

**OAK FOREST PARK DISTRICT  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2025**

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT**

James Emmett, President  
James Katula, Secretary  
Roy Pruitt, Commissioner

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Joseph Cainkar, Attorney  
Kirstin Dahm, Director

**ABSENT**

Charles Wolf, Vice-President  
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 7:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**PUBLIC SESSION**

Commissioner Emmett opened Public Session, no one was present.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Director Dahm informed that the Oak Forest Park District would be putting out a box for a local diaper drive that New Life Community Church is holding. The Diaper Drive will be going September 14<sup>th</sup> through October 12<sup>th</sup>. Director Dahm reported the FunTime Preschool Program is holding a back-to-school concert for program participants on September 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. Sue Ann Beardsley, FunTime Coordinator, contracted children's musician Carol Stevens to perform for families. This is a free event for program participants.

**PRESENTATIONS**

None

**CONSIDERATION OF BILLS – VOUCHER DATED SEPTEMBER 11, 2025 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$126,374.88**

Commissioner Pruitt made a motion to approve the bills-vouchers dated September 11, 2025 in the amount of \$126,374.88; seconded by Commissioner Katula.

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

Motion approved.

## **ACCEPTANCE OF THE FOLLOWING REPORT**

### **A. Directors Report**

Director Dahm informed that staff would be having another meeting with Hitchcock Design Group on Friday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am to discuss the application for the OSLAD Grant. The goal of this meeting is to review the application, and begin filling in narratives and answers to the questions. Director Dahm reported that sealcoating for parks will begin taking place the week of September 15<sup>th</sup>. The parks being seal coated and striped are Gene Leonard Park, Gingerwood Park, Gingerwood Garage Lot, Vergne Way Park, Harriet Park, and Central Park. Director Dahm informed that Sportsfield has completed renovations to the ball field at Friendly Oaks Park. The field was dugout and had new turf put in, base plugs were installed at 60', 70', and 80' to make the field more multi-use, the grass lip for the infield was recut, and the grass that was behind home plate was cut out. The field renovations only took about 2 days, and look great. Director Dahm informed that Do All Fence completed the vinyl split-rail fence installation at Waverly Creekside Park. This is a large improvement from the wooden posts that were previously there. Lastly, Director Dahm reported that the bid opening for the Heritage Park Playground Installation will take place on September 16<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm. The goal is to award the bid at the September 25<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **B. Treasurer's Report**

None.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 643.25; AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSAL OF CERTAIN ITEMS OF PERSONAL PROPERTY BY THE OAK FOREST PARK DISTRICT.**

Commissioner Emmett made a motion for approval of Ordinance 643.25; an Ordinance authorizing the disposal of certain items of personal property by the Oak Forest Park District; seconded by Commissioner Katula.

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

Motion approved.

### **APPROVAL OF OAK FOREST PARK DISTRICT YOUTH BASKETBALL COMMITTEE MEMBER FOR THE 2025-2026 SEASON**

Commissioner Katula made a motion for approval of Oak Forest Park District Youth Basketball Committee Member for the 2025-2026 season; seconded by Commissioner Pruitt.

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

Motion approved.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

None

**ADJOURN**

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

On a voice vote, the motion to adjourn at 7:08 p.m. was approved.

**APPROVED:**

  
James R. Emmett, President

**ATTEST:**

  
James Katula, Secretary