

**OAK FOREST PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, JULY 24, 2025**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

James Emmett, President
Charles Wolf, Vice-President
Joseph Pilch, Commissioner

OTHERS PRESENT

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

ABSENT

James Katula, Secretary
Roy Pruitt, 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 7:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

PUBLIC SESSION

Commissioner Emmett opened Public Session, no one was present.

COMMUNICATIONS

Director Dahm informed that Representative Bob Rita would be hosting an Ice Cream Social in our parking lot on August 12 from 5:00-7:00pm. Director Dahm also informed that Oak Forest would be hosting National Night Out on August 5. The Park District will be at the event promoting the FunTime Preschool program, as well as other events and activities that are coming up.

PRESENTATIONS OF OFPD BASKETBALL COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR THE 2025-2026 SEASON AND OFPD FLAG FOOTBALL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 7, 2025.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS – VOUCHER DATED JULY 24, 2025 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$88,236.67

Commissioner Pilch made a motion to approve the bills-vouchers dated July 24, 2025 in the amount of \$88,236.67; seconded by Commissioner Wolf.
Roll Call Vote: Emmett – Yes, Wolf – Yes, Pilch – Yes
Motion approved.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE FOLLOWING REPORT

A. Directors Report

Director Dahm informed that staff had their first meeting with Hitchcock Design Group for the Master Plan for Don Gorman on July 14th. It went really well. She informed that we're on a pretty tight time frame to get everything done and completed for the OSLAD grant submission, but we can do it. Director informed that a detailed outline of the given timeline was attached to her board report for Commissioners reference. Director Dahm also reported that there are a couple of meetings that need to be completed for the master plan as well as for the OSLAD grant. Director Dahm informed that Hitchcock Design Group would be attending our next board meeting on August 14th to go the schematic design for the park master plan as well as what is hoping to be achieved through the OLSAD Grant. She stressed the importance of all commissioners being present at this meeting to stay informed on progress being made as we are moving through the Master Plan process and Grant process. Director Dahm reported that she would be meeting with Hitchcock Design Group on Thursday, August 7th at 10:00am. At this meeting, Hitchcock Design Group will be presenting a 50% completed schematic plan for Don Gorman Park, and we will review the plan and let them know of any changes we would like to see happen in the plan. From there, the Master Plan will be approved at the August 14 board meeting, and plans of Don Gorman Park will be presented at a Community Input Meeting, that will be held on Wednesday, August 20th at 6:00pm at the Don Gorman Rec. Center. Director Dahm reported that planning for Old Times Picnic is going well, and that Recreation Supervisor, Josh Zoberis, has been working hard and finalizing all the last-minute details for the event. Director Dahm informed that the walking path at Convent Park has been completed and is open for residents to walk on. Matthews Paving was contracted for this project, and completed it in a quick time frame. Director Dahm discussed the Zone Fitness Center flooring project, and informed that flooring was almost complete, and Michelle Pruitt was hoping to open the Fitness Center to the public the following week.

B. Treasurer's Report

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF NEW SCAG RIDING MOWER THROUGH RUSSO IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,619.00

Commissioner Wolf made a motion for approval of purchase of new Scag Riding Mower through Russo in the amount of \$13,619.00; seconded by Commissioner Pilch.

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

Motion approved.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSAL FOR WORK WITH SPORTSFIELD INC. TO RENOVATE FRIENDLY OAKS PARK BALL FIELD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$16,500.00

Commissioner Pilch made a motion for approval of proposal for work with Sportsfield Inc. to renovate Friendly Oaks Park ball field in the amount of \$16,500.00; seconded by Commissioner Wolf.

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

Motion approved.

APPROVAL OF MASTER PLAN FOR DON GORMAN PARK WITH HITCHCOCK DESIGN GROUP

Commissioner Wolf made a motion for approval of Master Plan for Don Gorman Park with Hitchcock Design Group; seconded by Commissioner Katula.

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

Motion approved.

APPROVAL OF REPLACEMENT OF CENTRAL PARK GARAGE ROOF WITH A-ABEL ROOFING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$23,280.00

Commissioner Pilch made a motion for approval of replacement of Central Park Garage Roof with A-Abel Roofing in the amount of \$23,280.00; seconded by Commissioner Wolf.

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

Motion approved.

APPROVAL OF PURCHASING ENGINEERED WOOD FIBERS (MULCH) FROM LUCAS LANDSCAPING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$21,400.00

Commissioner Emmett made a motion for approval of purchasing Engineered Wood Fiber (mulch) from Lucas Landscaping in the amount of \$21,400.00; seconded by Commissioner Wolf.

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

Motion approved.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 297.25 ACKNOWLEDGING RECOMMENDED PARK LAND STANDARD OF ACRES PER POPULTION

Commissioner Emmett made a motion for Approval of Resolution 297.25 Acknowledging Recommended Park Land Standard of Acres Per Population; seconded by Commissioner Wolf.

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

Motion approved.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS


Commissioner Pilch reminded everyone that the Oak Forest Chapter of Sleep in Heavenly Peace in partnership with Oak Forest Rotary Club, will be holding a golf outing at George Dunne Golf Course on Thursday, September 18th. Proceeds from this fundraiser will go to Sleep in Heavenly Peace and Food4Kids Backpacking Program.

ADJOURN

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

On a voice vote, the motion to adjourn at 7:14 p.m. was approved.

APPROVED:

James R. Emmett, President**ATTEST:**

James Katula, Secretary