

**OAK FOREST PARK DISTRICT  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2024**

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT**

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

**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 7:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**BINA HEARING: PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSAL TO SELL NON-REFERENDUM BONDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,575,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYMENT OF LAND FOR PARKS, FOR THE BUILDING, MAINTAINING, IMPROVING AND PROTECTING OF THE SAME AND THE EXISTING LAND AND FACILITIES OF THE OAK FOREST PARK DISTRICT AND FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE EXPENSES INCIDENT THERETO**

Commissioner Emmett opened the Public Hearing on the proposal to sell non-referendum bonds in an amount not to exceed \$1,575,000 for the purpose of payment of land for parks, for the building, maintaining, improving and protecting of the same and the existing land and facilities of the Oak Forest Park District and for the payment of the expenses incident thereto. There was no public in attendance. Commissioner Emmett asked if any Commissioners had questions, being none, the public hearing was closed by motion made by Commissioner Pilch; seconded by Commissioner Katula.

On a voice vote, the motion to close the Public Hearing was approved.

**PUBLIC SESSION**

Commissioner Emmett opened Public Session, no one was present.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Director Grannan highlighted the thank you note from Kathy Hanley in regards to how wonderful the fitness staff was during her stay in Illinois.

**CONSENT CALENDAR APPROVAL OF THE DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

None.

**CONSIDERATION OF BILLS – VOUCHERS DATED JANUARY 18, 2024 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$117,107.07**

Commissioner Katula made a motion to approve the bills-vouchers dated January 18, 2024 in the amount of \$117,107.07; seconded by Commissioner Pilch. Roll Call Vote: Emmett – Yes, Wolf – Yes, Katula – Yes, Pruitt – Yes, Pilch - Yes Motion approved.

**ACCEPTANCE OF THE FOLLOWING REPORT**

**A. Directors Report**

Director Grannan reported that the flooring is complete here at Central Park and they will finish up at Don Gorman tomorrow. Staff have been very busy getting everything out of storage and areas rebuilt in time for FunTime and other programs to restart. All the doors at Central Park have been rekeyed and Don Gorman is scheduled for tomorrow. The Director informed the 2024 budget is being prepared for the meeting of February 8 in order to be placed on display for thirty days. The new Chevy pickup truck has finally come in after a two-year wait. The Director spoke with OF Baseball; nothing to report on the lights they are interested in installing, but they will be placing a storage container at Convent Park behind the batting cages. Dave is aware and has measured and is fine with this. Conference is next Thursday. Commissioner Emmett inquired on the brochure and if staff can check on getting colored pictures instead of black and white. The Director informed that we had talked about that and would ask staff to check on pricing.

**B. Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer McDonnell presented the December Financials to the Board and informed that total cash and investments as of December 31, 2023 are \$4,002,365.65. We received a large portion of property taxes in the amount of \$939,356, the difference this year and last year was that taxes were due at the end of December in 2022 and in the beginning of December for 2023. Treasurer also informed that the bond and interest payment was made this month. Treasurer McDonnell included the Statement of Revenue and Expenditures, unaudited; as of December 31, 2023 verses budget. Overall the year went very well.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. APPROVAL OF THE PROGRAM PRICING FOR SPRING SUMMER 2024**

Commissioner Wolf made a motion to approve the program pricing for Spring Summer 2024; seconded by Commissioner Emmett. The Director discussed fees and the minimum wage increase; we will look at our pricing for picnic and room rentals.

Roll Call Vote: Emmett – Yes, Wolf – Yes, Katula – Yes, Pruitt – Yes, Pilch - Yes Motion approved.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Commissioner Pilch informed that Independence Day Celebration will be held on July 4, 2024 at Central Park.

**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 to adjourn at 7:14 p.m. was approved.

**APPROVED:****ATTEST:**

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James R. Emmett, President

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James Katula, Secretary