

**OAK FOREST PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, July 11, 2024**

Commissioners Present

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

Others Present

Joseph McDonnell, Treasurer
Kirstin Dahm, Director of Parks & Recreation

Absent

Joe Pilch, 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 6:59 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Approval of the Minutes of June 20, 2024 Special Board Meeting

Commissioner Wolf made a motion to approve the minutes of June 20, 2024 Special Board Meeting; seconded by Commissioner Pruitt.

Roll Call Vote: Emmett – Yes, Wolf – Yes, Katula – Yes, Pruitt – Yes

Motion approved.

Public Session

Commissioner Emmett opened Public Session, no one was present.

Communications

Director Dahm informed that Movie in the Park would be taking place on Friday, July 12 at El Morro Park. Director Dahm also informed that staff would be hosting their first IPRA Unplug Illinois event at Lagoon Park on Saturday, July 13 from 9:00-11:00 a.m. Treasurer McDonnell inquired about attendance at the Movie in the Park. Director Dahm informed that we typically have around 50-75 people, but have had upward of 125 people depending on the movie. Commissioner Emmett inquired about helping the Oak Forest Raider's Football program improve upon the Oak Fest lot. Director Dahm informed that Dave Beneventi and herself thought that this would be a good idea.

Consent Calendar Approval of the Department Head Reports, Approval of OFPD Flag Football Minutes of June 17, 2024.

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

Roll Call Vote: Emmett – Yes, Wolf – Yes, Katula – Yes, Pruitt – Yes

Motion approved.

Consideration of Bills – Vouchers dated June 26, 2024 in the amount of \$55,516.74 and July 11, 2024 in the amount of \$104,710.40

Commissioner Katula made a motion to approve the bills-vouchers dated June 26, 2024 in the amount of \$55,516.74 and July 11, 2024 in the amount of \$104,710.40; seconded by Commissioner Wolf.
Roll Call Vote: Emmett – Yes, Wolf – Yes, Katula – Yes, Pruitt – Yes
Motion approved.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE FOLLOWING REPORT

A. Directors Report

Director Dahm informed that Oak Forest Raider's Football was working on putting down dirt and grass seed in the Oak Fest Lot. In order to assist them with the improvement of the property, the Park District will be contributing two truckloads of dirt. This will be mutually beneficial, as Raider's will have a better practice space, and the Park District will have a better place for field rentals. Director Dahm informed that staff would be participating in a kick-off meeting with Hitchcock Design Group on Tuesday, July 16 to begin the process of the comprehensive master plan. Director Dahm also discussed the issue that arose with the confusion over the area by Malecky Park that has been alleged to belong to the Park District. While there are no records of the property being sold to the Park District, a resident has made complaints about the wetland over there, and how the Park District could work to repair it. Director Dahm informed that through all of her research she was unable to find any evidence this property belongs to the Park District, and even if it did somehow belong to the park, the Army Corps of Engineers dictates how this area is to be maintained, since it is a wetland that is protected. Director Dahm mentioned that she would continue to look into records to ensure that it does not belong to the Park District. Director Dahm brought up the repairs being made to the HVAC unit in the gym, and the proposals on the cost of commercial grade dehumidifiers in the lower level. Commissioner Emmett inquired if the Park District would be participating in National Night Out with the City of Oak Forest. Director Dahm informed that she would reach out to staff to talk about participation for that night.

B. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer McDonnell presented the June Financials to the Board and informed that total cash and investments as of June 30, 2024 are \$6,031,643.94. We received tax money, program revenue, as well as some interest revenue. Treasurer McDonnell presented 2 graphs that showed our cash balances over the past 3 years, and the cash balance as of June 30, 2024. Treasurer McDonnell also went over where the Park District's funds were for the halfway mark of the year. Commissioner Emmett inquired about the tax increases from all the property tax assessments. Treasurer McDonnell informed that we will be able to capture those additional taxes next year, but will be capped at 5%. He informed that that as the EAV increases, so do the amount of taxes that the Park District is able to collect.

Old Business

None.

New Business

None.

Commissioner Comments

None.

Adjourn

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

On a voice vote, the motion to adjourn at 7:20 p.m. was approved.

Approved:



James R. Emmett, President

Attest :



James Katula, Secretary