

**OAK FOREST PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 2026**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Kirstin Dahm, Director

ABSENT

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 7:040p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Approval of Minutes of December 4, 2025 and December 18, 2025

Commissioner Emmett made a motion for the Approval of Minutes of December 4, 2025 and December 18, 2025; seconded by Commissioner Pruitt.
Roll Call Vote: Emmett – Yes, Wolf- Yes, Pruitt – Yes, Pilch – Yes
Motion approved

PUBLIC SESSION

Commissioner Emmett opened Public Session, no one was present

COMMUNICATIONS

Director Dahm informed the City of Oak Forest will be featured on the WGN Radio/Hometown series on February 26th and invited the Park District to also be interviewed to discuss upcoming events and projects.

PRESENTATIONS

None

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS – VOUCHER DATE JANUARY 8, 2026 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$159,738.52

Commissioner Katula made a motion to approve the bills-voucher date January 8, 2026 in the amount of \$159,738.52; seconded by Commissioner Wolf. Commissioner Wolf inquired about an invoice from EOIP, LLC. Director Dahm informed that this is the company name of the IT services we use and the invoice is an annual fee that has been contracted and previously approved at a board meeting. Director Dahm informed that this fee covers IT services for the year.
Roll Call Vote: Emmett – Yes, Wolf – Yes, Katula – Yes, Pruitt – Yes
Motion approved.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE FOLLOWING REPORT

A. Directors Report

Director Dahm gave an updated on the OSLAD Grant stating that the IDNR still has not announced grant recipients, but we are hoping to find out the winners at or before the IPRA Soaring to New Heights Conference in Chicago. Director Dahm reported that she will be hiring another full time outside maintenance supervisor in 2026. She will begin by posting the position and conducting interviews with Maintenance Superintendent, Dave Beneventi. Director Dahm informed that Recreation Supervisor, Josh Zoberis will be filling in for her at the January 22 board meeting. Director Dahm reported that John Williams of Hearne & Associates reached out to her and Accounting Administrator, Christine Wiseman, to begin working on the 2025 audit. We have also begun working with Lauterbach and Amen for the OPEB/GASB 74/75 actuarial reports needed for the 2025 audit.

B. Treasurer’s Report

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

A. Ratification of Work with Reliable Fire to install a hydraulic placard on Central Park Building sprinkler system.

Commissioner Wolf made a motion for ratification of Work with Reliable Fire to install a hydraulic placard on Central Park Building sprinkler system; seconded by Commissioner Katula. Commissioner Emmett asked Director Dahm to inform the board about what a hydraulic placard is. Director Dahm explained that the hydraulic placard is a mandatory sign that lists information about the sprinkler system, and helps emergency responders and inspectors understand flow demands and occupancy hazards. She also noted that this is something that is required for us to have in our building.

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

Motion approved

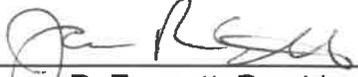
COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Katula informed the Board of Commissioners that he would not be able to attend Board Meetings during the months of June and July, due to a previous work obligation.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Emmett made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Katula. On a voice vote, the motion to adjourn at 7:27 p.m. was approved.

APPROVED:



James R. Emmett, President

ATTEST:



James Katula, Secretary