

**OAK FOREST PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, MAY 28, 2026**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

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

ABSENT

James Emmett, President
Roy Pruitt, Commissioner

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 7:00pm

ROLL CALL

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

PUBLIC SESSION

Commissioner Wolf opened Public Session, no one was present

COMMUNICATIONS

Director Dahm informed that Summer Camps will be beginning the week of June 8, and registration for all camps is going very well.

PRESENTATIONS

None

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS –VOUCHER DATED MAY 28, 2026 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$118,337.12

Commissioner Katula made a motion to approve the bills-voucher date May 28, 2026 in the amount of \$118,337.12; seconded by Commissioner Pilch.
Roll Call Vote: Wolf – Yes; Katula – Yes, Pilch - Yes
Motion approved.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE FOLLOWING REPORT

A. Directors Report

Director Dahm informed that the Green Up Oak Forest group has been working on installing a “pollinator pocket garden” along the walking path by the old Oak Fest site. This is an area that we maintain, but doesn’t have very much aesthetic value. The

group had approached us with the idea, and gave detailed plans for a way to improve the area. They worked with the University of Illinois Extension to have the area designated as an official “pollinator pocket garden” and gave us signs to post acknowledging the designation. Director Dahm reported that onboarding and yearly risk management training have been going well. Since April over 50 seasonal employees have been onboarded through our new Tyler software onboarding module. Director Dahm informed that new phone systems through BTS were installed Wednesday, May 27. Going through BTS for our phones will not only save the District money, but will also offer much better customer support for any issues that may arise. Director Dahm reported that as we approach the midway point of the year, she has been scheduling individual meetings with staff to discuss budgets. The goal of the meetings is to review where we are at in anticipated revenue and expenses, and strategies to meet budget goals throughout the remainder of the year. Director Dahm also informed that Superintendent of Maintenance, Dave Beneventi, and herself have been meeting with playground representatives from different companies to begin working on replacing playground equipment at Vergne Way Park.

B. Treasurer’s Report

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of purchase of Harlequin Flexity Dance Flooring through Harlequin in the amount of \$24,088.28

Commissioner Pilch made a motion for approval of purchase of Harlequin Flexity Dance Flooring through Harlequin in the amount of \$24,088.28; seconded by Commissioner Katula. Director Dahm reviewed the need to renovate and expand the current dance room. Stating that revenue for the dance program has increased over the past five (5) years due to program growth. Expanding the current dance room will not only allow for more program growth, but will create a new multi-purpose space for other classes that is desperately needed in our building.

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

Motion approved

B. Approval of work with Diverzify Pro for flooring installation in the amount of \$29,500.00

Commissioner Katula made a motion for approval of work with Diverzify Pro for flooring installation in the amount of \$29,500.00; seconded by Commissioner Pilch.

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

Motion approved

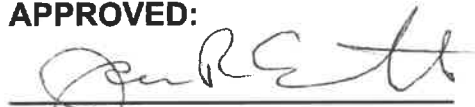
COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Pilch expressed gratitude to Superintendent of Maintenance, Dave Beneventi, for continued support and ability to help out whenever called upon. Commissioner Pilch informed the Board that Dave not only assisted the Oak Forest Veterans Commission when they were looking for a spot to hold their flag staging, but also helped in moving the flags along Central Ave. Pilch stated that he was a tremendous help for that event.

ADJOURN

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

On a voice vote, the motion to adjourn at 7:23pm was approved.

APPROVED:
James R. Emmett, President**ATTEST:**
James Katula, Secretary