

**OAK FOREST PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2025**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Joseph Cainkar, Attorney
Kirstin Dahm, Director

ABSENT

James 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 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 9 AND JANUARY 30 2025 BOARD MEETINGS

Commissioner Pruitt made a motion to approve the minutes of January 9 and January 30, 2025 Board Meetings; seconded by Commissioner Katula.

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

Motion approved.

PUBLIC SESSION

Commissioner Wolf opened Public Session, no one was present.

COMMUNICATIONS

Director Dahm informed that Daddy Daughter Date Night took place on Friday, February 7th and was a success. Director Dahm also informed that the Oak Forest Fleadh would be taking place on Saturday, March 1, and the Park District would again have a number of groups participating in the parade, such as Flag Football, Fun Time Preschool, and Oak Forest Park District Lacrosse.

CONSENT CALENDAR APPROVAL OF THE DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS, APPROVAL OF OAK FOREST PARK DISTRICT LACROSSE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 22, 2025, AND APPROVAL OF OAK FOREST PARK DISTRICT SOCCER COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 12, 2025

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

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

Motion approved.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS – VOUCHER DATED FEBRUARY 13, 2025 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$80,895.32

Commissioner Katula made a motion to approve the bills-vouchers dated February 13, 2025 in the amount of \$80,895.32; seconded by Commissioner Pilch. Commissioner Pilch inquired about a charge to Jimmy Johns. Director Dahm informed that lunch was provided to staff who did not attend the IPRA Conference. Roll Call Vote: Wolf – Yes, Katula – Yes, Pruitt – Yes, Pilch - Yes
Motion approved.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE FOLLOWING REPORT

A. Directors Report

Director Dahm reported that Maintenance Superintendent, Dave Beneventi, recently updated the mowing bid for all park locations for 2025. The bid was posted on February 10th and will remain open until February 27th at 2:00pm. The bid opening will immediately follow. Director Dahm informed that while going through the budget for improvement and development projects, it was brought to her attention that the roof on the Central Park Pavilion was in need of replacement in 2025. Along with a full replacement, new decking and fascia are also needed. It is the hope that we can make these renovations along with a fresh coat of paint to elevate the aesthetics of the pavilion. Director Dahm discussed the Joint Review Board Meeting for TIF District 6, she attended on February 6th at Oak Forest City Hall. She explained that the TIF has been extended by another 12 years, and will include an additional 4 parcels of land. This extension and addition were recommended by the developer who purchased the property. Director Dahm informed that herself, Michelle Pruitt, Dan Grubb, and Dave Beneventi met with Diverzify Flooring about replacing the flooring in the Fitness Center on Thursday, February 13th. We were given a number of options on how we can proceed with the project. Diverzify Flooring will be sending over quotes and samples for the flooring in the coming week. Director Dahm reported that she had been in talks with Cook County Forest Preserve about the future of the Cook County Hospital property. Cook County Forest Preserve discussed how they are in the process of going through their master plan process, and looking for ways to fulfill some of the needs they are finding. Director Dahm informed that she was approached by a DESTINY Teacher from Kerkstra Elementary who is working on her capstone project for her doctorate program. This teacher is hoping to redesign the playground at Gene Leonard Park to make it more inclusive for the children in the DESTINY program. Director Dahm said she will be seeking more details from the teacher on how she plans to complete this. Director Dahm informed that she would be meeting with Dr. Christine Roth from District 142 on February 19th on the potential of a walking path being built behind Hille Middle School. Director Dahm discussed how this could be not only a benefit to the school, but also a benefit to the surrounding neighborhood, as a walking path does not currently exist in that area of town.

B. Treasurer's Report

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of placing the 2025 Budget and Appropriation on display in its tentative form for public inspection for 30 days.

Commissioner Katula made a motion for Approval of placing the 2025 Budget and Appropriation on display in its tentative form for public inspection for 30 days; seconded by Commissioner Pruitt.

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

Motion approved.

Approval of work with A-Abel Roofing, Inc. for Central Park Pavilion upgrades in the amount of \$14,400.00.

Commissioner Pilch made a motion for Approval of work with A-Abel Roofing, Inc. for Central Park Pavilion upgrades in the amount of \$14,400.00; seconded by Commissioner Wolf. Commissioner Pruitt inquired about the type of shingles that will be used when roofing. Director Dahm informed that they would be using Owens Corning Oakridge Architectural Shingles warrantied for up to 50 years with wind resistance up to 110 mph. Commissioner Pilch inquired about the thickness of the decking being used. Director Dahm informed that they would be replacing new decking over the old decking after they replaced any pieces that were rotted out or broken.

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

Motion approved.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURN

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

On a voice vote, the motion to adjourn at 8:02 p.m. was approved.

APPROVED:



James R. Emmett, President

ATTEST:



James Katula, Secretary