIFIED PLAYGROUND MULCH FOR PARKS.

Commissioner Wolf made a motion to approve the ASTM Certified Playground Mulch for Parks, Seconded by Commissioner Katula.

Roll call with ayes: Emmett, Wolf, Katula, and Pilch

Nays: none. Motion approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. 5 ILCS 120/2(C)(1) THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, COMPENSATION, DISCIPLINE, PERFORMANCE, OR DISMISSAL OF SPECIFIC EMPLOYEES OF THE PUBLIC BODY OR LEGAL COUNSEL FOR THE PUBLIC BODY, INCLUDING HEARING TESTIMONY ON A COMPLAINT LODGED AGAINST AN EMPLOYEE OF THE PUBLIC BODY OR AGAINST LEGAL COUNSEL FOR THE PUBLIC BODY TO DETERMINE ITS VALIDITY. HOWEVER, A MEETING TO CONSIDER AN INCREASE IN COMPENSATION TO A SPECIFIC EMPLOYEE OF A PUBLIC BODY THAT IS SUBJECT TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT WAGE INCREASE TRANSPARENCY ACT MAY NOT BE CLOSED AND SHALL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND POSTED AND HELD IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS ACT.

Commissioner Katula made a motion to approve 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the

public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. However, a meeting to consider an increase in compensation to a specific employee of a public body that is subject to the Local Government Wage Increase Transparency Act may not be closed and shall be open to the public and posted and held in accordance with this Act, Seconded by Commissioner Pilch.

Roll call with ayes: Emmett, Wolf, Katula and Pilch

Nays: none. Motion approved.

Time: 7:51 p.m.

RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon return from Executive Session at 8:13 p.m., no decision or action was taken.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Pilch informed he was approached and asked if the Park District would be able to spare any mulch for the Pollinator Garden which will be planted at the Park District Community Garden site this Summer. The Director informed that we should have extra and that should not be a problem. Commissioner Pilch inquired if the Oak Forest High School Soccer could host a Blood Drive on March 11th between either 8:00-2:00 p.m. or 3:00-7:00 p.m. The Director will check on those dates and let Commissioner Pilch know.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Emmett made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Katula. On a voice vote, the motion was approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

APPROVED:

James R. Emmett, President

ATTEST:

James Katula, Secretary