

**OAK FOREST PARK DISTRICT  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 2025**

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT**

James Emmett, President  
Charles Wolf, Vice-President  
Roy Pruitt, Commissioner

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Joseph McDonnell, Treasurer  
Elizabeth Blood, Attorney  
Kirstin Dahm, Director

**ABSENT**

James Katula, Secretary  
Joseph 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 7:05 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 5, 2024 BOARD MEETING**

Commissioner Wolf made a motion to approve the minutes of December 5, 2024 Board Meeting; seconded by Commissioner Pruitt.

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

Motion approved.

**PUBLIC SESSION**

Commissioner Emmett opened Public Session, no one was present.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Director Dahm informed that final arrangements were being made for the IPRA/IAPD Annual Conference. Director Dahm also informed that the final copy of the spring/summer brochure would be going to print soon, and printed copies would be going in the mail at the beginning of February.

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

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

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

Motion approved.

**CONSIDERATION OF BILLS – VOUCHERS DATED DECEMBER 19, 2024 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$110,709.39 AND JANUARY 9, 2025 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$81,105.48**

Commissioner Wolf made a motion to approve the bills-vouchers dated December 19, 2024 in the amount of \$110,709.39 and January 9, 2025 in the amount of \$81,105.48; seconded by Commissioner Pruitt.

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

Motion approved.

**ACCEPTANCE OF THE FOLLOWING REPORT**

**A. Directors Report**

Director Dahm reported that Hitchcock Design Group will be presenting at the January 30<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting, to go over where we are at in the Comprehensive Master Plan process. They will also be conducting a small workshop with the commissioners to gain insight on the findings in the analysis and connect phase. Director Dahm informed that repairs had been made to the rooftop gym HVAC unit, and that it has been in good working order. If the unit continues on like this, we may not need to start looking at purchasing a new unit. Director Dahm inquired about commissioner's plans for the IPRA Conference. She reported that final arrangements were being made, and information needed to be finalized. Director Dahm also reported that she has been meeting with staff on the 2025 budget.

**B. Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer McDonnell presented the November Financials to the Board and informed that total cash and investments as of November 30, 2024 are \$6,450,946.02. As report shows, we did not receive property taxes; we did however see revenue from programs and the fitness center. Treasurer McDonnell stated overall we are doing well and as he prepares the December report that will include actuals versus budget for the full year of 2024.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Commissioner Emmett informed that he had spoken to a few residents who were inquiring about additional play amenities at Tower Park. He reported that they were looking for play amenities geared more towards older children. Commissioner Emmett inquired about the possibility and cost of installing a zipline. Director Dahm informed that she would look into the cost of a zipline, and what other amenities we could possibly install geared towards that age.

**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 7:15 p.m. was approved.

**APPROVED:**

  
James R. Emmett, President

**ATTEST:**

  
James Katula, Secretary