

**OAK FOREST PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2024**

Commissioners Present

James Emmett, President
Roy Pruitt, Commissioner
Joseph Pilch, Commissioner

Others Present

Joseph McDonnell, Treasurer
Joseph Cainkar, Attorney
Kirstin Dahm, Director

Absent

Chuck Wolf, Vice-President
James Katula, Secretary

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 6:58 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Approval of Minutes of October 24, 2024 Board Meeting

Commissioner Pilch made a motion to approve the minutes of October 24, 2024 Board Meeting; seconded by Commissioner Pruitt.

Roll Call Vote: Emmett – Yes, Pruitt – Yes, Pilch - Yes

Motion approved.

Public Session

Commissioner Emmett opened Public Session, no one was present.

Communications

None

Consent Calendar Approval of the Department Head

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

Roll Call Vote: Emmett – Yes, Pruitt – Yes, Pilch - Yes

Motion approved.

Consideration of Bills – Vouchers dated November 7, 2024 in the amount of \$107,939.65

Commissioner Pilch made a motion to approve the bills-vouchers dated November 7, 2024 in the amount of \$107,939.65; seconded by Commissioner Emmett. Commissioner Pilch inquired about pizza for Flag Football Senior Night and Flag Football Exhibition Sunday. Director Dahm informed that pizza was purchased for both events, and that's why it was on the list of bills twice. Commissioner Pilch inquired about the Sunday night volleyball gym supervisor, and why he received 2 checks in November. Director Dahm informed that this person supervises open gym volleyball every Sunday and that is why he had multiple checks. Commissioner Pruitt asked Director Dahm how things were going with CINTAS. Director Dahm informed that things had been going smoothly, and we were very happy overall with their services.

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

ACCEPTANCE OF THE FOLLOWING REPORT

A. Directors Report

Director Dahm informed that interviews for the Inside Maintenance Building Supervisor position will take place on Friday, November 8th. Director Dahm also informed that Dave Beneventi, Jon Mikos, and herself would be conducting interviews. Director Dahm informed that she participated in the Legal Symposium through IAPD on Thursday morning and afternoon. Items like First Amendment Auditors, Employment Laws, and the use of AI in the field of Parks & Recreation were all discussed. Director Dahm discussed her conversation with Jack Hille Middle School Maintenance Superintendent, Tom Beaver, and how he brought to her attention that Hille is looking to build a walking track behind the school in 2025. In this discussion it was mentioned that they would like to see the walking path loop through their property, through the Park District's property, and then back up behind the baseball fields towards the school. Director Dahm also reported that if the Board was not interested in working with them to build the walking path, Hille was also open to building the walking path only on their property. Director Dahm suggested that this may be the most cost effective route, however, it could require the Park District having to move baseball field 2. Commissioner Emmett inquired about the status of the property adjacent to Convent Park, and if there were any discussions of it being sold. Director Dahm agreed to look into this. Director Dahm asked the Commissioners if they were planning on attending the IPRA/IAPD Conference January 23-25, and if they would let her know so she can register them for classes.

B. Treasurer's Report

None

Old Business

None

New Business

None

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 Pilch made a motion to move into Executive Session at 7:11 p.m. for the purpose of 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. Seconded by Commissioner Pruitt.

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

RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon return from Executive Session at 7:51 p.m. no decisions were made.

Commissioner Comments

None

Adjourn

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

On a voice vote, the motion to adjourn at 7:52 p.m. was approved.

Approved:


James R. Emmett, President

Attest :


James Katula, Secretary