



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, September 11, 2025

Minutes

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

I. ROLL CALL

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

Park District Staff Present: Jan Arnold, Executive Director; Ann Marie Buczek, Director of Marketing and Community Engagement; Bill Hamilton; Superintendent of Properties and Planning; Maureen McCarthy, Deputy Director of Recreation; Mitch Bowling, Director of Business Operations; Roger Oney, Parks & Planning; and Karen Gruszka, Executive Assistant.

Others: Steven Struth.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

III. VISITOR/PUBLIC

Steven Struth - Mr. Struth stated he was there to discuss the changes to the field space allotted to St. Giles School as they have been denied field space they have historically used in the past. He then said he wanted to compliment the Board for what they have done in the past and present and for all they have provided the residents. The Deputy Director of Recreation and the Superintendent of Properties and Planning discussed the scheduling with Mr. Struth outside the meeting when he was done speaking.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Wollmuth and seconded by Commissioner Lentz to approve the Cash and Investment Summary and Warrants and Bills for the month of August 2025; approval of the Minutes from the Regular Park Board Meeting from August 21, 2025; approval of Disposal Ordinance 2025-09-11; and approval of the Board of Commissioners General Practices Manual. **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 Report (which is included in the Board Packet), Executive Director Arnold noted Frank Lloyd Wright Races are scheduled for Sunday, October 19. Please spread the word that we are looking for volunteers. We are signing up for the Legal Symposium where we get information on new legislation and asked the Board to please let her know if they would like to attend. Fall Fest is scheduled for



Sunday, September 21, the weekend we will be returning from the NRPA conference. The Barrie Park Master Plan meeting scheduled on Tuesday, September 23.

B. Updates and Information – Written report included in the Board Packet.

C. Revenue/Expense Status Reports – No questions asked.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Recreation and Facility Program Committee

1. **NRPA Update** – Next week, three board members and seven staff will be attending the NRPA Conference. It is filled with great educational opportunities, and we will have a full schedule with the Gold Medal events, which we are a finalist. Along with the announcement of the Gold Medal winners, announcements of CAPRA accreditation and winners of the Best of the Best will also take place. Jan will be presenting on the CRC build in a session at the conference. She reminded everyone to download the App on their phones to plan their schedule accordingly. **No Board action is required on this item.**

B. Administration and Finance Committee – None.

C. Parks and Planning Committee - None.

VII. NEW BUSINESS – None.

VIII. COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

Commissioner Worley-Hood: Absent.

Commissioner Onayemi: No comment.

Commissioner Wollmuth: Attended the Humbolt Park tour mentioning there were some stunning native plantings along with waterways, very utilitarian and beautiful, and stated it was a great asset to have nearby. His wife also took part in the mini-Oak Park triathlon that uses our pool and had a wonderful experience with staff.

Commissioner Lentz: Had family in town who visited Andersen Park and were very complimentary of the updated park.

President Porreca: Attended a reception of University of Illinois alumni for elected officials at Cheney Mansion and stated that many commented on what a beautiful venue it was, and she wanted to make sure she passed that along to staff. Jan and Kassie attended the COG meeting and discussion took place on vaping and drugs and drugs in the community as well as collaboration on potential ICE visits to community.

IX. CLOSED SESSION - None.



X. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:46 pm, the Regular Board Meeting was adjourned. **The motion was passed by a voice vote of 4:0.**



Secretary

Board of Park Commissioners

October 16, 2025

Date



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