



# **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, August 21, 2025**

## **Minutes**

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

### **I. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Commissioners Lentz, Onayemi, Worley-Hood, and President Porreca. Commissioner Wollmuth was absent.

**Park District Staff Present:** Jan Arnold, Executive Director; Mitch Bowlin, Director of Finance; Maureen McCarthy, Superintendent of Recreation; Bill Hamilton, Superintendent of Properties & Planning; Nelson Acevedo, Director of Properties and Planning; Ann Marie Buczek, Director of Marketing & Community Engagement; Roger Oney, Properties and Planning, and Karen Gruszka, Executive Assistant.

### **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 July 2025; approval of the Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting from July 24, 2025; and Disposal Ordinance 2025-08-21. **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 the lifeguards received their third exceeds for the season for the Ellis evaluation, the pools are now open for reduced hours and will be finishing up on September 1. Staff have been working with IDPH to get licenses for the RCRC and Rehm pools. We'd like to get the large water body licensed at RCRC so it can then be drained; they would need to come back for the Rehm license due to the Rehm pool construction going until mid-to-late September. There are two movies in the park left, Ferris Bueller's Day Off on August 22, and Wicked scheduled on September 19. There is one concert left for the 2025 concert series scheduled this Sunday, and the tent will be taken down on Monday. The Frank Lloyd Wright Races early bird registration just opened, and we are at 25% of last year's participants, and once again, we are looking for volunteers. The Field Center fencing is going up. The contractor is waiting for the building permit, as they need all of the subs before they release that and Kevin is still working on solidifying the roofer. Trees are being removed Monday at Field. The project is waiting for the MWRD permit. Terra



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Engineering has responded to questions. We need the permit before earth work can begin. On site team meetings will begin on Monday, August 25.

**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** – None

**C. Recreation and Facility Program Committee**

1. Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for 2026-2030 Approval – Executive Director Arnold reminded the Board of the presentation of the Capital Improvement Plan 2026-2030 at the July Regular Board Meeting and noted that for best practices, the Park District reviews its CIP at the beginning of its annual budget process. As we presented to you in the month of July, the CIP uses 50% of increased taxes from the referendum to go directly to support the CIP for general maintenance. We have some grants and donations which we are using the last of the donations on CRC. Rehm pool's bath house, Stevenson Center's elevator, turf at Percy Julian Middle School and Gwendolyn Brooks Middle School have all been identified for focus in 2026. Staff will bring the CIP back to the Board next summer for looking at the next five years. Appreciation for the work that goes into the CIP was expressed by the Board. **The motion was passed by a roll call vote of 4:0.**

### **VIII. NEW BUSINESS** – None

### **IX. COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS**

**Commissioner Wollmuth:** Absent.

**Commissioner Worley-Hood:** Attended a FOPCON meeting. The agreement negotiation has yet to begin, and he shared with the board that it will require time similar to the last agreement. He also had a good conversation with the AYSO Board President who asked for help on their pricing. AYSO indicated that they will apply a \$10-15 field improvement fee as part of all registration, similar to past practices. They also had a brief conversation regarding lights at Field versus at Beye and Jake was told that if they spent money, it would be at Beye.

**Commissioner Onayemi:** Attended IGOV on Saturday and said there were a lot of people on the boards present. The D97 Superintendent resigned, and their Board will need to do a nationwide search to replace that position. The group also discussed the possibility of entities changing the dates that they met to allow other entities more availability to attend. This was just a discussion for representatives to go back to the respective groups to discuss. IGOV is still working on the document for prospective candidates running for office to help with glitches that they may encounter or general questions to help them in their quest to become an active Oak Park Board Member; with a completion date towards the end of September. Other entities are starting on their budgets, and discussion took place on ways to work together on them. They also talked about the Senate Bill 2504 at the meeting.





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**Commissioner Lentz:** Was excited to see the new play equipment at Andersen and that things are moving along well. She has been attending the Plan It Green core team for the past 7 years and she was happy to see representatives at both D97 and Trinity getting started on a number of sustainable projects with their new leadership. Festival Theatre was rained out, but she went on to say it has just been a wonderful 50th season and they continue to thank the PDOP for their support.

**President Porreca:** Commented she loves the new program guide and that her neighbor had purchased a sponsorship ad in the guide.

**X. CLOSED SESSION** – None

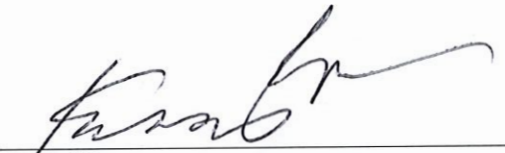
**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:50pm, the Regular Board Meeting was adjourned. The motion was passed by a voice vote of 5:0.

  
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Secretary  
Board of Park Commissioners

September 11, 2025

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President  
Board of Park Commissioners

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