

**OAK FOREST PARK DISTRICT  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2025**

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT**

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

**ABSENT**

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 7:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**PUBLIC SESSION**

Commissioner Emmett opened Public Session, no one was present

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Director Dahm informed that SSSRA will be holding their annual cash raffle to raise funds for their scholarship fund, which helps families offset costs of programming through SSSRA.

**PRESENTATION OF DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS AND OAK FOREST PARK DISTRICT YOUTH BASKETBALL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2025**

**CONSIDERATION OF BILLS – VOUCHER DATED SEPTEMBER 25, 2025 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$95,662.27**

Commissioner Pilch made a motion to approve the bills-vouchers dated September 25, 2025 in the amount of \$95,662.27; seconded by Commissioner Katula.

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

Motion approved.

**ACCEPTANCE OF THE FOLLOWING REPORT**

**A. Directors Report**

Director Dahm reported that PDRMA Health Program will begin open enrollment in November. However, insurance rates for the offered PPO plan and HMO plan have gone up significantly. Director Dahm informed that the PPO plan will increase 9.8%

and the HMO plan will increase 8.7%. In an effort to offset these increased costs, a \$2,000.00 deductible PPO plan will be offered instead of the \$1,500.00 deductible plan. Director Dahm stated that for the most recent 5-year period, including 2026, PDRMA rates have increased an average of 5.7% for the PPO and 6.2% for the HMO. Director Dahm also reported that PDRMA will be changing to Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois's Blue Choice Options network strategy. The Blue Choice Options is a 3-Tier PPO plan design using two PPO networks – Blue Choice Options and PPO. Providers in both PPO networks are considered in-network, but the providers in the BCO network agree to deeper discounts, so their claims are paid at the highest benefit level. Since the providers in the BCO network agree to deeper claim discounts, most of the expected cost savings comes from gaining access to better claim pricing, not from increasing the participants out-of-pocket costs. Director Dahm informed that the OSLAD Grant application deadline is Tuesday, September 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm.

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

Treasurer McDonnell presented the August Financials to the Board and informed that total cash and investments as of August 31, 2025 are \$5,535,316.01. As reports shows, we received revenue from programs, the fitness center, and fees. Treasurer McDonnell informed that some money was spent in capital improvement, but majority of expenses were salaries and wages. Treasurer McDonnell reported that there was still no specified date for delivery of the second installment of property tax bills. While this can be burdensome, the Park District will not need financial assistance while waiting for these funds to come in. Treasurer McDonnell also informed that the unrestricted cash balance is above the restricted cash balance, which is where we want it to be.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

None

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **A. Approval of ARS Landscaping Corp., low bidder for the Heritage Park Playground Project - 2025**

Commissioner Emmett made a motion for approval ARS Landscaping Corp., low bidder for the Heritage Park Playground Project - 2025; seconded by Commissioner Pilch.

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

Motion approved

#### **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

None

**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 7:09 p.m. was approved.

**APPROVED:**



James R. Emmett, President

**ATTEST:**



James Katula, Secretary