

**OAK FOREST PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2026**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

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

ABSENT

James Katula, Secretary

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Wolf called the regular meeting to order at the Oak Forest Park District Community Center, 15601 S. Central, Oak Forest, IL at 7:01pm

ROLL CALL

Upon a roll call Commissioners Wolf, Pruitt, and Pilch were present. Commissioner Emmett arrived at 7:06pm

PRESENTATION FROM JOHN WILLIAMS; HEARNE & ASSOCIATES – 2025 AUDIT

John Williams from Hearne and Associates presented to the Board of Commissioners the 2025 Audit.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL 9, 2026 AND April 23, 2026 BOARD MEETINGS

Commissioner Emmett made a motion for the Approval of Minutes of April 9, 2026 and April 23, 2026; seconded by Commissioner Pruitt.

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

Motion approved

PUBLIC SESSION

Commissioner Wolf opened Public Session, at which time Barb O'Malley of 5325 LaPalm Ct. introduced herself. Mrs. O'Malley brought up parking concerns over at Heritage Park – 149th St. & Long Ave. Mrs. O'Malley informed that t-ball games at Heritage Park created congested parking conditions throughout the neighborhood. Commissioner Emmett suggested that Mrs. O'Malley reach out to non-emergency if she noticed people parking illegally. Director Dahm informed that she would have a conversation with baseball, and have them remind parents to be mindful when parking on residential streets. Mrs. O'Malley thanked the Board of Commissioners for hearing her concerns.

COMMUNICATIONS

Director Dahm informed that FunTime will begin having their end of year programs beginning the week of May 18, and invited Commissioners to attend.

PRESENTATION OF OAK FOREST PARK DISTRICT FLAG FOOTBALL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 6, 2026, PRESENTATION OF OAK FOREST PARK DISTRICT FLAG FOOTBALL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 20, 2026, PRESENTATION OF FLAG FOOTBALL COMMITTEE MEMBER FOR THE 2026 SEASON, AND PRESENTATION OF DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Director Dahm informed that her and Recreation Supervisor Jennette Mikos recommended Ashley Tucker for the position of Committee Member for the Oak Forest Park District Flag Football Committee. Director Dahm and Supervisor Mikos both feel that Ms. Tucker will be an asset to the Oak Forest Park District, and to the Flag Football Committee.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS –VOUCHER DATED MAY 14, 2026 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$127,086.52

Commissioner Emmett made a motion to approve the bills-voucher date May 14, 2026 in the amount of \$127,086.52; seconded by Commissioner Pilch. Roll Call Vote: Emmett – Yes, Wolf – Yes, Pruitt – Yes, Pilch - Yes
Motion approved.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE FOLLOWING REPORT

A. Directors Report

Director Dahm informed that the OC Chamber of Commerce Golf Outing is coming up on Wednesday, June 10th at George Dunne. Director Dahm reported that the Park District is co-hosting a planting event with the City of Oak Forest on Saturday, May 31st at Vergne Way Park. The City of Oak Forest was recently awarded a grant for trees and shrubs through the CRTI program through the Morton Arboretum, and will be hosting a plant giveaway along with the planting event. Director Dahm informed that we had recently disposed of an old power rake that no longer worked, and Oak Forest Baseball Association was interested in taking it. Director Dahm reported that she acquired pricing on renovating the dance room to make it one large room to better accommodate the growing dance program, and to help add more space for multi-purpose classes. She discussed the possibility of using this space for multiple dance classes as well as various fitness classes. Director Dahm informed that Elizabeth Blood from Attorney Joe Canikar's office has been helping make updates to the current employee manual. Director Dahm discussed the possibility of maintenance demolishing the unused wooden shed by Central Park Maintenance Garage. Maintenance Superintendent, Dave Beneventi, proposed this idea and suggested replacing it with a pod to store baseball field equipment. Director Dahm informed that tree trimming at Stezco Park with A-Abel will be taking place in the coming days. They are contracted to trim low hanging branches, as well as clean up

overgrown bushes. Director Dahm reported that she had sought out pricing for the lagoon remediation from the water main break that happened at the corner of Central Ave. & Margie Ln. at the end of February. Pricing came in from ILM, who currently helps us maintain the lagoon, at around \$65,000. Director Dahm reported that Dave Beneventi and herself would be reaching out to other companies to get additional pricing.

B. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer McDonnell presented the April Financials to the Board and informed that total cash and investments as of April 30, 2026 are \$9,125,933.85. As reports shows, we received revenue from property taxes, programs, and the fitness center.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of 2026 OFBA G.O.A.T. Glove Tournament Agreement

Commissioner Emmett made a motion for approval of 2026 OFBA G.O.A.T. Glove Tournament Agreement; seconded by Commissioner Pruitt.

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

Motion approved

B. Approval of Ordinance 650.26 an Ordinance Authorizing the Disposal of Certain Items of Personal Property by The Oak Forest Park District

Commissioner Pilch made a motion for approval of Ordinance 650.26 an Ordinance Authorizing the Disposal of Certain Items of Personal Property by The Oak Forest Park District; seconded by Commissioner Emmett.

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

Motion approved

C. Approval of Environmental Indemnity Agreement with the City of Oak Forest

Commissioner Emmett made a motion for approval of Environmental Indemnity Agreement with the City of Oak Forest; seconded by Commissioner Wolf.

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

Motion approved

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Emmett expressed appreciation for all of the sport committee volunteers that dedicate time to the Youth Sport Programs of the Oak Forest Park District. He directed Director Dahm to compose letters of gratitude to all Youth Sport Committee Volunteer Members.

ADJOURN

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

On a voice vote, the motion to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. was approved.

APPROVED:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James R. Emmett", written over a horizontal line.

James R. Emmett, President

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "James Katula", written over a horizontal line.

James Katula, Secretary