

**OAK FOREST PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, AUGUST 22, 2024**

Commissioners Present

Charles Wolf, Vice-President
Jim Katula, Secretary
Roy Pruitt, Commissioner
Joe Pilch, Commissioner

Others Present

Joseph Cainkar, Attorney
Kirstin Dahm, Director

Absent

Jim Emmett, President

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Wolf called the regular meeting to order at the Oak Forest Park District Community Center, 15601 S. Central, Oak Forest, IL at 6:58 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Public Session

Commissioner Wolf opened Public Session, no one was present.

Communications

Director Dahm informed that the annual Old Times Family Picnic was going to be held at Central Park on Sunday, September 1.

Consent Calendar,

A. Approval of OFPD Flag Football Meeting Minutes of July 8, 2024.

Commissioner Pilch made a motion to approve the OFPD Flag Football Meeting Minutes of July 8, 2024; seconded by Commissioner Pruitt.

Roll Call Vote: Wolf – Yes, Katula– Yes, Pruitt – Yes, Pilch - Yes

Motion approved

Consideration of Bills – Vouchers dated August 22, 2024 in the amount of \$24,680.55

Commissioner Katula made a motion to approve the bills-vouchers dated August 22, 2024 in the amount of \$24,680.55; seconded by Commissioner Wolf.

Commissioner Katula inquired as to why staff make purchases at Ace Hardware and Menards. Director Dahm informed that often times they are able to find parts or supplies at one store vs. the other store.

Roll Call Vote: Wolf – Yes, Katula– Yes, Pruitt – Yes, Pilch - Yes

Motion approved.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE FOLLOWING REPORT

A. Directors Report

Director Dahm informed that she has been seeking quotes for sealcoating at El Morro Park, Jesk Park, Terry Stezco Park, Waverly Creekside Park, Malecky Park, and Friendly Oaks Park. Director Dahm discussed the SSSRA Putting with Purpose fundraiser that she attended with Recreation Supervisor Jen Mikos. This event helped fundraise money for the SSSRA scholarship program. During the event

we were able to promote various Park District programs. Director Dahm went over where the Park District was at in the Comprehensive Master Plan process. She included multiple graphs that displayed Oak Forest demographics in 2024, as well as projected demographics in 2029. Director Dahm brought up the recent legislation that was passed on e-scooters. She informed that with the new legislation, it was important that the Park District make a decision on how they would like to proceed with whether or not they would create an ordinance to officially prohibit e-scooters in parks. She also informed that if the Park District did create an ordinance for this, we would be following suit with an ordinance that the City of Oak Forest previously created.

B. Treasurer's Report

None

Old Business

Commissioner Katula informed that IHSA has recently sanctioned girls flag football, and they are creating their own rulebook. He suggested that this could be something that we look at if and when the Oak Forest Park District Flag Football program wants to change their rules.

New Business

None

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Wolf informed that the Oak Forest Raider's Football program has grown over the years causing an increase in traffic on Long Avenue during game days. He inquired about if the Park District was able to put up signs on the East end of Long Avenue letting people know not to park their cars in front of resident's homes. Director Dahm informed that she didn't think we were able to put sign on the city easement, but could look into sign on the West end of Long Avenue. She informed that she would have a conversation with the Superintendent of Maintenance about signs for parking.

Adjourn

There being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Katula made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Pruitt.

On a voice vote, the motion to adjourn at 7:23 p.m. was approved.

Approved:

James R. Emmett, President

Attest :

James Katula, Secretary