

**OAK FOREST PARK DISTRICT  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2026**

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT**

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

**ABSENT**

None

**CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Emmett called the special meeting to order at the Oak Forest Park District Community Center, 15601 S. Central, Oak Forest, IL at 6:00 pm.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**PUBLIC SESSION**

Commissioner Emmett opened Public Session, no one was present

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Director Dahm informed that the spring and summer activity guide has been mailed to residents. She also reported that staff we preparing for the Oak Forest Fleadh parade coming up on March 7th.

**PRESENTATIONS**

None

**CONSIDERATION OF BILLS**

None

**ACCEPTANCE OF THE FOLLOWING REPORT**

**A. Directors Report**

Director Dahm informed that the park's phone contract is almost up with Comcast, and she has been working on getting pricing from an outside company called BTS on taking over our phone contract. BTS is a broker for different phone companies, and works with corporations like Comcast, 3CX, Verizon, etc. Instead of renewing with Comcast, BTS has proposed that they contract the phone carrier 3CX to supply phones and all phone lines. They (BTS) would then be the go to for supplying all phone hardware, phone set-up, phone programming, and all ongoing support after initial phone set-up. Director Dahm informed that based on current pricing from

Comcast, the bill would be around \$990.00 a month; with BTS and the exact same service and phones, the district's bill would go down to \$665.00 a month. For the year Comcast would be \$11,988.00 and BTS would be \$7,980.00. Director Dahm reported that she would have a contract for the next board meeting to put on for new business. Director Dahm reported that Dave Beneventi is in the process of putting together a bid for removal and replacement of the Heritage Park parking lot, pathways, and basketball court. The goal is to have the bid out next week, and have bid opening on March 10<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm. Director Dahm informed that this is something that was included in the budget for the year as part of capital improvement plans.

**B. Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer McDonnell informed that he did not have a budget report, but he would be discussing the bonds that are being awarded. He reported that he received final rates for the 2026 bond, and everything looks really good. Treasurer McDonnell informed that the first bond will be a short bond in the amount of \$375,695, and second bond would be a 3-year bond in the amount of \$2,755,000. Interest rates for both bonds are low.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Approval of Ordinance 646.26 an Ordinance providing for the issue of a \$375,695 Taxable General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bond, Series 2026A, of the Oak Forest Park District, Cook County, Illinois**

Commissioner Katula made a motion for approval of Ordinance 646.26 an Ordinance providing for the issue of a \$375,695 Taxable General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bond, Series 2026A, of the Oak Forest Park District, Cook County, Illinois; seconded by Commissioner Wolf

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

**B. Approval of Ordinance 647.26 an Ordinance providing for the issue of a \$2,755,000 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bond, Series 2026B, of the Oak Forest Park District, Cook County, Illinois, and providing for the levy of a Direct Annual Tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds**

Commissioner Pruitt made a motion for approval of Ordinance 647.26 an Ordinance providing for the issue of a \$2,755,000 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bond, Series 2026B, of the Oak Forest Park District, Cook County, Illinois, and providing for the levy of a Direct Annual Tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds: seconded by Commissioner Wolf. Commissioner Wolf inquired about the length of the bond. Treasurer McDonnell informed that it has the final payment being paid in 2029, and was reflected in the report on page 5.

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

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

None

**ADJOURN**

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

On a voice vote, the motion to adjourn at 6:10 p.m. was approved.

**APPROVED:**



James R. Emmett, President

**ATTEST:**



James Katula, Secretary