OAK FOREST PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2026

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT
James Emmett, President
Charles Wolf, Vice-President
Roy Pruitt, Commissioner

OTHERS PRESENT
Joseph Cainkar, Attorney
Kirstin Dahm, Director

ABSENT
James Katula, Secretary
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 7:00pm

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AUGUST 13, 2026 AND AUGUST 27, 2026 BOARD MEETINGS
Commissioner Wolf made a motion for the Approval of Minutes of August 13, 2026 and August 27, 2026 Board Meetings; seconded by Commissioner Pruitt.
Roll Call Vote: Emmett – Yes, Wolf – Yes, Pruitt - Yes
Motion approved

PUBLIC SESSION
Commissioner Emmett opened Public Session, no one was present.

COMMUNICATIONS
Director Dahm informed that the annual Senior Picnic would be taking place Friday, September 11th from 11:00am-2:00pm at the Park Place building. Director Dahm informed that this was a sold out event, and we are anticipating a great day.

PRESENTATION OF DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS, AND PRESENTATION OF OAK FOREST PARK DISTRICT FLAG FOOTBALL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 17, 2026

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS –VOUCHER DATED SEPTEMBER 10, 2026 IN THE AMOUNT OF $127,946.21
Commissioner Wolf made a motion to approve the bills-Voucher Dated September 10, 2026 in the amount of $127,435.71; seconded by Commissioner Emmett.
Roll Call Vote: Emmett – Yes, Wolf – Yes, Pruitt - Yes
Motion approved.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE FOLLOWING REPORT

A. Directors Report

Director Dahm informed that Tree clean-up has still been going on. As of the end of August, we have spent $7,699.91 between dumpsters, supplies, and disposing of tree debris. Director Dahm informed that she has begun working on the budget. Director Dahm reported that the Old Times Family Picnic was very successful. We had a beautiful day, and the event was well attended. Josh hired a new band for this year, The Blooze Brothers, which drew a large crowd, and was enjoyed by all. Director Dahm informed that RVi received the Geotech results from the borings that were done over at Don Gorman Park for the OSLAD project. Upon review of these results, it was found that there is very silty soil under the proposed site of the splash pad and playground. Due to this, it would become very costly to build the proper foundations to install these amenities in this location. As of right now, we are planning on moving the location of the splash pad and playground to just north of the existing parking lot. Director Dahm reported that this is not increase our costs with RVi, but will require a little bit of time to rework the overall design. We are hoping to have the completed 100% design by the end of the month, which still allows time for bid document preparation for the winter.

Treasurer's Report

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of Hacienda Landscaping, low bidder for the Vergne Way Park Playground Project 2026

Commissioner Wolf made a motion for Approval of Hacienda Landscaping, low bidder for the Vergne Way Park Playground Project 2026; seconded by Commissioner Pruitt.

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

Motion approved

Motion approved

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Emmett inquired about certain food trucks leaving the Old Times Family Picnic early. Director Dahm informed that we were unaware of the change in departure time until the morning of the event. Director Dahm suggested working with Recreation Supervisor, Josh Zoberis, to find a way to ensure that all food truck vendors are committed to stay for the entirety of the event. Commissioner Pruitt commented on the condition of the walking path at Gene Leonard Park. Director Dahm reported that she would talk with Superintendent of Maintenance, Dave Beneventi, to see when we are planning on replacing the existing path, and if there is anything we can do in the meantime to improve the path quality.

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 7:12 p.m. was approved.

APPROVED:

James R. Emmett, President

ATTEST:

James Katula, Secretary