

**OAK FOREST PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2021**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

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 7:36 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 14 AND
OCTOBER 28, 2021 BOARD MEETING**

Commissioner Pilch made a motion to approve the Minutes of the October 14 and October 28, 2021 Board Meetings, seconded by Commissioner Katula

All ayes: Emmett, Wolf, Katula and Pilch

Nays: None. Motion Approved.

PUBLIC SESSION

Commissioner Emmett opened Public Session. Melissa D'Amico; Secretary of OFPD Flag Football and Diane McMaster; Treasurer and Banquet Coordinator of OFPD Flag Football were present. Josh Zoberis; Recreation Supervisor was also present. Ms. D'Amico presented a letter along with documentation to the Board outlining a timeline of events that took place with the Cardinals Football Coach; Steve Volger. Ms. D'Amico and Ms. McMaster further explained how the seeding, playoff schedules and rules provoked Mr. Volger into relentless communications to the members of the OFPD Flag Committee, President, Vice President and Coaches. Both informed that the schedule for the entire season which included the seeding and the playoff schedule had been sent and dispersed to the entire league on August 17th and no one during the season ever came forward with any complaints. At the Flag meeting of October 11th, Mr. Volger presented rules he felt had discrepancies or that needed clarification, the Flag Committee documented and informed that they would review all during the off season. On October 20th, the Flag Committee held a special meeting for his concerns of an incorrect seeding schedule to which all coaches were asked to attend. All coaches were in agreement to leave the seeding schedule as presented on August 17th; with the exception of Mr. Volger who then stood up and informed that his team would be forfeiting the next game and left the

meeting. Mr. Volger however; continued relentlessly reaching out to many people voicing his opinion and requesting others to join in. On game day he and the team showed and played. But he then continued throughout the next week to speak through calls, text messaging and on facebook that the playoff games should not be played two days in a row and that all involved did not care about the safety of the kids and this was not within the IHSA rules. It is with the disparaging remarks and conduct towards the Flag Committee and Park District the Board of Commissioners support the Flag Committee's decision to not accept him as a coach in the future.

COMMUNICATIONS

None

CONSENT CALENDAR – APPROVAL OF DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS, OFPD FLAG FOOTBALL MINUTES OF OCTOBER 11, 2021, OFPD FLAG FOOTBALL SPECIAL MINUTES OF OCTOBER 20, 2021 AND THE OFPD FURY LACROSSE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2021.

Commissioner Wolf made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar as presented, seconded by Commissioner Pilch

All ayes: Emmett, Wolf, Katula and Pilch

Nays: None. Motion Approved.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS – VOUCHERS DATED NOVEMBER 4, 2021 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$93,264.26

Commissioner Wolf made a motion to approve the bills-vouchers dated November 4, 2021 in the amount of \$93,264.26, seconded by Commissioner Pilch.

All ayes: Emmett, Wolf, Katula and Pilch

Nays: None. Motion Approved.

CONSIDERATION OF THE BILLS – VOUCHERS DATED NOVEMBER 18, 2021 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$218,342.73

Commissioner Katula made a motion to approve the bills-vouchers dated November 18, 2021 in the amount of \$218,342.73, seconded by Commissioner Wolf.

All ayes: Emmett, Wolf, Katula and Pilch

Nays: None. Motion Approved.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE FOLLOWING REPORT

A. Directors Report

Director Grannan updated the Board on the Central Park project. Concrete work is completed, tennis courts are complete with the exception of the walk gate at Jesk and as discussed prior; color coating will be completed in the Spring. Detention areas continue to be formed to specifications. Asphaltting to begin on Monday. The Director informed that the sport checking accounts will be eliminated with the exception of wrestling that continues to utilize for tournament entries. With the IPRA conference fast approaching the deadline for early bird registration she will need to know who is attending in order to complete registration. The fireplace/chimney has been completed and looks great.

Director Grannan informed the Board that after twenty-nine years, Don Kushner will retire on December 17, 2021.

B. Treasurer Report

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

A. APPROVAL OF THE TRAVEL TO THE 2022 IPRA/IAPD CONFERENCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT POLICY

Commissioner Pilch made a motion to approve the travel to the 2022 IPRA/IAPD Conference in accordance with the travel reimbursement policy, seconded by Commissioner Katula.

All ayes: Emmett, Wolf, Katula and Pilch

Nays: None. Motion Approved.

B. APPROVAL OF THE OAK FOREST PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS 2022 MEETING DATES

Commissioner Katula made a motion to approve the Oak Forest Park District Board of Commissioners 2022 Meeting Dates, seconded by Commissioner Wolf.

All ayes: Emmett, Wolf, Katula and Pilch

Nays: None. Motion Approved.

C. APPROVAL OF THE COMCAST BUSINESS SERVICE ORDER FOR THE DON GORMAN RECREATION CENTER

Commissioner Emmett made a motion to approve the Comcast Business Service Order for the Don Gorman Recreation Center, seconded by Commissioner Katula.

All ayes: Emmett, Wolf, Katula and Pilch

Nays: None. Motion Approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

2(c)(2) COLLECTIVE NEGOTIATING MATTERS BETWEEN THE PUBLIC BODY AND ITS EMPLOYEES OR THEIR REPRESENTATIVES, OR DELIBERATIONS CONCERNING SALARY SCHEDULES FOR ONE OR MORE CLASSES OF EMPLOYEES.

Commissioner Emmett made a motion to move into Executive Session at 8:21 p.m. for purposes of 2(c)(2) Collective negotiation matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one of more classes of employees, seconded by Commissioner Pilch.

All ayes: Emmett, Wolf, Katula and Pilch

Nays: None. Motion Approved.

RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon return from Executive Session at 9:20 p.m., Commissioner Emmett stated no formal decisions have been made.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Pilch informed the Director that a neighbor bordering Fieldcrest Park informed that the lights are out in the Southwest corner of the park. In addition, by the sign, park closes at dusk is hidden by the shrubs.

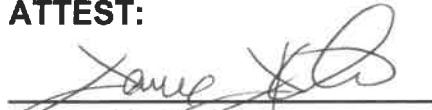
ADJOURN

There being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Katula made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Pilch. On a voice vote, the motion was approved. The meeting was adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

APPROVED:


James R. Emmett, President

ATTEST:


James Katula, Secretary