



PARK DISTRICT of OAK PARK

**Park District of Oak Park
Regular Park Board Meeting
John Hedges Administrative Center
218 Madison Street
Oak Park, Illinois 60302**

Thursday, May 15, 2025

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Lentz, Onayemi, Worley-Hood, and President Porreca

Absent: Commissioners Wollmuth

Park District Staff Present: Jan Arnold, Executive Director; Mitch Bowlin, Director of Business Operations; Chris Lindgren, Deputy Director of Properties & Planning; Maureen McCarthy, Deputy Director of Recreation; Ann Marie Buczek, and Director of Marketing & Community Engagement

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The motion was passed by a roll call vote of 4:0

III. VISITOR/PUBLIC – None

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Worley-Hood and seconded by Commissioner Lentz to approve the Cash and Investment Summary and Warrants and Bills for the month of April 2025; approval of the Minutes from the Committee of the Whole Meeting from April 3, 2025, and Regular Board Meeting from April 17, 2025; and review of Ethics Ordinance 2015-05-01. **The motion was passed by a roll call vote of 4:0.**

V. STAFF REPORTS

- A. Executive Director's Report** – In addition to the Executive Director's Report (which is included in the Board Packet), Executive Director Arnold noted that the pools are filled, and lifeguard training is underway at RCRC. Rehm Pool will have a partial opening on June 5. Contractor is behind on the Rehm Pool Addition and staff are pushing to get the new amenities open to the community as soon as possible. Day Camp will begin on June 9th, concerts in the parks beginning on June 8th and staff are looking forwards to Day In Our Village on June 1.
- B. Updates and Information** – Written report included in the Board Packet.
- C. Revenue/Expense Status Reports** – No questions asked.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Administration and Finance Committee - None**



B. Parks and Planning Committee

1. IAPD Legislative Day Update – Executive Director Arnold shared that Commissioner Lentz, and three staff visited Springfield for Legislative Days. Information shared included capitol complex updates, data sharing to tell your story and hot legislative issues.
2. Field Center Rebidding Update – Executive Director Arnold shared that Bulley Andrews is working on some value engineering option before going out with trade specific bid later this month with bid openings in late June. Staff are working with Village of Oak Park staff on some permitting questions and with D97 on an IGA to meet parking requirements.
3. Forever Lawn Contract Approval for Irving School Turf Replacement – Executive Director Arnold shared that the IGA with D97 in 2013 was for a 50/50 split on turf replacement. The field is 12 years old and in need of replacement this summer. AYSO committed 20% of the project total, not to exceed \$65,000. PDOP will cover 50% and D97 30%. The Park District is using the approved contract with Sourcewell #031622-FVL to procure the turf and prevailing wages will be paid for its installation. The product has a 15-year warranty, and the Park District has used the product on our playgrounds and have been very pleased with the performance. A motion was made by Commissioner Worley-Hood and seconded by Commissioner Onayemi to approve the contract with Forever Lawn for an amount not to exceed \$315,000 and to authorize Executive Director Arnold to sign the contract. **The motion was passed by a roll call vote of 4:0.**

C. Recreation and Facility Program Committee

1. Collaboration for Early Childhood Agreement Approval – Executive Director Arnold noted that Mary Reynold from the Collaboration presented on May 1 the partnership and training opportunities provided to our preschool teachers. A motion was made by Commissioner Lentz and seconded by Commissioner Worley-Hood to approve the agreement for an amount not to exceed \$7,500. **The motion was passed by a roll call vote of 4:0.**
2. D97/PDOP IGA for Summer Camp Approval – Executive Director Arnold shared that D97 and PDOP had this agreement in 2024 to provide two weeks of camp for free to rising 1st -5th graders at D97 that are eligible for free or reduced lunch. The program is funded by D97 and PDOP's use of scholarship funds. Commissioners asked about success in 2024 and feel this is a great opportunity for the youth in the community that might not otherwise be able to attend camp. A motion was made by Commissioner Lentz and seconded by Commissioner Onayemi to approve the IGA. **The motion was passed by a roll call vote of 4:0.**

VII. NEW BUSINESS - NONE

VIII. COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

Commissioner Worley-Hood: Commissioner Worley-Hood attended the AYSO meeting and shared the Park District CIP and answered questions regarding support for the Irving Field.

Commissioner Lentz: Commissioner Lentz shared that the FOPCON plant sale did very well; approximately 20% better than 2024.



Commissioner Onayemi: Commissioner Onayemi shared that IGOV was rescheduled and he will not be able to attend the new date due to a conflict.

President Porreca: President Porreca shared that she reached out to David Wick and thanked him for his One View and especially his kind words regarding the staff.

IX. CLOSED SESSION – None

X. ADJOURNED

At 8:01pm, a motion was made by Commissioner Lentz and seconded by Commissioner Worley-Hood to adjourn. **The motion was passed by a voice vote of 4:0.**



Secretary
Board of Park Commissioners

June 19, 2025

Date



President
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